

Annex

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 ^{Note 1} by the Immigration Department (ImmD) from 2023 to 2024 are tabulated as follows:

Admission scheme/policy	Type of Applications	2023		2024	
		Number of Applications	Applications Approved	Number of Applications	Applications Approved
General Employment Policy	New Application	28 363	26 270	37 448	35 058
	Extension of Stay	15 054	14 933	14 688	14 193
Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals	New Application	22 411	19 757	28 398	25 344
	Extension of Stay	7 485	7 171	10 386	9 706
Quality Migrant Admission Scheme	New Application ^{Note 2}	80 207	12 969	63 471	11 848
	Extension of Stay	1 351	1 309	2 313	2 113
Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates	New Application	27 295	26 089	26 973	25 475
	Extension of Stay	11 637	11 189	6 985	6 592
Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents	New Application	146	97	138	80
	Extension of Stay	57	55	56	49
Technology Talent Admission Scheme	New Application	145	130	138	118
	Extension of Stay	72	64	89	81
Top Talent Pass Scheme ^{Note 3}	New Application	62 873	49 737	51 223	41 057
	Extension of Stay	N/A	N/A	To be announced in due course ^{Note 4}	
New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme ^{Note 5}	New Application (Approval-in-Principle) ^{Note 6}	N/A	N/A	716	625
	New Application (Formal Approval) ^{Note 7}			240	215
	Extension of Stay	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Scheme to Import Care Workers for Residential Care Homes ^{Note 8}	New Application	947	791	5 286	5 113
	Extension of Stay	58	34	1 915	1 846

Sector-specific Labour Importation Schemes Note 9	New Application	3 291	2 689	12 315	12 248
	Extension of Stay	0	0	0	0
Enhanced Supplementary Labour Scheme Note 10	New Application	5 373	5 380	19 416	17 832
	Extension of Stay	2 532	2 318	2 475	2 766

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 or the Government's Assessment Panel.

Note 3 : The Top Talent Pass Scheme was launched on December 28, 2022.

Note 4 : The limit of stay in respect of the first batch of talent admitted to Hong Kong under the Top Talent Pass Scheme started to expire progressively from the end of 2024. The Government will announce in due course the figures regarding applications for extension of stay under the Top Talent Pass Scheme.

Note 5 : The New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme was launched on March 1, 2024.

Note 6 : The numbers denote the numbers of received and approved applications for visas/entry permits that were submitted to the ImmD after the applicants have obtained the Certifying Proof for Fulfillment of Net Asset Requirement issued by Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK). Applicants who were given "Approval-in-Principle" can enter Hong Kong on visitor status for not more than 180 days for making the committed investment.

Note 7 : The numbers denote the numbers of received and approved applications for visas/entry permits that the applicants submitted the Certifying Proof for Fulfillment of Net Asset Requirement to ImmD for resuming assessment on their applications, after the applicants have obtained the Certifying Proof for Fulfillment of Net Asset Requirement issued by InvestHK.

Note 8 : The Special Scheme to Import Care Workers for Residential Care Homes was launched on June 19, 2023.

Note 9 : The Sector-specific Labour Importation Schemes was launched on July 17, 2023.

Note 10 : The Enhanced Supplementary Labour Scheme (formerly known as Supplementary Labour Scheme) was renamed and enhanced on September 4, 2023.