

**Number of Digital Certificates (Known as e-Certs) Issued by  
Hong Kong Post Certification Authority (HKPCA)**

	Estimated Number of e-Certs to be Issued		Actual Number of e-Certs Issued			Actual Number of e-Certs Renewed		
	Personal	Organisational and others <sup>(Note 1)</sup>	Personal	Organisational	Others	Personal	Organisational	Others
2000-01	15 000	400 100	8 400	2 550	450	0	0	0
2001-02 <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	200 000	993 500	25 800	12 580	8 320	3 100	3 340	460
2002-03 <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	220 000	1 512 000	34 900	16 360	3 740	6 000	8 820	280
2003-04 <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	240 000	2 064 500	322 600	18 130	4 470	12 800	13 690	410
2004-05 <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	250 000	2 922 000	601 200	19 610	4 390	4 700	7 185	115
2005-06 <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	413 200	22 200	413 200	20 120	2 080	12	7 020	280
2006-07	13 200	18 800	13 200	16 670	2 130	1 100	10 590	310
2007-08	14 190	20 210	(Note 3)					
2008-09	15 254	21 726						
2009-10	16 398	23 355						
2010-11	17 628	25 107						
2011-12	18 950	26 990						
2012-13	20 372	29 014						
2013-14	21 899	31 190						

Note 1: Apart from “Personal” and “Organisational” e-Certs, HKPCA also issues other types of e-Certs for government and private organisations, including banks.

Note 2: The surge in the numbers of “Personal” e-Certs estimated to be issued from 2001-02 to 2005-06 was due to the opt-in scheme for free “Personal” e-Certs rolled out in tandem with the Smart ID Card replacement exercise.

Note 3: Since April 2007, HKPCA has outsourced the operation of e-Cert services. As HKPCA is not the only provider of digital certificates, the operational information cannot be disclosed owing to their commercially sensitive nature.