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# «Types of visas you must know before starting your Application».

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# Preface

This guide is written for those who are starting or considering to coming to Hong Kong.

We have reputation of handling really difficult and complicated cases and our knowledge on Hong Kong Immigration is detailed and thorough.

We have an understanding with many sectors in Hong Kong that enables us to offer the best options for every candidate pursuing an overseas education or career to take up employment (as a professional, for investment to establish/join in business, or for training) or studies.

Our goal is that every customer who approaches us must not only realize his or her dream of relocating to a new city/country but also rely on us in all respects.

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As the saying goes, "If the only tool you have is a hammer, everything else is automatically a nail." Her tool kit is full of tools that she use to your advantage. She believes that the true measure of expertise is the ability to apply one's depth of knowledge in multiple ways to help you achieve your desired result.

Get advice from Karen Kaur who understand how to inject your case to produce approval.

# Introduction

Hong Kongers find it fairly easy to travel the world, specially those who hold an HKSAR Passport. For us to travel world-wide is typically not very difficult nor complicated. It sometimes comes as a shock to learn that the reverse is not true for those born outside Hong Kong.

For Instance, lets take Visitor Visa for Example; In the Indian's minds they feel that traveling to Hong Kong, the only complication is buying a plane ticket to come to Hong Kong due to visa free entry.

That's how it used to happen before 2016, but sadly not now. Unlike other country visas, a Hong Kong visa requires an Indian applicant to apply and complete a PAR (Pre-arrival Registration) before entering or visiting the country. As per the current norms, an Indian citizen can enjoy a visa-free visit and stay for a maximum of 14 days, provided that he/she completes the PAR successfully online.

Sometimes the process is complicated and takes months. Our Government wishes to control who is allowed to enter Hong Kong.



# Visitor Visa

The majority of visitors from about 170 countries and territories are granted a visa upon arrival Hong Kong thus they may not need to apply it in advance.

Hong Kong government, politically known as government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), welcome visitors worldwide and travellers are easy to be admitted as a visitor to Hong Kong. You will be informed the activity permitted under visitor status and applying for an extension to your visitor visa.

For frequent visitors that are traveling to Hong Kong on the business purposes, they can apply for extra power to their visitor visa to gain speedy access to Hong Kong.

A local sponsor must be either a valid Hong Kong company with valid Business Registration or a Hong Kong resident with valid Hong Kong identity card.

## Entry assessment to visitors

For visitors to Hong Kong applying visiting Visa or just landed in Hong Kong at the border, you are advised be prepared for questions from the officers regarding the following:

### Tourism / Social Visitor

1. Return tickets to your home country
2. Place of accommodation in Hong Kong
3. A route or proposed route of your visit
4. Companions of your visit



### Reasonably sufficient funds for staying in Hong Kong

1. Business visitor (in addition to above items):
2. Place of residence and office outside Hong Kong in your home country
3. Your intended period of stay in Hong Kong
4. Wages sourced from Hong Kong during your business visit to Hong Kong
5. Financial proof to your stay in Hong Kong
6. Business related planning about your stay in Hong Kong.



# PAR Registration

All Indian nationals need a PAR registration (before arrival) in order to enter Hong Kong.

Applicants of Indian nationality can easily obtain the Pre-Arrival Visa by completing and submitting the application online to travel to Hong Kong.

The PAR can be obtained by completing the online application form the Hong Kong Immigration Department Website, which contains simple questions about the applicant and travel plans.

## Registration before the arrival of Indians to Hong Kong

The pre-arrival registration of Indian nationals was initiated following a decree issued by the Hong Kong authorities in January 2017. The PAR (pre-arrival registration) allows Indians to enter Hong Kong (HKSAR). The PAR is valid for a period of 6 months and allows visits of up to 14 days. The registrant may not re-register until the current registration has expired.

## Eligible candidates for PAR

All Indian citizens with a valid passport must apply for a PAR visa when entering and staying in Hong Kong for up to 14 days. Fortunately, you can register online via our services. PAR allows multiple entries in Hong Kong (HKSAR). The trip may extend beyond the expiry date of the Visa as long as the holder enters Hong Kong before the expiry date. The PAR is valid for 6 months. Once the PAR expires, it becomes invalid and can no longer be used to enter Hong Kong.

## Passport and Policies

The following information is important for the application procedure for Indian nationals prior to arrival: Applicants must have an Indian passport valid for six (6) months.

- Indian citizens with PAR are not allowed to work in Hong Kong.
- Entitlement to Pre-arrival registration.
- To travel with the PAR system to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, all applicants have to be Indian nationals and hold an Indian passport.

**Note:** In order to better plan your visit to Hong Kong, we recommend that you apply for PAR as soon as possible (4 to 6 weeks in advance). If your PAR visa application is not accepted or you wish to travel more than 14 days to Hong Kong, you can apply for a visa directly with Hong Kong Immigration. In order to facilitate the processing of your visa application, you must provide all the information requested at once.



# Travel Pass

The HKSAR Travel Pass enables the holder to use Hong Kong resident counters when passing through Immigration. This means that once you've landed it takes a lot less time to clear Immigration.

The HKSAR Travel Pass is open to frequent visitors and those who are eligible to come to Hong Kong, without a visa or entry permit for the purpose of visiting. Applicants should make a minimum of 3 separate trips to Hong Kong within the 12-month period immediately preceding the application. Trips to the Mainland or Macau don't apply.

Once the application is approved, the HKSAR Travel Pass is valid for three years and good for multiple entries to HKSAR, for a stay of two months for each trip. Processing time takes approximately 4 weeks from the date of submission.

**Persons permitted to enter the HKSAR as visitors may generally engage in the following business-related activities:**

1. concluding contracts or submitting tenders; examining or supervising the installation/packaging of goods or equipment;
2. participating in exhibitions or trade fairs {except selling goods or supplying services direct to the general public}
3. settling compensation or other civil proceedings; participating in product orientation; and attending short-term seminars or other business meetings.

## **Requirement**

1. the applicant's bona fides are not in doubt;
2. the applicant has adequate funds to cover the duration of his/her stay without working; and
3. where the application is for a transit visa/entry permit, he/she holds an onward ticket to the place of his/her destination unless the destination is the Mainland of China or Macao.

**Application Time:** Your visa application process in Hong Kong usually takes 4-6 weeks.



## **Note:**

Applicants who are admitted as visitors to Hong Kong must be subject to the following conditions of stay:  
Applicants are not allowed to receive paid or unpaid employment;  
The applicant shall not be engaged or engaged in any business;  
Applicants may not attend schools, universities or other educational institutions.



## Employment Visa

Hong Kong has long been recognised for its high cost of living and long working hours. It's truly the city that never sleeps. As difficult as this may sound, the fast-paced city is a popular location for expats looking for opportunity.

According to the global Expat Explorer Survey by HSBC, the average salary of expats in Hong Kong is HK\$1.4 million (US\$178,706), which is over HK\$560,000 (US\$72,000) more than the average expat globally. This makes Hong Kong a highly attractive destination for expats looking to expand their career.

If you're looking to work in Hong Kong, here's a simple guide that'll walk you through the application process to getting a Hong Kong work visa. The guide covers everything from eligibility, to processing time, and to visa extension, as well as answering frequently asked questions on the Hong Kong immigration visa policy. Here's a breakdown of what you need to know to get a Hong Kong work visa.

### **What You Need to Know Before Applying the Hong Kong Work Visa**

The Hong Kong work visa can be applied under the General Employment Policy (GEP). Under the GEP, foreigners possessing special skills, knowledge or experience of value that is not readily available in Hong Kong may apply for a Hong Kong working visa.

The GEP Hong Kong work visa does not currently have a limit and is not tied to any specific sector or industry. This arrangement however, does not apply to Chinese residents in Mainland China, instead they may work in Hong Kong under the ASMP (Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals).

### **Am I eligible to apply for the Hong Kong Work Visa?**

Being a multinational and diverse city, Hong Kong encourages the immigration of talent. Key requirements of the GEP Hong Kong work visa includes:

1. Currently has a secured job or confirmed employment offer in Hong Kong.
2. A genuine job vacancy which is relevant to the applicant's experience and expertise.
3. The remuneration package is broadly aligned with the current market rate for professionals in Hong Kong.
4. Documentary evidence to show that the applicant has a good education and/or experience



# Employment Visa

in the relevant field.

5. The applicant is clear of criminal record and raises no security or criminal concerns.

## **Does the Hong Kong Work Visa extend to my family?**

The GEP allows for the entry of dependants. Applicants may apply to bring their spouse or other party who is legally and officially recognised by the local authorities at the place of civil union.

## **Application for Entry for Employment as Professionals in Hong Kong.**

1. A recent photograph of the applicant.
2. Photocopy of applicant's valid travel document containing personal details including date of issue, expiry date and/or details of any re-entry visa held (if applicable). Applicants will also need to photocopy their valid travel document page containing the latest arrival stamp/landing slip/extension of stay label in the HKSAR if they are currently staying in Hong Kong.
3. A photocopy of the applicant's Hong Kong ID if applicable.
4. A photocopy proof of academic qualifications and relevant work experience.
5. [Additional documents apply for applicants from various locations.]

## **Hong Kong Work Visa Application**

Forms and documents required of the employing company:

1. Application for Entry for Employing Professionals in Hong Kong.
2. A photocopy of the employment contract or appointment letter to applicant containing information about the role, salary, employment period and any fringe benefits.
3. A photocopy of the Business Registration Certificate.
4. A photocopy proof of financial standing (e.g. latest audited financial report, trading profit and loss account, or profit tax return).

Details of company background (if any).

For newly set-up companies (less than 12 month) to provide a detailed business plan.

[Some documents may be omitted if the company has successfully obtained an employment or training visa/entry permit in the past 18 months.]

Get in touch with one of our representatives to learn more.

# Investment Visa



The Investment as Entrepreneurs category sets out the entry requirement for persons who wish to enter or stay in the HKSAR as entrepreneurs under the GEP, in other words, to establish or join a business in the HKSAR.



The applicant should have a good education background, normally a first degree in a relevant field. The applicant will need to establish or join a start-up business and be in a position to make a substantial contribution to Hong Kong's economy, with consideration factors including, but not limited to: business plan, business turnover, financial resources, number of jobs created locally, and introduction of new technology or skills.

There is no monetary minimum required by the Immigration Department for an individual to invest in a business in order to obtain an investment visa. However, applicants should show that they have sufficient funds to support themselves and the business in Hong Kong. Thus, sound financial statements are one of the supporting criteria required by the Immigration Department.

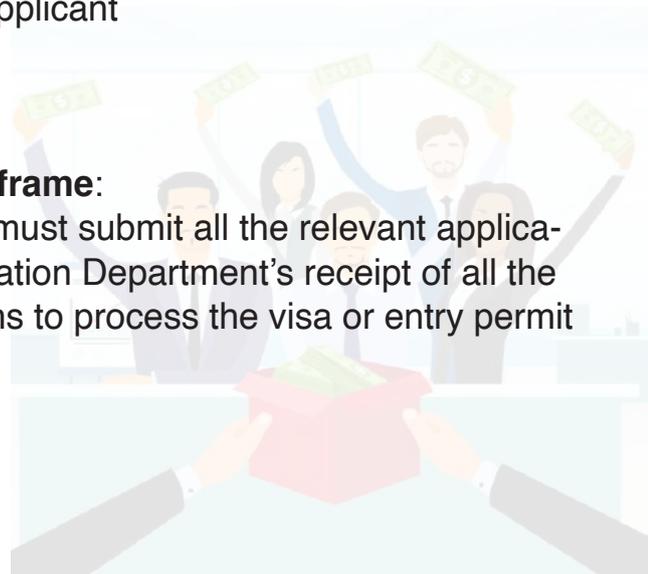
## **Requirement :**

Application for employment under general employment policy may be considered for approval if the following criteria are met:

1. Degree Holder/Good technical qualifications | Proven professional abilities
2. No known record of serious crime in respect of the applicant
3. HK company already established
4. Business Plan-Coming 36 months financial forecast.

## **Procedures and time frame:**

In order to obtain any of the above visas, the applicant must submit all the relevant application forms and supporting documents. Upon the Immigration Department's receipt of all the required documents, it normally takes six to eight months to process the visa or entry permit applications.





- Extensions of stay can be applied for when the current visa is due to expire. Applicants should apply for an extension of stay, at least one month prior to the expiry date of their current visa. In the case of a capital investment visa extension, applicants should apply three months prior to the expiry date of their current visa.
- If an employee is still working for the same employer who sponsored their visa, an extension of stay is quite a straightforward process. Usually a two-year visa will be granted with the first extension. **The normal extension pattern is 2-2-3.**
- If, on the other hand, the sponsoring company is newly established in Hong Kong, applying for an extension of stay is more complicated, with extra documentation required by Immigration. The application will be subject to a business review, with business development and turnover as key issues. A one-year visa is granted on approval of application.
- If an applicant has an investment-based employment visa and their company is only recently established in Hong Kong, the extension of stay will be subject to a business review. In such cases, business development and economic contribution to Hong Kong, i.e. local hiring, are key factors in securing an extension of stay. A one-year visa is granted on approval of application.
- For a dependant visa extension, if the applicant's family status remains unchanged, applying for an extension of stay is relatively straightforward. Upon approval, if the sponsor is a permanent resident, a two-year visa will be granted. Otherwise the new visa will expire on the same date as the sponsors.



If the applicant holds a visitor visa, proof of their reason for extension and proof of their financial status will be required by the Immigration Department.

### **Document Required:**

- An application form ID(E) 91 with your signatures;
- Copy of your passport;
- Confirmation letter from your sponsor;



**VISA DENIED**

Appealing a knock back by the Immigration Department presents a much more difficult case than an initial visa application because the Immigration Department retains all the past immigration application records for each individual.

**Requirement:**

- Provide the file number of the last submission
- The applicant does not have a record serious crimes,

**Document Required:**

- Signed application form IP CE} 99DA·
- Employer has signed the application form ID /EI 990B·
- Photocopy of passport (profile page}·
- A copy of the service contract or a letter of appointment issued by the employer·
- Employer's business registration document·
- A copy of the individual supporting documents to prove that the locals were unable to fill the vacancy.

**Application Time:** Your Hong Kong visa application usually takes 4-6 weeks

Once your visa has been approved, you may apply for the Hong Kong identity card.

- The maximum period of validity of your initial Hong Kong visa is 24 months

# RIGHT OF ABODE

## PERMANENT RESIDENCY

*Make your dream come true to settle permanently in your dream country..*



Right of Abode guarantees landing rights in Hong Kong free from any conditions of stay. This ensures that you cannot be deported from Hong Kong. Foreigners are eligible to apply for a right of abode if they've held a valid visa (excluding a visitor visa) for a continuous period of not less than seven years, up until and including, their right of abode application being considered by the Immigration Department.

### **Requirement :**

- Any person who has been in Hong Kong for seven years < except foreign domestic workers and imported laborers.

### **How to qualify for the Right of Abode?**

Chinese nationals are qualified to apply for the Right of Abode if they can show they have ordinarily resided in Hong Kong for a continuous period of at least 7 years before or after the establishment of the HKSAR. On the other hand, non-Chinese nationals are required to have ordinarily resided in the territory for a continuous period of at least 7 years immediately before the date when they apply to the Director of Immigration for the Right of Abode status under this category.

### **Document Required:**

- An application form ROP 145 and/or ROP 146, with relevant parts duly completed and signed;
- Copies of all your passports for the past 7 years;
- Supporting documents to prove your continuous residence in Hong Kong for the past 7 years

**Application Time:** Your visa application process usually takes 4-6 week.

Note: Once your right of abode has been approved, you may apply for the permanent identity card of Hong Kong.



# Transfer of Visa

A change of status application is required when an applicant changes their immigration status regardless of whether or not their current visa is still valid.

A change of status might involve a dependant spouse divorcing and receiving a job offer or an employed person deciding to start his/her own business.

In the first instance the applicant has to exchange their dependant spouse visa for a work visa, and in the second, a work visa for an investment visa. The most common however, is changing from a visitor's visa to an employment visa.

## **Requirement :**

- Hold a valid Hong Kong visa
- General employment policy
- Dependent visa
- Student visa

**Application Time:** Your application usually takes 4-6 weeks.

## **Note:**

There-issued Hong Kong visa is valid for a maximum of 24 months (subject to the validity of the approval of the Immigration Department)



# HOW TO APPLY FOR DEPENDENT VISA IN HONG KONG?



## Dependent Visa

The spouse and children of persons admitted to work and reside in Hong Kong may apply for a Dependent Visa.

A Dependent Visa is not subject to any conditions of stay and is normally granted for the same period the main visa holder is eligible to remain in Hong Kong.

In support of a Dependent Visa, the sponsor, i.e. the main visa holder, may be required to provide proof of his/her financial capacity to support his/her spouse and children.

### Hong Kong Dependent Visa Scheme

The Dependent Visa Scheme is essentially a relocation visa for the immediate family members (spouse and unmarried children below 18 years of age) of foreign nationals who hold a valid Hong Kong visa for employment, investment, training or study in Hong Kong or who are permanent residents in Hong Kong.

**Note:** In the case of built in applications, where both the sponsor as well as the dependent are applying at the same time, it may not be possible for the sponsor (i.e. principal applicant) to furnish certain details like salary slips or rental receipts. In such cases, the principal applicant's sponsor should provide affirmation by furnishing a copy of the principal applicant's employment contract stating salary, benefits etc. or any other document that demonstrates the principal applicant's ability to support his/her dependents.

### A Few Points To Note

- A separate application needs be filed for each family member and must be sponsored by the principal visa holder.
- The dependent's length of stay in Hong Kong is tied to the sponsor's length of stay. This means that the Dependent Visa holder can live, work and study in Hong Kong for the period during which the principal visa holder is permitted to stay in Hong Kong.



# Extension of Dependent Visa

A dependant spouse and unmarried dependent children under the age of 18, may accompany a sponsor who holds either a valid visa, e.g. employment, student or capital investment visas or who has already attained permanent residency in Hong Kong. Dependents do need to apply for individual dependant visas however.

Under the current Hong Kong immigration policy, dependants are free to work, study or set up their own business in Hong Kong.

Nationals of Afghanistan, Albania, Cuba and North Korea are not allowed to sponsor dependants.

## **Documents Requirement:**

1. Form ID91
2. HKID
3. Form ID481A
4. Form ID481B
5. Passport pages copies



# Change Of Sponsorship

Regardless of whether or not their work visa has expired, a change of sponsorship application is required if the holder of a work visa is seeking to change employers.

An application for a change of sponsorship must be filed with the Hong Kong Immigration Department before starting new employment.

If an individual comes to Hong Kong before applying for a work visa, or an individual is recruited locally, and then subsequently applies for a visa whilst in Hong Kong, this will effect a change of status application from a visitor visa to a work visa.

## **Requirement**

- Degree Holder or Above
- 18 years old or Above

## **Document Required:**

- An application form ID(E) 990A with your signatures;
- An application form I D(E} 990B with your sponsor' s signatures;
- Copy of your passport (your personal particulars page};
- Copy of your service contract or letter of appointment from your sponsoring employer,
- Copies of your sponsoring employer' s business incorporation documents;
- Copies of your personal documents to prove that locals can' t fill the position.

## **Application Time :**

Your visa application process in Hong Kong usually takes about 4-6 weeks.

Note: There-issued Hong Kong visa is valid for a maximum of 24 months



# Domestic Helper Visa

A person holding a foreign domestic helper visa is only allowed to perform domestic duties from the following five broad categories: household chores; cooking; looking after aged persons in the household; baby-sitting and child-minding. If an individual employer has a genuine need for a domestic helper to perform driving duties, the employer must seek an exceptional permission from the Immigration Department.

This visa is not valid for Chinese residents from the Mainland, Macau or Taiwan. Neither is it valid for nationals from Afghanistan, Albania, Cambodia, Cuba, Laos, North Korea, Nepal or Vietnam. Foreign Domestic Helpers are not allowed to bring in their dependants.

## **Documents Required:**

- an application form ID( E ) 988A and ID( E )988B with relevant parts duly completed and signed;
- Copy of your passport and your helper's passport (personal particulars pages)
- Reference letter to prove that your helper has previous domestic helper experience;
- Your employers financial proof

## **Application Time:**

Your Hong Kong visa application usually takes 4-6 weeks.

## **Note:**

- Once a foreign domestic helper visa has been approved, a foreign domestic helper can apply for a Hong Kong identity card
- The initial grant for Hong Kong visas for foreign domestic helpers is valid for a maximum of 12 months.

# Driver as Foreign Domestic Helper Visa

Same procedure as a regular FDH but additional permissions required.

## **Requirement:**

- An FDH must be in possession of a valid Hong Kong driving licence.



Applications for special permission for performing driving duties has to be submitted together with an FDH's fresh entry visa application to the Receipt and Despatch Unit of the Immigration Department.

# Training Visa

A training visa is a subcategory of the work visa, designed for those who are in Hong Kong to receive training in skills related to their current work. People entering Hong Kong as trainers offering training to local staff cannot be considered under this category. They should apply for a normal employment visa.

A training visa is normally issued for the proposed training period or for a maximum period of 12 months, whichever is shorter. Processing usually takes 4 weeks approximately from the date of submission. Once individuals holding training visas, complete their training in Hong Kong, they should return to their countries of origin. They are not allowed to remain in Hong Kong to undertake a change of category from a training visa to a normal employment visa.



## **Requirement:**

An application for a visa/entry permit to enter the HKSAR for a limited period (not more than 12 months) of training to acquire special skills and knowledge not available in the applicant's country/territory of domicile may be favourably considered if:

- There is no security objection and no known record of serious crime in respect of the applicant;
- The bona fides of the applicant and the sponsoring company are satisfied;
- The sponsoring company is a well-established company, capable of providing the proposed training.
- There is a contract signed between the sponsoring company and the applicant;
- The sponsoring company guarantees in writing the maintenance and repatriation of the applicant and that the applicant will receive training in the sponsor's premises until the end of the agreed period, after which the applicant will return to his/her place of residence.

# Quality Migrant Visa Scheme

The Scheme is a quota-based entrant scheme. It seeks to attract highly skilled or talented persons to settle in Hong Kong in order to enhance Hong Kong's economic competitiveness. Successful applicants are not required to have secured an offer of local employment before their entry to Hong Kong for settlement.



Confirm received application	After submission, the immigration department will issue a confirmation letter to applicant within a week.
Selection exercise	Selection exercises will be done on a regular basis for quota allocation to applicants.
Results of Selection exercise	Results of each selection exercise will be published on the Immigration Department website 15 days after the selection.
Issue Approval-in-principle letter	Applicants who are allotted a quota in the selection exercise will be issued with an Approval-in-principle letter. Present originals of all documents submitted during the application to the Immigration Department for verification.
Issue of entry visa / entry permit	If all original documents are satisfactorily verified and all relevant application procedures are finalized, the successful applicant will be issued with an entry visa/entry permit under the Scheme for stay in Hong Kong.

## Prevailing Minimum Passing Mark

A minimum passing mark is set under the General Points Test. Interested parties are advised to assess whether their credentials are adequate to meet the minimum passing mark before submitting an application. [ Comprehensive scoring system | The total score is 195 points, The prevailing minimum passing mark is 80.

### Documents Needed:

- Applicant's CV (Curriculum Vitae)
- Including his/her academic achievements, reference letter or documents that can prove for the past working experience;
- Documents that can prove the applicant's qualifications, professional abilities and/or experience and achievements etc.

### **General Points Test**

<b>Age</b> (Maximum 30 points)	18-39	30
	40- 44	20
	45-50	15
	51 or above	0
<b>Academic/Professional Qualifications</b> (Maximum 70 points)	Doctoral Degree / Two or more master' s degrees	40
	Master' s Degree / Two or more bachelor' s degrees	20
	Bachelor' s Degree / Professional Qualification awarded by a nationally or internationally recognized or acclaimed professional body which demonstrates that the holder has a very high level of technical expertise or skill	10
	Additional points if a degree at bachelor level or higher is awarded by a renowned institution recognized internationally	30
<b>Work Experience</b> (Maximum 55 points)	Not less than 10 years' graduate or specialist level work experience, including at least 5 years in a senior role	40
	Not less than 5 years' graduate or specialist level work experience, including at least 2 years in a senior role	30
	Not less than 5 years' graduate or specialist level work experience	15
	Not less than 2 years' graduate or specialist level work experience	5
	Additional points for not less than 2 years' graduate or specialist levelwork experience with international exposure	15
<b>Language Proficiency</b> (Maximum 20 points)	Being proficient both in written and spoken Chinese (Putonghua or Cantonese) and English	20
	Being proficient in at least one foreign language (written and spoken) in addition to written and spoken Chinese (Putonghua or Cantonese) or English	15
	Being proficient in written and spoken Chinese (Putonghua or Cantonese)or English	10
<b>Family Background</b> (Maximum 20 points)	At least one immediate family member (married spouse, parents, siblings, children) is a Hong Kong permanent resident residing in Hong Kong	5
	Accompanying married spouse is educated to the equivalent level of a degree or above	5
	5 points for each accompanying unmarried dependent child under the age of 18, maximum 10 points	5/10

### **Requirement:**

- The “Composite Scoring System” qualified score of 8- points, a total score of 195 points.
- “Achievement Score” applicants have received outstanding achievements awards or have proven that their work has been determined by the industry or has made a significant contribution to the development of their constituencies.

### **Application Time**

Your application process for an excellent talent entry program usually takes 12-18 months.

### **Note:**

#### **Integrated scoring System**

- The maximum period of validity of your initial Hong Kong visa is 24 months (subject to the validity of the approval of the Immigration Department).

#### **Achievement scoring system.**

- The maximum period of validity of your initial Hong Kong visa is 8 years (subject to the validity of the approval of the Immigration Department).
- Once your visa has been approved, you may apply for the Hong Kong identity card.

The Scheme is not applicable to nationals of Afghanistan, Cambodia, Cuba, Laos, Korea (Democratic People’s Republic of), Nepal and Vietnam.





# Working Holiday Visa

To provide an opportunity for young people in Hong Kong to gain first-hand experience living and working in a foreign culture and widen their horizons, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) has established bilateral Working Holiday Scheme (the Scheme) with the Government of New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, Germany, Japan, Canada, Korea, France, the United Kingdom, Austria, Hungary, Sweden, the Netherlands and Italy respectively.

Apart from facilitating cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and our partner economies, the Scheme also enhances bilateral cooperation and promotes tourism and development between the two places.

There will be an annual quota (Note 1, Annex) for nationals of each participating country and qualified applications will be approved on a first-come first-served basis. Countries that have bilateral Working Holiday Scheme agreement with the HKSAR (as at 1)

## **Requirement:**

- A national of the participating country meeting the following eligibility criteria may be granted a Working Holiday visa for participating in the Scheme:
- he / she holds a valid national passport issued by the participating country and is ordinarily residing in that participating country;
- his / her primary intention is to holiday in Hong Kong;
- He / she is aged between 18 and 30;
- He/ she is able to produce financial proof of having an amount sufficient for his / her maintenance during his/ her proposed stay in the HKSAR, eg bank statement, saving accounts passbooks, etc.;
- He/ she holds a return air ticket or financial proof of having sufficient funds to purchase a return air ticket; and
- He / she agrees to hold medical, healthcare (including hospitalisation), repatriation and liability insurance to remain in force throughout his / her stay in the HKSAR

**Application Time:** Your application process usually takes about 4-6 weeks.



**Countries that have bilateral Working Holiday Scheme agreement with the HKSAR**

- Australia (annual quota = 5000)
  - Austria (annual quota = 100)
  - Canada (annual quota = 200)
  - France (annual quota = 750)
  - Germany (annual quota = 300)
  - Hungary (annual quota = 200)
  - Ireland (annual quota = 200)
  - Japan (annual quota = 1500)
- Korea (Republic of) (annual quota = 1000)
  - Netherlands (annual quota = 100)
  - New Zealand (annual quota = 400)
    - Sweden (annual quota = 500)
- United Kingdom (annual quota = 1000)

Under the Scheme, participants may stay in the host economy for an extended period. They are also allowed to take up short-term employment as an incidental aspect of their stay, or even enrol in short-term course(s) (except Ireland) so as to acquire a better understanding of the cultural and social developments of the host economy.

The Scheme enables young people to gain invaluable experience while holidaying and working abroad, which would help strengthen their self-confidence, resilience and inter-personal skills.

# Student Visa

Foreign students accepted by recognized Hong Kong universities, and private and local schools, can apply for Hong Kong student visas. All foreign students are required to obtain a visa/entry permit from the Hong Kong Immigration Department for the purpose of studying in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Hong Kong).



The Applicant:

- (i) Is Admitted to a private school registered under the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279) or Post-Secondary Colleges Ordinance (Cap. 320). Except for post-secondary education, entry for study in public or aided schools (other than English Schools Foundation Schools and Direct Subsidy Scheme Schools) is not permitted;
- (ii) takes up studies in a full-time locally-accredited post-secondary programme including short-term course or part-time locally-accredited taught postgraduate local programme;
- (iii) is admitted on exchange in full-time locally-accredited local programmes at sub-degree level for not more than 6 months or on exchange in full-time locally-accredited local or non-local programmes for not more than one year at undergraduate or above level; or
- (iv) is enrolled in a full-time course on the register of non-local higher education or professional courses as set up under the Non-local Higher and Professional Education (Regulation) Ordinance (Cap. 493)



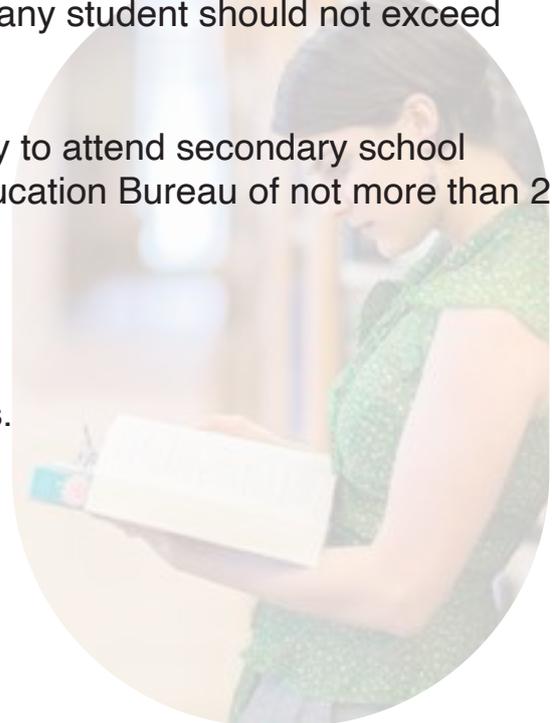
**Chinese residents of the Mainland, Macao SAR and Taiwan as listed in below Condition may apply for entry to take up:**

1. Studies in full-time local credited post- secondary local or non-local programmes;
2. Studies in part-time locally-accredited taught post-graduate local programmes
3. Exchange in full-time locally- accredited local programmes at sub-degree level for not more than 6 months or exchange in full-time locally-accredited local or nonlocal programmes at undergraduate or above level for not more than one year.
4. Full-time short-term studies, subject to the following conditions:
  - (i) the programme concerned is offered by Hong Kong higher education institutions with degree awarding powers (excluding their continuing and professional education arms);
  - (ii) the cumulative duration of short-term studies taken up by any student should not exceed 180 days within any 12-month period.

In addition, Chinese residents of the Mainland may also apply to attend secondary school level short-term exchange programmes approved by the Education Bureau of not more than 2 weeks, if accompanied by Mainland teachers.

**Application Time:**

Your Hong Kong application process usually takes 4-6 weeks.



# Transfer Of Hong Kong Visa Endorsement

A transfer of endorsement application is required if it's necessary to get a new passport. Such application will transfer the current visa from the old passport into the new passport or will issue a duplicate visa onto the new passport in the event that the old passport is lost. It takes approximately one working day to complete an endorsement application.



**Document Required:**

- An application form ID(E) 405 with your signatures;
- Copies of new and old passports.

**Application Time:** Your Hong Kong visa application process usually takes 1 to 2 days.

**Note:**

The Hong Kong visa you renew will be valid for a maximum of 36 months  
 Subject to the validity of the approval of the Immigration Department





# Are you from these **PROFESSIONALS** in the **TALENT LIST** of **HONG KONG?**

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**11 Professionals**



**Hong Kong  
needs most in  
the immediate to  
medium term for  
the development  
of economy**

## Creative Industries

Creative industries professionals in Films: various roles in pre-production, production and post-production and winner of designated renowned international film festivals

## OVERVIEW - Description of tasks

Professionals in film industry with expertise in various roles for film pre-production, production and or post-production and are winners of designated renowned international film festivals.



## Latest Position and Perspective in Hong Kong

The industry is tapping market potential brought by the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area Development and the Belt and Road Initiative to enhance Hong Kong's strength as a trend-setting creative capital in the region.



## CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Creative industries professionals in  
 (ii) Music: recording engineers,  
 mastering engineers, cutting/  
 pressing engineers for Vinyl LP;

## OVERVIEW - Description of tasks

- Recording engineers with expertise in recording, editing and mixing audio.
- Mastering engineers with expertise in fine-tuning recorded music.
- Cutting/pressing engineers for vinyl LP with expertise in producing top quality records and Long Plate records.



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## CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

(iii) Digital entertainment: game development experts (game designers, game programmers, game graphic designers), game producers;

## OVERVIEW - Description of tasks

-Game development experts (game designer, game programmer, game graphic designer) with expertise in various aspects of a game's creation



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## Dispute Resolution Professionals & Transactional Lawyers

Dispute resolution professionals specialising in resolving international financial and investor-state disputes  
 Transactional lawyers, in particular, those from developing Belt and Road countries, with specialised knowledge of and experience in cross-border transactions from investing or host states

## Latest Position and Perspective in Hong Kong

High development potentials in Hong Kong given its position as an international dispute resolution services centre

## OVERVIEW - Description of tasks

### Description of Tasks

Dispute resolution professionals specialising in resolving international financial and investor-state disputes, being Arbitrators with expertise in rendering final and binding decisions at the conclusion of arbitral proceedings and Mediators with expertise in assisting the parties to the dispute to reach a negotiated settlement.

Transactional lawyers from outside Hong Kong possessing specialised knowledge of and experience in cross-border transactions from investing or host states.



# Marine Engineers & Superintendents of Ships

## Maritime services

### **Description of Tasks:**

Marine engineers and superintendents of ships with expertise in the overall management and technical operations of assigned fleet in a safe and profitable manner, who may also work in the classification societies or as private surveyors to conduct statutory certification and surveys throughout the ship's life.

### **OVERVIEW**

Latest Position and Perspective in Hong Kong. Growth in the high value-added ship management sector in Hong Kong



# Naval Architects

## OVERVIEW

Latest Position and Perspective in Hong Kong Demand for sustainable development of Hong Kong as a leading international maritime centre to assist in providing high value-added maritime services in maritime consultancy firms, ship management companies or classification societies and local ship-

## Description of Tasks

Naval architects with expertise in studying and preparing specification for the building, conversion or repair of ships or offshore structures; supervising their overall design, construction, maintenance and repair; and advising on the certification and registration of



# Innovation & Technology IT

Innovation and technology (I&T) experts in, but not limited to, the following fields:

(i) pharmaceutical and life science/biotechnology;

## OVERVIEW

Latest Position and Perspective in Hong Kong  
I&T experts are crucial in supporting the comprehensive I&T development in Hong Kong

Description of Tasks  
I&T experts leading a broad range of tasks related to research and development in relevant innovation fields, including but not limited to pharmaceutical and life science/biotechnology



# Innovation & Technology IT

Innovation and technology (I&T) experts in, but not limited to, the following fields:

(ii) Data engineering (e.g. data mining/data analytics), artificial intelligence, robotics, distributed ledger technologies, biometric technologies, industrial/chemical engineering, etc

## OVERVIEW

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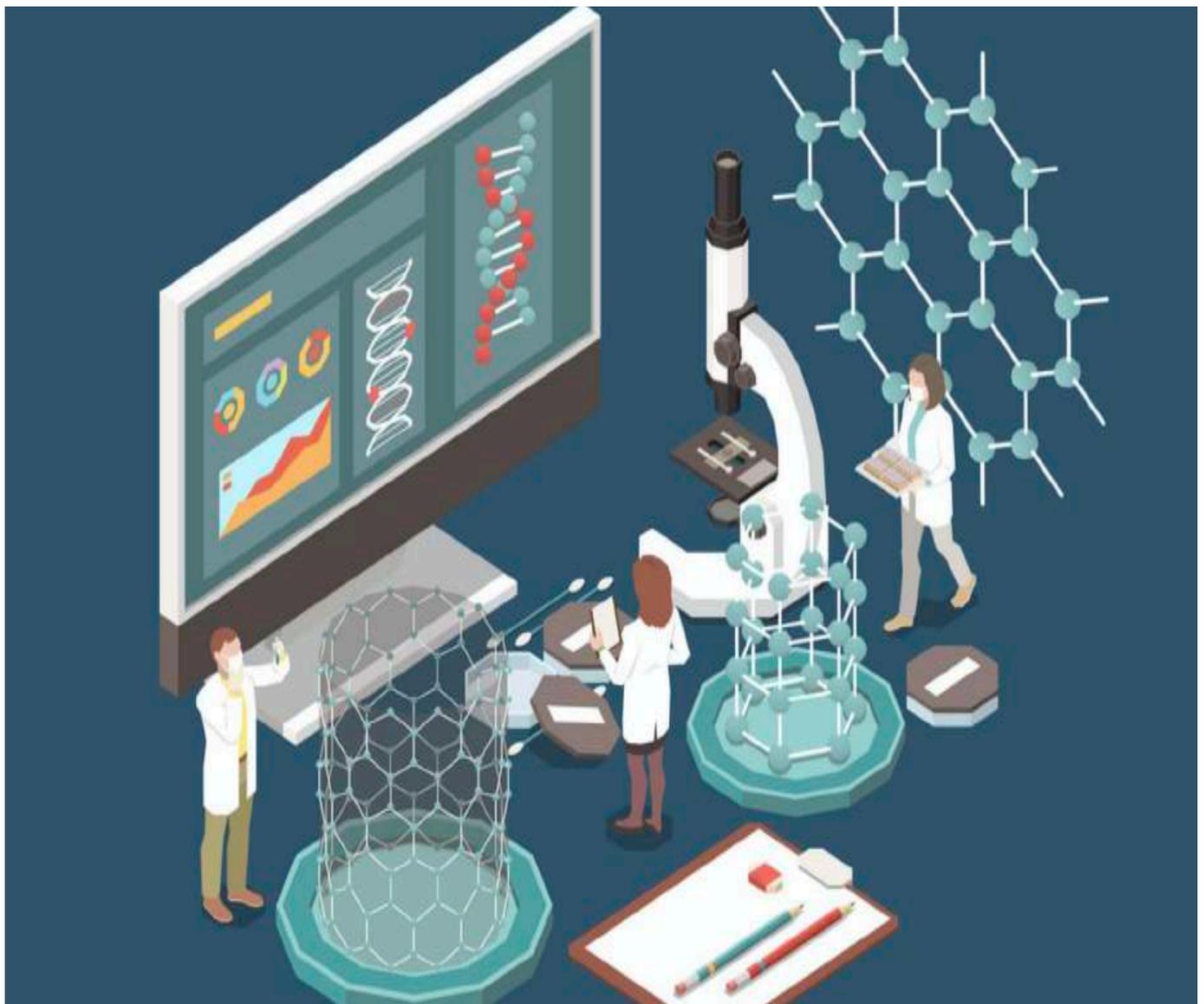
(iii) materials science/  
nanotechnology

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# Data Scientists & Cyber Security Specialist

Experienced data scientists and cyber security specialists Information and communication technology services.

## OVERVIEW

Latest Position and Perspective in Hong Kong  
Experienced data scientists and cyber security specialists are of critical importance to the ICT development in Hong Kong

## Description of Tasks

Experienced data scientists with expertise in working with large datasets (Big Data); and using machine learning and statistical methods, etc. to meet client business needs; developing and implementing statistical tools to build predictive models.

Experienced cyber security specialists with expertise in designing and maintaining information security technology, standards and policy; supporting the front-line defence; carrying out assessment and auditing the security implementation.



# Fintech Professionals

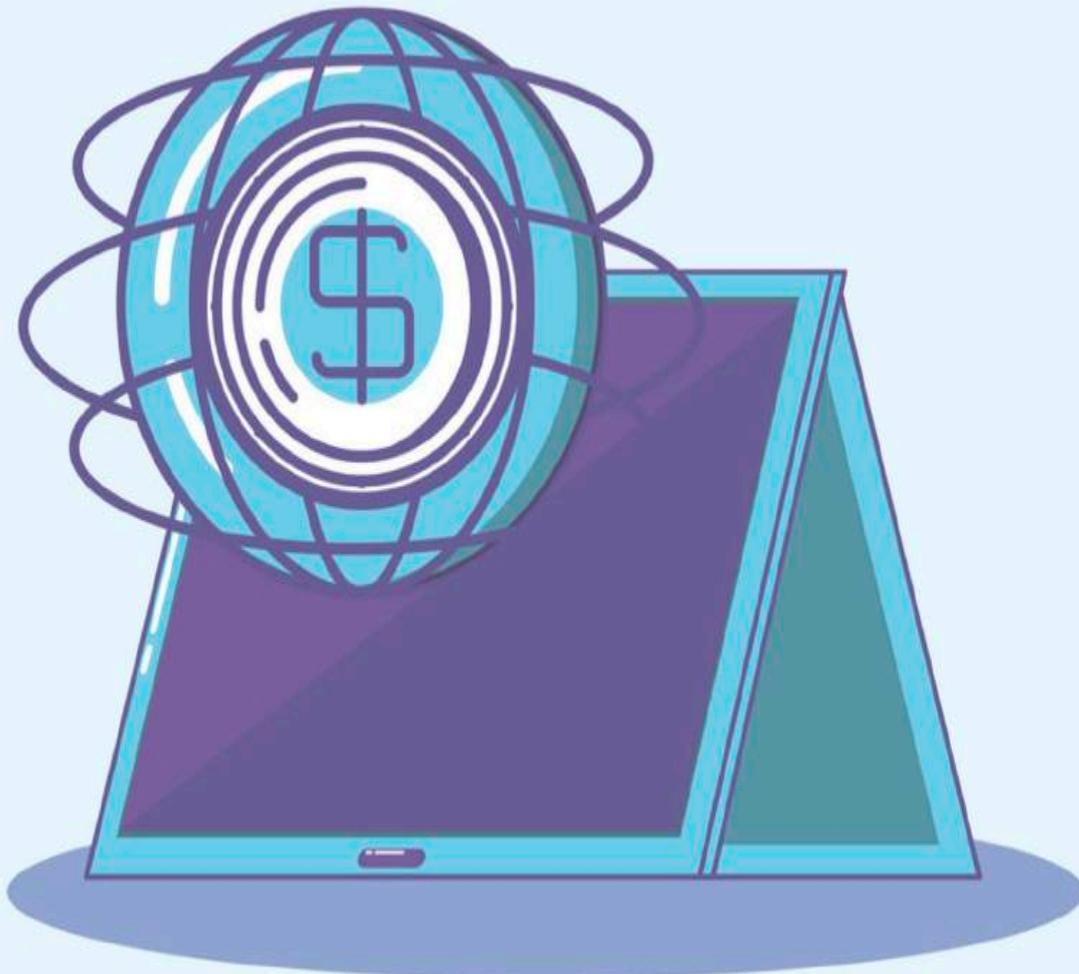
Experienced professionals in fintech Financial services

## OVERVIEW

Latest Position and Perspective in Hong Kong - The Fintech sector is a fast-growing sector with expansion potentials. To maintain Hong Kong's status as a premier international financial centre, Hong Kong requires Fintech talents, particularly those in research and development to remain competitive with other financial centres.

## Description of Tasks

Experienced professionals in Fintech with expertise in conducting a broad range of tasks related to application of technology to financial services and relevant research and development, including distributed ledger technologies, artificial intelligence, big data and cybersecurity.



# Actuaries - Financial Services

## OVERVIEW

### OVERVIEW

Latest Position and Perspective in Hong Kong Increasing demand for experienced professional actuaries to meet market development

## Description of Tasks

Actuaries with expertise in carrying out actuarial valuation related to product pricing, assets and liabilities management and risk management, and supervising the preparation of valuations and reports.



# Marine Insurance Professionals

Experienced professionals in marine insurance Financial services and maritime services

## OVERVIEW

Latest Position and Perspective in Hong Kong Policy objective to further enhance Hong Kong's position as an International Maritime Centre

## Description of Tasks

Experienced professionals in marine insurance with expertise in supervising the preparation of valuations and reports, managing the formulation of insurance policies, running day-to-day underwriting team, covering new business, monitoring binder progress and claims management, finding ways to grow accounts through competitive pricing and excellent service.



# Asset Management Professionals

Experienced management professionals in asset management including but not limited to trust fund management  
Financial services

## OVERVIEW

Latest Position and Perspective in Hong Kong  
Strong growth of the sector due to growth in Asia, financial market liberalisation in the Mainland and government policy to strengthen the sector

Description of Tasks  
Experienced investment analysts and investment consultants with expertise in researching into investment opportunities and building investment portfolios.  
Experienced fund managers with expertise in supervising administration of fund portfolios and implementing investment and distribution policies.



# Waste Treatment Specialist

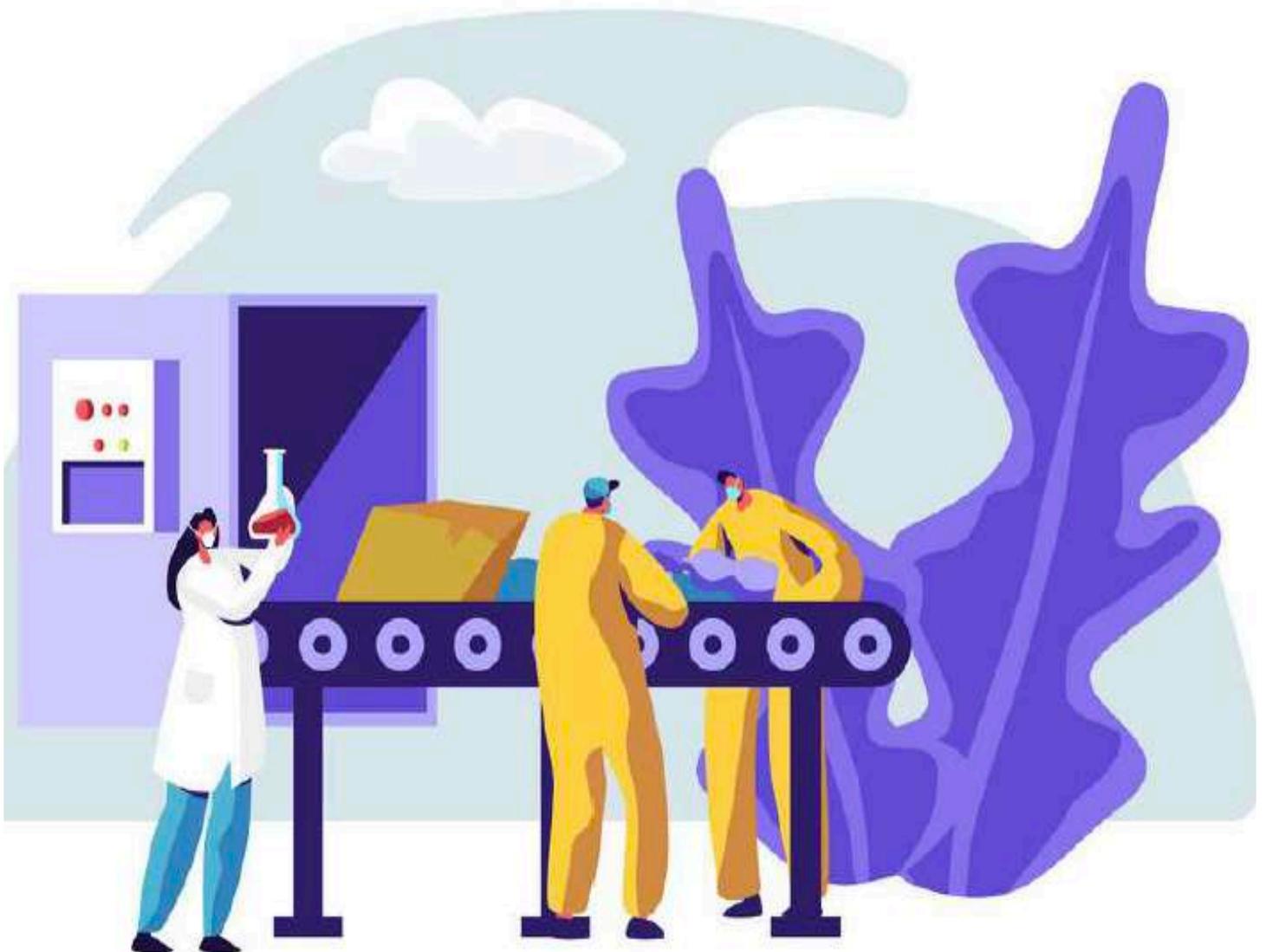
Experienced waste treatment specialists/engineers Environmental technology services

## OVERVIEW

Latest Position and Perspective in Hong Kong  
The Government has a medium term commitment to waste management by 2022

## Description of Tasks

Experienced waste treatment specialists with expertise in planning, implementing, coordinating and evaluating comprehensive waste management systems that are designed to maximise waste prevention, reuse, and recycling opportunities.



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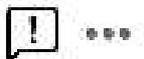


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