

**Number of subsidy recipients (Note<sup>1</sup>) under the Continuing Education Fund (CEF) by age group and course domain and the amount of subsidy disbursed (HK\$)**

2017-18

|  | Age group                           |                                     |                                     |                                     | Total                               |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|  | 18-29                               | 30-39                               | 40-49                               | 50-65                               |                                     |
| <b>Course domain</b>                                     | <b>Number of subsidy recipients</b> | <b>Number of subsidy recipients</b> | <b>Number of subsidy recipients</b> | <b>Number of subsidy recipients</b> | <b>Number of subsidy recipients</b> |
| Business Services  | 3 027                               | 1 531                               | 659                                 | 294                                 | 5 511                               |
| Design   | 1 089                               | 382                                 | 209                                 | 149                                 | 1 829                               |
| Financial Services                                       | 2 470                               | 705                                 | 362                                 | 254                                 | 3 791                               |
| Languages  | 3 382                               | 923                                 | 469                                 | 273                                 | 5 047                               |
| Logistics  | 298                                 | 237                                 | 140                                 | 79                                  | 754                                 |
| Tourism  | 634                                 | 103                                 | 65                                  | 134                                 | 936                                 |
| Interpersonal and Intrapersonal Skills for the Workplace | 36                                  | 26                                  | 11                                  | 2                                   | 75                                  |
| Creative Industries                                      | 290                                 | 84                                  | 56                                  | 83                                  | 513                                 |
| Specification of Competency Standards                    | 787                                 | 582                                 | 437                                 | 329                                 | 2 135                               |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>12 013</b>                       | <b>4 573</b>                        | <b>2 408</b>                        | <b>1 597</b>                        | <b>20 591</b>                       |
| <b>Amount of subsidy disbursed (\$M)</b>                 | <b>83.0</b>                         | <b>28.0</b>                         | <b>15.6</b>                         | <b>10.0</b>                         | <b>136.6</b>                        |
| <b>Average amount (\$)</b>                               | -                                   |                                     |                                     |                                     | <b>6 634</b>                        |

2018-19

|  | Age group                    |                              |                              |                              | Total                        |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | 18-29                        | 30-39                        | 40-49                        | 50-65                        |                              |
| Course domain  | Number of subsidy recipients | Number of subsidy recipients | Number of subsidy recipients | Number of subsidy recipients | Number of subsidy recipients |
| Business Services  | 2 581                        | 1 346                        | 597                          | 315                          | 4 839                        |
| Design   | 940                          | 319                          | 182                          | 180                          | 1 621                        |
| Financial Services                                       | 2 025                        | 606                          | 303                          | 342                          | 3 276                        |
| Languages  | 3 062                        | 937                          | 399                          | 322                          | 4 720                        |
| Logistics  | 374                          | 197                          | 83                           | 35                           | 689                          |
| Tourism  | 603                          | 80                           | 52                           | 147                          | 882                          |
| Interpersonal and Intrapersonal Skills for the Workplace | 12                           | 4                            | 4                            | 2                            | 22                           |
| Creative Industries                                      | 325                          | 124                          | 85                           | 81                           | 615                          |
| Specification of Competency Standards                    | 1 039                        | 741                          | 495                          | 393                          | 2 668                        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>10 961</b>                | <b>4 354</b>                 | <b>2 200</b>                 | <b>1 817</b>                 | <b>19 332</b>                |
| <b>Amount of subsidy disbursed (\$M)</b>                 | <b>72.3</b>                  | <b>27.1</b>                  | <b>13.5</b>                  | <b>11.4</b>                  | <b>124.3</b>                 |
| <b>Average amount (\$)</b>                               | <b>-</b>                     |                              |                              |                              | <b>6 430</b>                 |

2019-20

|  | Age group (Note <sup>2</sup> )     |                                    |                                    |                                    | Total                              |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|  | 18-29                              | 30-39                              | 40-49                              | 50-70                              |                                    |
| Course domain<br>(Note <sup>3</sup> )                          | Number of<br>subsidy<br>recipients | Number of<br>subsidy<br>recipients | Number of<br>subsidy<br>recipients | Number of<br>subsidy<br>recipients | Number of<br>subsidy<br>recipients |
| Business Services  | 2 870                              | 2 148                              | 846                                | 390                                | 6 254                              |
| Design   | 868                                | 447                                | 263                                | 185                                | 1 763                              |
| Financial Services   | 2 340                              | 1 025                              | 458                                | 388                                | 4 211                              |
| Languages  | 3 164                              | 992                                | 518                                | 396                                | 5 070                              |
| Logistics  | 289                                | 217                                | 83                                 | 31                                 | 620                                |
| Tourism  | 469                                | 128                                | 86                                 | 254                                | 937                                |
| Interpersonal and<br>Intrapersonal Skills<br>for the Workplace | 23                                 | 10                                 | 6                                  | 7                                  | 46                                 |
| Creative Industries  | 329                                | 154                                | 114                                | 188                                | 785                                |
| Specification of<br>Competency<br>Standards                    | 944                                | 939                                | 687                                | 613                                | 3 183                              |
| A01 - Architecture<br>and Town Planning                        | —                                  | —                                  | —                                  | —                                  | —                                  |
| A02 - Arts, Design<br>and Performing Arts                      | —                                  | —                                  | —                                  | —                                  | —                                  |
| A03 - Business and<br>Management                               | 2                                  | 6                                  | 9                                  | 10                                 | 27                                 |
| A04 - Computer<br>Science and<br>Information<br>Technology     | —                                  | —                                  | —                                  | —                                  | —                                  |
| A05 - Education  | 16                                 | 24                                 | 12                                 | 7                                  | 59                                 |
| A06 - Engineering<br>and Technology                            | —                                  | 1                                  | —                                  | —                                  | 1                                  |
| A07 - Humanities   | 1                                  | —                                  | —                                  | —                                  | 1                                  |
| A08 - Languages<br>and Related Studies                         | —                                  | —                                  | —                                  | —                                  | —                                  |
| A09 - Law  | 5                                  | 9                                  | 3                                  | 6                                  | 23                                 |

|  |               |              |              |              |               |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| A10 - Mass Media and Communications, Journalism and Public Relations | —             | —            | —            | —            | —             |
| A11 - Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences                        | 1             | 1            | —            | 1            | 3             |
| A12 - Sciences   | —             | —            | —            | —            | —             |
| A13 - Services   | —             | —            | —            | —            | —             |
| A14 - Social Sciences  | 5             | 1            | —            | 1            | 7             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>11 326</b> | <b>6 102</b> | <b>3 085</b> | <b>2 477</b> | <b>22 990</b> |
| <b>Amount of subsidy disbursed (\$M)</b>                             | <b>79.5</b>   | <b>41.1</b>  | <b>21.4</b>  | <b>16.7</b>  | <b>158.7</b>  |
| <b>Average amount (\$)</b>   | <b>-</b>      |              |              |              | <b>6 903</b>  |

2020-21

|  | Age group (Note <sup>2</sup> ) |                              |                              |                              | Total                        |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | 18-29                          | 30-39                        | 40-49                        | 50-70                        |                              |
| Course domain (Note <sup>3</sup> )                       | Number of subsidy recipients   | Number of subsidy recipients | Number of subsidy recipients | Number of subsidy recipients | Number of subsidy recipients |
| Business Services  | 3 958                          | 3 418                        | 1 354                        | 505                          | 9 235                        |
| Design   | 867                            | 562                          | 255                          | 194                          | 1 878                        |
| Financial Services                                       | 2 667                          | 1 904                        | 825                          | 367                          | 5 763                        |
| Languages  | 2 819                          | 1 309                        | 902                          | 514                          | 5 544                        |
| Logistics  | 308                            | 261                          | 127                          | 35                           | 731                          |
| Tourism  | 760                            | 251                          | 111                          | 263                          | 1 385                        |
| Interpersonal and Intrapersonal Skills for the Workplace | 13                             | 5                            | 6                            | 13                           | 37                           |
| Creative Industries                                      | 359                            | 256                          | 136                          | 227                          | 978                          |
| Specification of Competency Standards                    | 995                            | 1 094                        | 1 302                        | 1 849                        | 5 240                        |
| A01 - Architecture and Town Planning                     | 152                            | 52                           | 12                           | 1                            | 217                          |
| A02 - Arts, Design and Performing Arts                   | 73                             | 16                           | 6                            | 2                            | 97                           |
| A03 - Business and Management                            | 1 216                          | 523                          | 266                          | 212                          | 2 217                        |
| A04 - Computer Science and Information Technology        | 232                            | 123                          | 31                           | 11                           | 397                          |
| A05 - Education  | 248                            | 247                          | 100                          | 41                           | 636                          |
| A06 - Engineering and Technology                         | 661                            | 261                          | 79                           | 29                           | 1 030                        |
| A07 - Humanities   | 130                            | 5                            | 2                            | 4                            | 141                          |
| A08 - Languages and Related Studies                      | 108                            | 9                            | 4                            | 0                            | 121                          |
| A09 - Law  | 62                             | 69                           | 38                           | 23                           | 192                          |

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|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| A10 - Mass Media and Communications, Journalism and Public Relations | 192           | 13            | 2            | 2            | 209           |
| A11 - Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences                        | 398           | 159           | 162          | 155          | 874           |
| A12 - Sciences   | 175           | 31            | 16           | 5            | 227           |
| A13 - Services   | 206           | 84            | 68           | 41           | 399           |
| A14 - Social Sciences  | 313           | 68            | 17           | 14           | 412           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>16 912</b> | <b>10 720</b> | <b>5 821</b> | <b>4 507</b> | <b>37 960</b> |
| <b>Amount of subsidy disbursed (\$M)</b>                             | <b>110.3</b>  | <b>69.9</b>   | <b>37.5</b>  | <b>24.4</b>  | <b>242.1</b>  |
| <b>Average amount (\$)</b>   | <b>-</b>      |               |              |              | <b>6 378</b>  |

2021-22

|  | Age group (Note <sup>2</sup> ) |                              |                              |                              | Total                        |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | 18-29                          | 30-39                        | 40-49                        | 50-70                        |                              |
| Course domain (Note <sup>3</sup> )                       | Number of subsidy recipients   | Number of subsidy recipients | Number of subsidy recipients | Number of subsidy recipients | Number of subsidy recipients |
| Business Services  | 3 460                          | 3 629                        | 1 613                        | 697                          | 9 399                        |
| Design   | 918                            | 693                          | 402                          | 311                          | 2 324                        |
| Financial Services                                       | 2 822                          | 1 986                        | 824                          | 440                          | 6 072                        |
| Languages  | 3 765                          | 2 219                        | 1 325                        | 960                          | 8 269                        |
| Logistics  | 294                            | 357                          | 166                          | 38                           | 855                          |
| Tourism  | 665                            | 243                          | 129                          | 289                          | 1 326                        |
| Interpersonal and Intrapersonal Skills for the Workplace | 35                             | 16                           | 20                           | 22                           | 93                           |
| Creative Industries                                      | 455                            | 318                          | 235                          | 395                          | 1 403                        |
| Specification of Competency Standards                    | 1 262                          | 1 873                        | 2 013                        | 2 191                        | 7 339                        |
| A01 - Architecture and Town Planning                     | 507                            | 202                          | 46                           | 8                            | 763                          |
| A02 - Arts, Design and Performing Arts                   | 237                            | 109                          | 48                           | 63                           | 457                          |
| A03 - Business and Management                            | 2 992                          | 2 379                        | 1 155                        | 828                          | 7 354                        |
| A04 - Computer Science and Information Technology        | 418                            | 256                          | 139                          | 27                           | 840                          |
| A05 - Education  | 503                            | 537                          | 236                          | 100                          | 1 376                        |
| A06 - Engineering and Technology                         | 1 262                          | 500                          | 138                          | 46                           | 1 946                        |
| A07 - Humanities   | 395                            | 45                           | 23                           | 12                           | 475                          |
| A08 - Languages and Related Studies                      | 393                            | 126                          | 81                           | 50                           | 650                          |
| A09 - Law  | 80                             | 109                          | 48                           | 34                           | 271                          |

|  |               |               |              |              |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| A10 - Mass Media and Communications, Journalism and Public Relations | 291           | 41            | 18           | 8            | 358           |
| A11 - Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences                        | 929           | 661           | 611          | 654          | 2 855         |
| A12 - Sciences   | 390           | 112           | 75           | 69           | 646           |
| A13 - Services   | 578           | 404           | 259          | 153          | 1 394         |
| A14 - Social Sciences  | 896           | 256           | 102          | 71           | 1 325         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>23 547</b> | <b>17 071</b> | <b>9 706</b> | <b>7 466</b> | <b>57 790</b> |
| <b>Amount of subsidy disbursed (\$M)</b>                             | <b>190.2</b>  | <b>133.4</b>  | <b>76.6</b>  | <b>52.0</b>  | <b>452.2</b>  |
| <b>Average amount (\$)</b>   | <b>-</b>      |               |              |              | <b>7 825</b>  |

Note1 Each application form may include a single or more than one CEF course and the relevant CEF course(s) may belong to the same or different course domains. The Office of the CEF does not have the breakdown of the number of applications received by course domain.

Note2 After the enhancement measures implemented from 1 April 2019, the upper age limit was lifted from 65 to 70. With effect from 1 August 2022, further enhancement measures were implemented, the upper age limit was removed.

Note3 With effect from 1 April 2019, enhancement measure was implemented to expand the scope of reimbursable courses to include all eligible courses registered in the Qualifications Register, including Specification of Competency Standards (SCS) based courses, Specification of Generic (Foundation) Competencies (SGC) based courses and non-SCS/SGC based courses in 14 classified areas of study and training (i.e. A01-A14).