

**Number of employment visa applications by FDHs received by the ImmD  
between 2019 and 2021 and relevant figures**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Employment visa applications by FDHs received</b>	<b>Employment visa applications by FDHs approved</b>
2019	102 495	101 710
2020	74 253	68 864
2021	65 682	58 152

*Note 1: The above figures include approved applications for change of employer in Hong Kong under the exceptional circumstances of COVID-19 from individual FDHs whose contracts were prematurely terminated, but do not include applications for contract renewal with the same employer, for change of employer after completion of contract or for change of employer after premature termination of contract that the ImmD considers as reasonable having regard to exceptional circumstances (including premature termination of contract due to the transfer, migration, death or financial reasons of the original employer, or if there is evidence suggesting that the FDH has been abused or exploited).*

*Note 2: With effect from December 31, 2020, the ImmD has extended the validity of visas/entry permits (except for visitor and transit) from three months to six months, thereby providing more convenience in the entry arrangement for persons who intend to come to Hong Kong.*

*Note 3: In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ImmD has specifically maintained the figures of re-issuance of FDH entry visas due to expiry of the previous ones for various reasons in 2021. The relevant number of applications approved was more than 5 000.*

*Note 4: The ImmD does not maintain the statistics with breakdown by nationality as requested in the question.*