

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
Admissions Office, Registry
Important Notes on Student Visa Application

- I. All students without the right of abode/right to land in Hong Kong must apply for a student visa for the purpose of education from the Hong Kong Immigration Department (ImmD). **It is the responsibility of individual students to make appropriate visa arrangement before they come to Hong Kong.**
- II. All student visa applicants are required to have a local sponsor. You should request the HKU Admissions Office, Registry (AO) to be your visa sponsor. **Please read through all details of the visa application procedures in this website: <https://www.studentvisa.hku.hk/>.**
- III. **SUBMIT YOUR VISA APPLICATION NOW!!** Either you have received the Firm Offer of Admission or the Conditional Offer of Admission from HKU! The processing time for application of a student visa requires **approximately 10 weeks.**
- IV. Upon successful application, a “Notification Slip for Entry Visa / Permit” (e-Visa) will be granted by ImmD. AO will send you through email a link for downloading the e-Visa. However, the email with the e-Visa will **ONLY be sent after you have uploaded a copy of the Firm Offer of Admission to the application system.**
- V. Apart from the e-Visa, **Overseas and Taiwan students** should ensure the travelling passport has a validity of at least 6 months and present both the e-visa (*Taiwan students would receive a physical visa permit instead*) and the passport when entry to Hong Kong.
- VI. **Mainland students** should apply for an “Exit-entry Permit for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao” (EEP) 【往来港澳通行证】and a relevant Exit Endorsement 【逗留簽注 D】from the relevant Mainland authorities. Please bring along the EEP bearing the relevant Exit Endorsement and the e-Visa to enter Hong Kong for activation of the student visa.
- VII. **Macao students** should apply for a "Visit Permit for Residents of Macao SAR to Hong Kong SAR" (Visit Permit) 【澳門特別行政區居民往來香港特別行政區旅遊證】 and bring it together with the e-Visa when entering Hong Kong.
- VIII. Your duration of stay in Hong Kong should be aligned with the period granted by ImmD as printed on the e-Visa. For full-time degree students, you are advised to enter Hong Kong to activate your student visa only about 2 weeks before your programme commencement for registration and orientation purpose.
- IX. All submitted documents will not be returned. The online visa application fee of HK\$990 is non-refundable.

For further enquiries on visa applications, please contact us here: <https://www.studentvisa.hku.hk/contact-us>.