

Important notes for applying your student visa

1. **All students without the right of abode/right to land** in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) **MUST apply** for a student visa for the purpose of education in the HKSAR. Students who use travel visa or travel endorsement to participate in any classes, tutorials and other academic-related activities **will be regarded as illegal. It is the responsibility of individual students to make appropriate visa arrangements before they come to Hong Kong.**
2. The Hong Kong Immigration Department (HK ImmD) takes **six to eight weeks** (even a longer time during the summer peak season) to process your student visa application upon receipt of all the required documents. Therefore, you are strongly advised to submit your student visa application through HKU visa application system as soon as you receive your offer or conditional offer of admission.
3. Please upload the required documents onto the system for review. Applicants are NOT required to send hardcopies to our office. The Admissions Office will forward the visa documents to the HK ImmD directly.
4. Once your visa application is approved, you will receive a confirmation email on how to download your e-Visa from HK ImmD's website. However, if you are given a conditional offer, you will only receive the confirmation email after you have submitted your FIRM offer to the system.

For entry to Hong Kong

- i For students from the Mainland
 - a. After receiving the e-Visa, you should visit relevant mainland authorities to apply for an "Exit-entry Permit for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao" (EEP) and a relevant exit endorsement. It is advisable that you apply for an EEP in advance if you do not currently have one. When you enter Hong Kong, you must show your EEP and e-Visa for arrival clearance.
- ii For students from Macao
 - a. When you enter Hong Kong, you must show the HK ImmD your e-Visa and Visit Permit for Residents of Macao upon entry.
- iii For students from Taiwan
 - a. You must present your e-Visa and passport upon entry to Hong Kong. If you need to re-enter Hong Kong at any time within your visa expiry, you need to apply for a Multiple Entry Permit from HK ImmD after arrival in Hong Kong. You may download the relevant application form ([ID931](#)) and read the Guidance Notes regarding the application procedures.
- iv For students from other countries
 - a. You must present your e-Visa together with your valid travelling document at the immigration counter.