

Eligibility And Application

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- be aged between 18 and 30 (both ages inclusive) at the time of making application;
- not be accompanied by any dependents during the journey;
- be ordinarily resident in the HKSAR and holding a valid HKSAR passport;
- be going abroad primarily for holidaying;
- hold a return travel ticket or sufficient funds to purchase such ticket; and
- have proof of financial resources to support his/her initial expenses in the host economy.



A fixed annual quota will be applied for eligible applicants of both sides (except for Australia and Sweden of which the quota is unlimited for Hong Kong applicants).



For detailed eligibility criteria and application method, please refer to the Working Holiday Scheme website (www.whs.gov.hk) and websites of the respective host Governments and Consulates.

Applicants are reminded that the eligibility criteria, and terms and conditions of individual Working Holiday Scheme are subject to review and change by the host Government without prior notice.



Reminders For Working Holidaymakers

Before Departure

- **PLAN AHEAD.** Research thoroughly on the employment, accommodation and living conditions of the host economy
- **GET INSURED.** Take out appropriate medical, hospitalisation and liability insurance for the whole trip to cover the possible related costs incurred abroad
- **USE "ROTI".** Use the "Registration of Outbound Travel Information (ROTI)" service



During the Stay

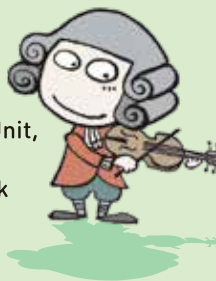
- **ACT PROPERLY.** Observe local laws
- **STAY CAUTIOUS.** Make sure you know all your contract terms and conditions
- **DRIVE SAFELY.** Observe the traffic laws and stay alert to the traffic conditions
- **STAY CONNECTED.** Keep your family and friends informed of your itinerary
- **GET HELP.** In case of accident or serious incident, approach the local government authorities or the relevant Chinese Embassy or Consulate for assistance, or call the 24-hour hotline of the Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit (AHU) of the Immigration Department at (852) 1868

After the Working Holiday

- **BE OUR AMBASSADORS.** Share your thoughts and experience with us via the Working Holiday Scheme website to inspire other young people to go on their adventures!

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Introduction

To provide an opportunity for Hong Kong youths to broaden their horizons by experiencing foreign culture through living and working temporarily overseas while holidaying, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) has established bilateral **Working Holiday Scheme** arrangements (the Scheme) with the Government of **New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, Germany, Japan, Canada, Korea, France, the United Kingdom, Austria, Hungary, Sweden, the Netherlands and Italy** respectively.

Under the Scheme, participants may stay in the host economy for an extended period and are allowed to take up short-term employment, or even enrol in short-term course(s) (except Ireland).

The Scheme aims to enable our youths to gain invaluable experience while holidaying and working abroad, which would help strengthen their self-confidence, resilience and inter-personal skills.



An Overview Of The Working Holiday Destination

Destination	Duration	Condition of stay	Destination	Duration	Condition of stay
New Zealand	12 months	Employment: Not more than three months with the same employer Course(s): One short-term course of up to six months	France	12 months	Employment: Not more than six months with the same employer Course(s): Cumulative duration of courses not more than six months
Australia	12 months	Employment: Not more than six months with the same employer Course(s): Cumulative duration of courses not more than four months	United Kingdom	24 months	Employment: No restriction on work duration Course(s): No restriction on duration / number of courses taken
Ireland	12 months	Employment: Not more than three months with the same employer Course(s): Not allowed	Austria	12 months	Employment: Up to a total of six months with one or more employers Course(s): Cumulative duration of courses not more than six months
Germany	12 months	Employment: Not more than three months with the same employer Course(s): One short-term course of up to six months	Hungary	12 months	Employment: Not more than six months with the same employer Course(s): One short-term course of up to six months
Japan	12 months	Employment: No restriction on work duration Course(s): No restriction on duration / number of courses taken	Sweden	12 months	Employment: No restriction on work duration Course(s): May take up short-term course(s)
Canada	12 months	Employment: No restriction on work duration Course(s): Cumulative duration of courses not more than six months	Netherlands	12 months	Employment: May take up short-term employment Course(s): May take up short-term course(s)
Korea	12 months	Employment: Not more than six months with the same employer Course(s): One short-term course of up to six months	Italy	12 months	Employment: Not more than three months with the same employer and up to a total of six months during the stay Course(s): Cumulative duration of courses not more than six months

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