

Annex to LCO 6

Number of CoEs issued by the Immigration Department and the daily average number of Mainland residents who came to Hong Kong holding OWPs affixed with CoEs

Year	Number of CoEs issued by the Immigration Department	Daily average number of Mainland residents who came to Hong Kong holding OWPs affixed with CoEs #
2003	12,379	37
2004	8,735	28
2005	6,553	19
2006	4,956	15
2007	4,623	12
2008	4,550	12
2009	5,232	14
2010	3,987	13
2011	3,765	10
2012	3,900	10
2013	4,811	12

The Immigration Department issues CoEs to applicants assessed to have the right of abode in Hong Kong, and passes the CoEs to the applicants through the Exit and Entry Administration Offices of the Public Security Bureau of the Mainland. The latter will affix the CoEs to the OWPs upon their approval, so that applicants holding OWPs affixed with CoEs can come to Hong Kong for settlement. CoEs have no validity period, whereas OWPs are valid for three months. Applicants can separately apply for CoEs and OWPs, hence the two figures in the Annex are not directly related.