

## Eligibility And Application

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- be aged between 18 and 30 (both ages inclusive) at the time of lodging application;
- not be accompanied by any dependent 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 a ticket; and
- have proof of financial resources to support his/her initial expenses in the partner economy.

A fixed annual quota will be applied for eligible applicants from both sides (except for Australia and Sweden which have no limit for Hong Kong applicants).



For detailed eligibility criteria and application method, please refer to the Working Holiday Scheme's dedicated website [www.whs.gov.hk](http://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 schemes 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 partner 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 of the Immigration Department at (852) 1868.

### After the Working Holiday

- **BE OUR AMBASSADORS.** Share your thoughts and experiences with us via the Working Holiday Scheme's website to inspire other Hong Kong youths to embark on their adventures!



### Enquiries

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# Working Holiday Scheme

 Labour Department



# Introduction

To provide an opportunity for Hong Kong youths to broaden their horizons by experiencing foreign culture through living and working overseas while holidaying, 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**.

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

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