

## Wondering If You Need a Visa to Visit Hong Kong?

As a bona fide visitor to Hong Kong, you and your family members must genuinely intend to visit Hong Kong for a temporary period and have a legitimate purpose for your visit, such as tourism, business, visiting family or friends, or attending events.

The term "bona fide" implies that your intentions are genuine and sincere, without any ulterior motives, such as working without proper authorization, overstaying your visa, or engaging in illegal activities. To be considered a bona fide visitor, you must comply with the immigration requirements and conditions for your visit, including possessing a valid passport, having sufficient funds for your stay, and having onward travel arrangements.

Admission to Hong Kong is not guaranteed as the Immigration Officer is empowered under the Immigration Ordinance to assess the bona fides of travelers seeking admission at the port of entry.

Visa Exempt Nationals - 180 days: United Kingdom (British citizens only), Macau (Macau Permanent Residents only, regardless of nationality),

Visa Exempt Nationals - 90 days: European Union (All European Union citizens), Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, Eswatini, Fiji, Grenada, Guyana, Iceland, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kiribati, Liechtenstein, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Namibia, Nauru, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, San Marino, Seychelles, Singapore, South Korea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Switzerland, Tanzania, Tonga (Not applicable to holders of Tongan National and Tongan Protected Person passports), Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Tuvalu (Not applicable if holder's nationality is stated is I-Tuvalu), Uruguay (Not applicable to holders of passports issued under Decree 289/90), United Kingdom (except British citizens and British nationals (overseas)), United States (Not applicable to holders of American diplomatic passports), Vanuatu, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe,

Visa Exempt Nationals - 30 days: Armenia, Bahrain, Belarus, Bolivia, Cape Verde, Costa Rica (Not applicable to holders of Costa Rican provisional passports and "Documento de Identidad y Viaje"), Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Macau (Non-Permanent Residents holding Visit Permit for Residents of Macao to HKSAR), Morocco, Oman, Paraguay, Panama (Not applicable to holders of Peruvian special passports), Peru, Qatar, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates,

Visa Exempt Nationals - 14 days: Albania, Algeria, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Haiti, India, Kazakhstan, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Micronesia, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Niger, North Macedonia, Palau, Philippines, Russia, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Suriname, Ukraine. If you do need a visa, you can apply for a visitor visa online using the Immigration Department's online application portal.

A visitor facilitation plan was launched by the Hong Kong Government on the 1st of June 2022 for a period of two years. The measure is due to provide immigration facilitation for visitors participating in short-term activities in 10 designated sectors: medical & healthcare, higher education, arts & culture, sports, heritage, creative industries, innovation & technology, Hong Kong Laureate Forum, aviation and international/mega events, as per the explanatory list on the Immigration Department's website. Technically, the invitees/eligible visitors (non-local talent in their sector) may come to Hong Kong to participate in designated short-term activities as visitors without the need to apply for employment visas/entry permits from the Immigration Department ("accredited short term work"). However, eligible visitors should be endorsed by the authorized host organizations by way of invitation letters. The host organizations sponsoring visitors to come to Hong Kong to participate in specified short-term activities must be endorsed by the relevant government bureaux/departments. Eligible visitors may receive remuneration for the designated activities concerned. The provision of remuneration is a matter between the eligible visitors and the host organizations. The stay of the non-local talents is limited to 14 days upon each arrival.

To apply for a Hong Kong SAR Visitor Visa, applicants must submit the following documents:

## Applicant Documents

- 1. HKID form ID1003A
- 2. Recent photo to be attached to the form

- 3. Photocopy of the applicant's travel document containing personal particulars, date of issue, date of expiry and/or details of any re-entry visa held (if applicable)
- 4. Photocopy of proof of the applicant's financial standing, e.g. bank statements, savings accounts passbooks, tax receipts, etc. and proof of employment (if any), e.g. company leave letter, salary slips, etc.
- 5. Photocopy of proof of transportation arrangement, e.g. flight itinerary
- 6. Photocopy of proof of the proposed leisure visit to Hong Kong, e.g. receipt of joining a package tour to Hong Kong, itinerary, etc. (*for leisure visit only*)
- 7. Photocopy of proof of the proposed visit in the next destination after visiting Hong Kong, itinerary, etc. (*for transit only*)
- 8. Photocopy of proof of the proposed business visit to Hong Kong, e.g. letter issued by the applicant's employing company to confirm his/her proposed business activities in Hong Kong, invitation letter issued by a local company, letter issued by a trade body to confirm the applicant's attendance at trade fairs and exhibitions, etc. (for business visit only)
- 9. Photocopy of proof of relationship with the local sponsor (for family visit only)
- 10. Photocopy of proof of the proposed visit to Hong Kong (for purposes of visit other than leisure, transit, business or family visit

## Sponsor's Documents

- 1. HKID form ID 1003B
- 2. Photocopy of Business Registration Certificate (if a company sponsor)
- 3. Photocopy of the sponsor's Hong Kong identity card (and if not a permanent resident a Photocopy of the sponsor's travel document containing personal particulars, date of issue, date of expiry, and the latest arrival stamp/extension of stay label in the HKSAR)

You can use this online service to submit application for entry for visit/transit in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

This online service is not applicable to extension of stay application of visitor. If required, you may apply via <u>this website</u>.

Useful Resource 1	The Visitor Visa
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Useful Resource 4	Application Visitor Visa
Hong Kong Visa Handbook Contents	
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