

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 2024 to 2025 are tabulated as follows:

Admission scheme/policy	Type of Applications	2024		2025	
		Number of Applications	Applications Approved	Number of Applications	Applications Approved
Top Talent Pass Scheme (TTPS)	New Application	51 223	41 057	35 705	31 508
	Extension of Stay Note 2	N/A	N/A	22 128	19 205
General Employment Policy	New Application	37 448	35 058	33 479	31 278
	Extension of Stay	14 688	14 193	13 604	13 429
Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals	New Application	28 398	25 344	30 546	26 714
	Extension of Stay	10 386	9 706	13 120	12 267
Quality Migrant Admission Scheme	New Application Note 3	63 471	11 848	18 707	7 101
	Extension of Stay	2 313	2 113	9 906	9 639
Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates	New Application	26 973	25 475	28 710	27 630
	Extension of Stay	6 985	6 592	12 252	11 558
Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents	New Application	138	80	129	68
	Extension of Stay	56	49	54	43
Technology Talent Admission Scheme	New Application	138	118	178	161
	Extension of Stay	89	81	83	80
New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme ^{Note 4}	New Application (Approval-in-Principle) ^{Note 5}	716	625	1 968	1 695
	New Application (Formal Approval) ^{Note 6}	240	215	1 358	1 287
	Extension of Stay	N/A	N/A	1	1
Enhanced Supplementary Labour Scheme	New Application	19 416	17 832	41 454	40 694
	Extension of Stay	2 475	2 766	1 267	1 207
Special Scheme to Import Care Workers for Residential Care Homes	New Application	5 286	5 113	4 300	4 021
	Extension of Stay	1 915	1 846	1 199	1 225

Sector-specific Labour Importation Schemes	New Application	12 315	12 248	6 964	6 514
	Extension of Stay	0	0	799	754

Note 1 : Applications approved in a year may not totally be the applications received in the same year.

Note 2 : Starting from November 1, 2024, the ImmD has allowed successful applicants under the TPPS to apply for extension of visa three months before the expiry of their visas. The numbers include applications received in advance by the ImmD for extension of visa under the TPPS between November 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

Note 3 : 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 4 : The New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme was launched on March 1, 2024.

Note 5 : The numbers denote the numbers of received and approved applications for visas/entry permits that were submitted to the ImmD after the applicants had obtained the Certifying Proof for Fulfillment of Net Asset Requirement issued by Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK). Applicants who were given "Approval-in-Principle" could enter Hong Kong on visitor status for not more than 180 days for making the committed investments.

Note 6 : The numbers denote the numbers of received and approved applications for visas/entry permits after the applicants had obtained the Certifying Proof for Fulfillment of Investment Requirements issued by InvestHK, and submitted the said proof to the ImmD for resuming the processing of their applications.