

Eligibility Criteria for Government-Subsidised Post-secondary Student Places and Subsidies

Following the [Government 's announcement on 31 July 2025](#) regarding the revised eligibility criteria for government-subsidised post-secondary student places and subsidies, dependant visa / entry permit holders who were below 18 years old when their dependant visa / entry permit was first issued by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR are eligible for government-subsidised places **only if** they can fulfil the residency requirement below.

To fulfil the residency requirement, applicants must provide **ONE** of the following documents:

- a) **School Enrollment Proof:** An official document from a Hong Kong school offering a formal curriculum in Hong Kong recognised by the Education Bureau (EDB)#, proving that the applicant was enrolled as a full-time student in the school throughout the two-year period* ending on 31 May of the admission year; OR
- b) **Travel Records:** A [Statement of Travel Records](#) issued by the Hong Kong Immigration Department showing that the applicant was not absent from Hong Kong for more than 90 days in each year of the two-year period*. Please refer to **Table 1** below for the residency requirement period and **Table 2** below for details on how the period of absence is calculated.

**Transitional arrangement: For admission in the 2027/28 academic year, only a one-year period is required.*

Table 1: Residency Requirement Period

Admission Year	Residency Requirement Period
2027/28 (<i>transitional arrangement</i>)	1 year ending on 31 May of the admission year (i.e. 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2027 for admission in 2027/28 entry)
2028/29 and onwards	2 years ending on 31 May of the admission year (e.g., 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2028 for admission in 2028/29 entry)

Table 2: Calculating the Days of Absence

Scenario	Number of Days of Absence
Same-day trip	1 day
Overnight trip	Return date minus departure date

Lists of Schools offering a formal curriculum in Hong Kong provided by the EDB, as updated from time to time by the EDB:

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