

Working Holiday in Hong Kong



The Scheme

Since 2001, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) has implemented Working Holiday Scheme (the Scheme) with New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, Germany, Japan, Canada, Korea, France, the United Kingdom, Austria, Hungary, Sweden and the Netherlands. The Scheme not only facilitates cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and our partner economies but also helps enhance bilateral cooperation and promotes tourism and development.

Under the Scheme, participants may stay in Hong Kong for an extended period. Successful applicants will be issued a working holiday visa by the HKSAR Immigration Department. During their stay, participants can engage in short-term employment, or enrol in short-term course(s) (except for Ireland).

Through these first-hand living and working experiences, the youths from our partner economies will be able to acquire a better understanding of the cultural and social developments of Hong Kong.

Eligibility

A national of Hong Kong's partner economy who meets the following eligibility criteria may be granted a working holiday visa for participating in the Scheme:

- he/she is aged between 18 and 30 (both ages inclusive) at the time of lodging application;
- his/her primary intention is to holiday in Hong Kong;
- he/she must not be accompanied by any dependent during the journey;
- he/she holds a valid national passport issued by the partner economy and is ordinarily residing in that partner economy;
- he/she can produce financial proof of having an amount sufficient for his/her maintenance during his/her proposed stay in the HKSAR, e.g. bank statements, saving accounts passbooks, etc.;
- he/she holds a return travel ticket or financial proof of having sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket; and
- he/she agrees to hold valid medical, healthcare (including hospitalisation), repatriation and liability insurance throughout his/her stay in the HKSAR.

There is an annual quota for nationals of each partner economy under the Scheme and qualified applications will be approved on a first-come-first-served basis.

Application

For application, please visit the website of the HKSAR Immigration Department.

Online Submission



HKSAR Immigration
Department

Enquiry about Visa Application



Immigration Department
Enquiries: enquiry@immd.gov.hk

Remarks: Detailed arrangements of the Scheme may vary from time to time. Applicants are advised to check with the HKSAR Immigration Department before application.

What Can I Expect From A Working Holiday In Hong Kong?

Hear From The Working Holidaymakers!

Hong Kong has hosted more than 16 000 youths from its partner economies through the Working Holiday Scheme since its inception in 2001. As a dynamic Asian hub where East meets West, Hong Kong has everything to offer – from a cosmopolitan lifestyle to mouthwatering delicacies and intriguing encounters – and is a perfect working holiday destination for all adventurers. Let's hear what the working holidaymakers think about the city and their experiences here!

Shona Drummond from the United Kingdom, 2022-23

"Travelling to Hong Kong on a working holiday visa was the best decision I could have made as a fresh graduate. I didn't know which career path I wanted to choose. This working holiday allowed me to not only travel and become immersed in Hong Kong culture but also find a career path that I was passionate about. I will now apply for a general working visa to stay in Hong Kong for much longer!"



Susan Lutz from France, 2016-2017

"The Working Holiday allowed me to live in a global city, to discover a different culture and a different lifestyle. It enabled me to discover different sectors of activities, to develop my professional network, to prove myself in a job that I like and to confirm my desire to travel. I have a lot of memories in Hong Kong: the meetings, the challenging but magnificent hikes, the innumerable restaurants and of course the nightlife in Lan Kwai Fong!"



Useful Contacts and Links

Enquiry about Working Holiday Scheme



Working Holiday Scheme dedicated website
Enquiries: whsu@labour.gov.hk

Hong Kong Welcomes You!

**Apply for a Working Holiday Visa Now and
Start Your Journey in This Dynamic City!**

Job Searching in Hong Kong

- **Labour Department Interactive Employment Service**
www.jobs.gov.hk

Visiting and Living in Hong Kong

- One-stop portal for information and services provided by HKSAR Government
GovHK
www.gov.hk/en/nonresidents/
- Official travel guide from the Hong Kong Tourism Board
Discover Hong Kong
www.discoverhongkong.com/eng/
- One-stop portal to provide information for people considering a move to Hong Kong
Hong Kong Welcomes You
www.hkwelcomesu.gov.hk/eng/