The number of new applications for visas/entry permits and applications for extension of stay under various admission schemes/policies, which were received and approved <sup>Note 1</sup> by the Immigration Department from 2022 to 2023 are tabulated as follows:

Admission scheme/policy	Type of Applications	2022		2023	
		Number of Applications	Applications Approved	Number of Applications	Applications Approved
General Employment Policy	New Application	15 082	13 495	28 363	26 270
	Extension of Stay	16 186	15 985	15 054	14 933
Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals	New Application	13 155	11 768	22 411	19 757
	Extension of Stay	7 930	7 842	7 485	7 171
Quality Migrant Admission Scheme	New Application Note 2	16 396	2 845	80 207	12 969
	Extension of Stay	1 093	1 110	1 351	1 309
Immigration Arrangements for Non- local Graduates Note 3	New Application	10 936	10 391	27 295	26 089
	Extension of Stay	11 032	10 619	11 637	11 189
Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents	New Application	92	56	146	97
	Extension of Stay	70	65	57	55
Technology Talent Admission Scheme	New Application	64	60	145	130
	Extension of Stay	71	71	72	64
Top Talent Pass Scheme Note 4	New Application	1 947	875	62 873	49 737
	Extension of Stay	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Scheme to Import Care Workers for Residential Care Homes Note 5	New Application	-	-	947	791
	Extension of Stay	-	-	58	34
Sector-specific Labour Importation Schemes Note 6	New Application	-	-	3 291	2 689
	Extension of Stay	-	-	0	0
Enhanced Supplementary Labour Scheme <sup>Note 7</sup>	New Application	8 017	7 961	5 373	5 380
	Extension of Stay	1 718	1 670	2 532	2 318

- Note 1 : Applications approved in a year may not totally be the applications received in the same year.
- Note 2 : The number of applications approved denotes the number of applications that passed the selection by the Advisory Committee on Admission of Quality Migrants and Professionals.
- Note 3 : The Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates have been extended to cover Greater Bay Area campus graduates of Hong Kong universities since December 28, 2022.
- Note 4 : The Top Talent Pass Scheme was launched on December 28, 2022.
- Note 5 : The Special Scheme to Import Care Workers for Residential Care Homes was launched on June 19, 2023.
- Note 6 : The Sector-specific Labour Importation Schemes was launched on July 17, 2023.
- Note 7 : The Enhanced Supplementary Labour Scheme (formerly known as Supplementary Labour Scheme) was renamed and enhanced on September 4, 2023.