

Information on Tuition Fee and Local / Non-local Status

The Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) announced on 31 July 2025, the revision of the eligibility criteria for government-subsidized post-secondary student places and subsidies, introducing two categories of tuition fees and revising the eligibility criteria. Please refer to the Government's press release for details:

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202507/31/P2025073100290.htm?fontSize=2>

Tuition Fees Categories in 2027/28 Academic Year

Category	Tuition Fees	Applicable to
Subsidized tuition fees	HK\$49,500-	Local students eligible for government subsidized tuition fees
Non-subsidized tuition fees	HK\$260,000-	- Local students not eligible for government subsidized tuition fees - Non-local students

Local / Non-local status and the eligibility criteria depend on the type of identity documents held by applicants and meeting of residency requirement (if applicable), please refer to the table below for information:

Category	Local / Non-local Status	Type of Identity Document Hold	Tuition Fees Category
CATI-1	Local	HKID Card (Permanent)	Subsidized tuition fees
CATI-2	Local	Documents issued by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR showing right to land / right of abode in Hong Kong	Subsidized tuition fees
CATI-3	Local	One-way Permit for entry to Hong Kong	Subsidized tuition fees
CATI-5	Local	Dependant visa / entry permit (for students who were below 18 years old when first issued with such visa / entry permit by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR) AND meet residency requirement → Click here for residency requirement	Subsidized tuition fees
CATI-9	Local	Visa label for unconditional stay	Subsidized tuition fees
CATII-4	Local	Full-time employment visa / work permit	Non-subsidized tuition fees
CATII-5	Local	Dependant visa / entry permit (for students who were below 18 years old when first issued with such visa / entry permit by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR) BUT DO NOT meet residency requirement → Click here for residency requirement	Non-subsidized tuition fees
CATII-6	Local	Visa / Entry permit for Quality Migrant Admission Scheme	Non-subsidized tuition fees
CATII-7	Local	Visa / Entry permit for Capital Investment Entrant Scheme	Non-subsidized tuition fees
CATII-8	Local	Visa / Entry permit for Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents	Non-subsidized tuition fees
CATII-NLS1	Non-local	Student visa / entry permit	Non-subsidized tuition fees
CATII-NLS2	Non-local	Visa / Entry permit under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates	Non-subsidized tuition fees
CATII-NLS3	Non-local	Dependant visa / entry permit (for students who were 18 years old or above when they were issued with such visa / entry permit by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR)	Non-subsidized tuition fees

Applicants must immediately report to the Undergraduate Recruitment and Admissions Office any change to their identity documents that may affect their local / non-local status, nationality, or eligibility status. Based on the documents submitted, an applicant's identity category may be updated, resulting in a corresponding change to the applicable admissions scheme; any offer made under the initial scheme will be cancelled, and the applicant will be reconsidered in competition with other eligible applicants under the appropriate scheme. If any information or documents provided in the application, such as local / non-local status, nationality, or supporting documents, are found to be inaccurate, misleading, or altered, the admission application and/or offer will be revoked. All fees paid will not be refunded.

CATI-5 Requirements and Supporting Documents

In order to be eligible for government-subsidized student places and tuition fees, dependant visa / entry permit holders who were below 18 years old when first issued with such visa/entry permit by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR (ImmD) must fulfill both identity document requirements and residency requirements. Please refer to the information below for details:

(I) Identity Document Requirements

Applicants must hold a dependant visa / entry permit that remains valid **on or after 1 September** in the year in which the applicant's respective program begins, as well as other relevant identity documents, such as Hong Kong Identity Card and landing slip.

If an applicant's dependant visa / entry permit will expire on or before 31 August 2027, the applicant must submit the renewed or updated documents to the Undergraduate Recruitment and Admissions Office (URAO) **by 16 July 2027** for 2027 admissions exercise to maintain their eligibility status.

(II) Residency Requirements

In addition to identity document requirements, applicants must fulfill the residency requirements by residing in Hong Kong for **two years immediately preceding** the first day of their respective programs.

The Government of the HKSAR put in place a transitional arrangement for the revision of the eligibility criteria. The residency requirement is set at **one year** for the 2027/28 academic year (its application cycle commencing in October 2026), and **two years** from the 2028/29 academic year onwards:

Admissions Exercise	Required Residency Period
2027	One-year transitional period: 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2027
2028 onwards	Two-year period ending on 31 May in the year in which the program commences

Depending on the applicant's circumstances, fulfilment of the residency requirement can be demonstrated by either document (a) or (b):

(a) Proof of Studies

Proof that the applicant is enrolled as a full-time student in a school offering a formal curriculum in Hong Kong recognized by the Education Bureau (EDB), no later than 15 September of each academic year, for the required residency period ending on 31 May in the year in which the applicant's respective program begins.

Applicants should provide the following documents in their applications:

- Proof of enrollment issued by their schools, stating the applicant's actual date of admission; and
- School transcripts.

The following school lists provided by the EDB are schools offering a formal curriculum in Hong Kong, as updated from time to time:

- [Government secondary schools, Government-aided secondary schools, and Private secondary schools \(day schools\)](#) (Excluding evening schools and "other" schools)
- [Direct Subsidy Scheme \(DSS\) schools](#)
- [International schools / private independent schools / DSS schools offering non-local curriculum](#)

(b) A Statement of Travel Records

For applicants who cannot provide the proof in (a) above, a [statement of travel records](#) of the applicants which can be obtained at a fee from ImmD to demonstrate that the applicant is not absent from Hong Kong for a maximum of 90 days in each year of required residency period.

Statement of Travel Records required period:

- 2027 Admissions Exercise: **1 June 2026 to 31 May 2027**, a maximum of 90 days of absence from Hong Kong during this period.
- 2028 Admissions Exercise: **1 June 2026 to 31 May 2028**
 - i. A maximum of 90 days of absence from Hong Kong from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2027; and
 - ii. A maximum of 90 days of absence from Hong Kong from 1 June 2027 to 31 May 2028.

The number of days of absence from Hong Kong is calculated as follows:

- **Same-day travel:** Where an applicant departs from and returns to Hong Kong on the same day, the travel is counted as one day of absence.
- **Travel lasting more than one day:** the number of days of absence is calculated from the day of departure from Hong Kong. The day of return to Hong Kong is not counted.

The Statement of Travel Records must be sent directly from ImmD to HKUST on or before **2 July 2027** (based on postmark date).

學費及本地 / 非本地身分

香港特別行政區政府於 2025 年 7 月 31 日公布有關政府資助專上課程學額和資助申請資格的修訂：設立兩個學費類別，並修訂有關申請資格準則。詳情請瀏覽：

<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202507/31/P2025073100288.htm?fontSize=2>

2027/28 學年學費類別

類別	學費	適用人士
資助學費	港幣\$49,500-	符合資格申請政府資助專上課程學額及資助學費的本地學生
非資助學費	港幣\$260,000-	• 不合資格申請政府資助專上課程學額及資助學費的本地學生 • 非本地學生

本地 / 非本地身分及相關資助資格準則，取決於申請人所持有的身份證明文件類別，以及是否符合居港規定（如適用）。詳情請參閱下表：

身份類別	本地 / 非本地身分	持有的身份證明文件及居港規定	學費類別
CATI-1	本地學生	香港永久性居民身份證	資助學費
CATI-2	本地學生	由香港特區入境事務處簽發享有香港特區的入境權 / 居留權之證明文件	資助學費
CATI-3	本地學生	中華人民共和國前往港澳通行證（單程證）	資助學費
CATI-5	本地學生	首次獲香港特區入境事務處簽發受養人簽證 / 進入許可證時未年滿 18 歲並且符合 <u>居港規定</u> • 請 按此 瀏覽居港規定	資助學費
CATI-9	本地學生	無條件限制逗留（簽證）	資助學費
CATII-4	本地學生	來港就業入境簽證 / 進入許可證	非資助學費
CATII-5	本地學生	首次獲入境處簽發受養人簽證 / 進入許可證時未年滿 18 歲但不符合 <u>居港規定</u> • 請 按此 瀏覽居港規定	非資助學費
CATII-6	本地學生	優秀人才入境計劃簽證 / 進入許可證	非資助學費
CATII-7	本地學生	資本投資者入境計劃簽證 / 進入許可證	非資助學費
CATII-8	本地學生	輸入中國籍香港永久性居民第二代計劃簽證 / 進入許可證	非資助學費
CATII-NLS1	非本地學生	學生簽證 / 進入許可	非資助學費
CATII-NLS2	非本地學生	非本地畢業生留港 / 回港就業安排下的簽證 / 進入許可	非資助學費
CATII-NLS3	非本地學生	首次獲入境處簽發受養人簽證 / 進入許可證時年滿 18 歲或以上的受養人簽證 / 進入許可	非資助學費

如申請人的身份證明文件有任何變更而導致其本地 / 非本地生身份、國籍或資助資格有所更改，須立即向本科招生及入學事務處申報。本處在核實更新的身份證明文件後，或會對申請人的入學途徑作出更改。申請人在原來的入學途徑下獲得的取錄資格將會被撤銷；並將與其他符合資格的申請人在適當的入學途徑下重新考慮。如發現任何申請資料或文件（包括本地 / 非本地生身份、國籍、或其他證明文件）不正確、具誤導性或經篡改，有關入學申請及 / 或取錄資格會被取消，已繳付之費用概不退還。

CATI-5 資格要求及證明文件

為符合政府資助學額及學費資助的資格，首次獲入境處簽發受養人簽證 / 進入許可時未滿 18 歲的受養人簽證 / 進入許可持有人，必須同時符合身份證明文件要求及居港規定。詳情請參閱以下資料：

(I) 身份證明文件要求

申請人必須持有在所修讀課程開課當年 **9 月 1 日或以後**仍然有效的受養人簽證 / 進入許可，以及其他相關身份證明文件，例如：香港居民身份證、入境標籤（小白條）。

2027 招生年度申請人，如其受養人簽證 / 進入許可將於 **2027 年 8 月 31 日或之前**屆滿，必須於 **2027 年 7 月 16 日或之前**向本科招生及入學事務處遞交已續期的簽證，以維持其申請資格狀況。

(II) 居港規定

除須符合身份證明文件要求外，申請人亦必須在**緊接所修讀課程開課首天前的兩年內**居住於香港，以符合居港規定。

香港政府就上述修訂設立過渡安排，即在 2027/28 學年（申請周期於 2026 年 10 月開始）的居港規定設為**一年**，2028/29 學年起才實行**兩年**的居港規定。

招生年度	適用居港期間
2027 年度	一年過渡期：2026 年 6 月 1 日至 2027 年 5 月 31 日
2028 年度起	截至課程開課當年 5 月 31 日止的兩年期

申請人可透過下列文件(a)或(b)證明符合居港規定：

(a) 就讀證明

申請人須提供證明，顯示自己在計至所修讀課程開課當年的 5 月 31 日為止的適用居港期間內以全日制學生身分在教育局認可於本港開辦正規課程的學校就讀，並於 2026 年 9 月 15 日或之前完成入學。

申請人須於入學申請中提交以下文件：

- 由申請人就讀中學發出的在學證明，並列明申請人實際入學日期；及
- 中學成績單

以下為教育局所提供於香港開辦正規課程的學校名單，會不時更新：

- [官立中學、資助中學及私立中學（日校）](#)（不包括夜校和其他學校）
- [直接資助計劃學校](#)
- [國際學校、私立獨立學校及提供非本地課程的直資學校](#)

(b) 出入境紀錄證明

未能提供文件 (a) 的申請人，須提交向香港特別行政區入境事務處付費申領涵蓋適用居港期間的出入境紀錄證明：

- 2027 年度出入境紀錄證明涵蓋期間：**2026 年 6 月 1 日至 2027 年 5 月 31 日期間**，不多於 90 天不在香港。
- 2028 年度出入境紀錄證明涵蓋期間：**2026 年 6 月 1 日至 2028 年 5 月 31 日**
 - i. 2026 年 6 月 1 日至 2027 年 5 月 31 日期間，不多於 90 天不在香港；及
 - ii. 2027 年 6 月 1 日至 2028 年 5 月 31 日期間，不多於 90 天不在香港。

不在港日數的計算方法如下：

- **即日往返**：申請人如在同一日離港及返港，須計算為一日不在港日數。
- **離港超過一日**：不在港日數由離港當日起計，**返港當日不作計算**。

出入境紀錄證明須由入境處直接寄送至本科招生及入學事務處，截止收件日期為**2027 年 7 月 2 日**（以郵戳日期為準）。