

Global Immigration alert

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Hong Kong

Revised fee structure for certain admission policies

Executive summary

Effective 26 February 2025, the Hong Kong government introduced a new application fee and increased the visa fee for applications submitted under certain admission schemes.

Key developments

Primary applicants or dependents who file applications for entry visas or change of condition of stay (including extension of limit of stay) under the following schemes are now subject to a new application fee and increased visa issuance fees:

- Top Talent Pass Scheme
- General Employment Policy
- Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals
- Quality Migrant Admission Scheme
- Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates
- Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents
- New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme (excluding applications for unconditional stay or visit visas)
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- Technology Talent Admission Scheme
- Vocational Professionals Admission Scheme

Impacted individuals must now pay:

- A new non-refundable application fee of HKD 600
- An increased visa issuance fee of HKD 1,300 for visas with a validity period of more than 180 days, or HKD 600 for visas with a validity period of 180 days or less (up from a fixed fee of HKD 230 previously)

For applications for a change of condition of stay, the validity period is calculated as follows:

- *Without any change in the limit of stay:* The validity period is counted starting from the day after the date of payment of the visa issuance fee and ending on the expiry date of the visa.
- *With an extension of the limit of stay:* The validity period is counted starting from the day after the date of payment of the visa issuance fee and ending on the amended expiry date of the visa.

Impact on employers

These changes will increase the expenses for companies that sponsor foreign nationals or China Mainland residents under the impacted schemes. Organizations may consider the new fees in connection with their workforce planning and update their internal policies as required.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.



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