




Weird & Wonderful Ways to Get Working Permissions in Hong Kong

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Let me start by saying...



[NO EXCEPTIONS]



What Can You Do As a Visitor?

Look for work

Interview for work

Pre-employment 'residence' type activities

ALL work forbidden without an employment visa

Delineated by the attitude of ImmD to a prosecution for the activity in question/intention of the parties at the outset



The Shenzhen Shuttle





The Working Holiday Visa

- Australia** (annual quota = 5000) 3 months
- Canada** (annual quota = 200) 3 months
- France** (annual quota = 500) 6 months
- Germany** (annual quota = 300) 3 months
- Ireland** (annual quota = 100) 3 months
- Japan** (annual quota = 250) 3 months
- South Korea** (annual quota = 500) 3 months
- New Zealand** (annual quota = 400) 3 months
- United Kingdom** (annual quota = 1000) 6 months



Study-Then -Work Visa

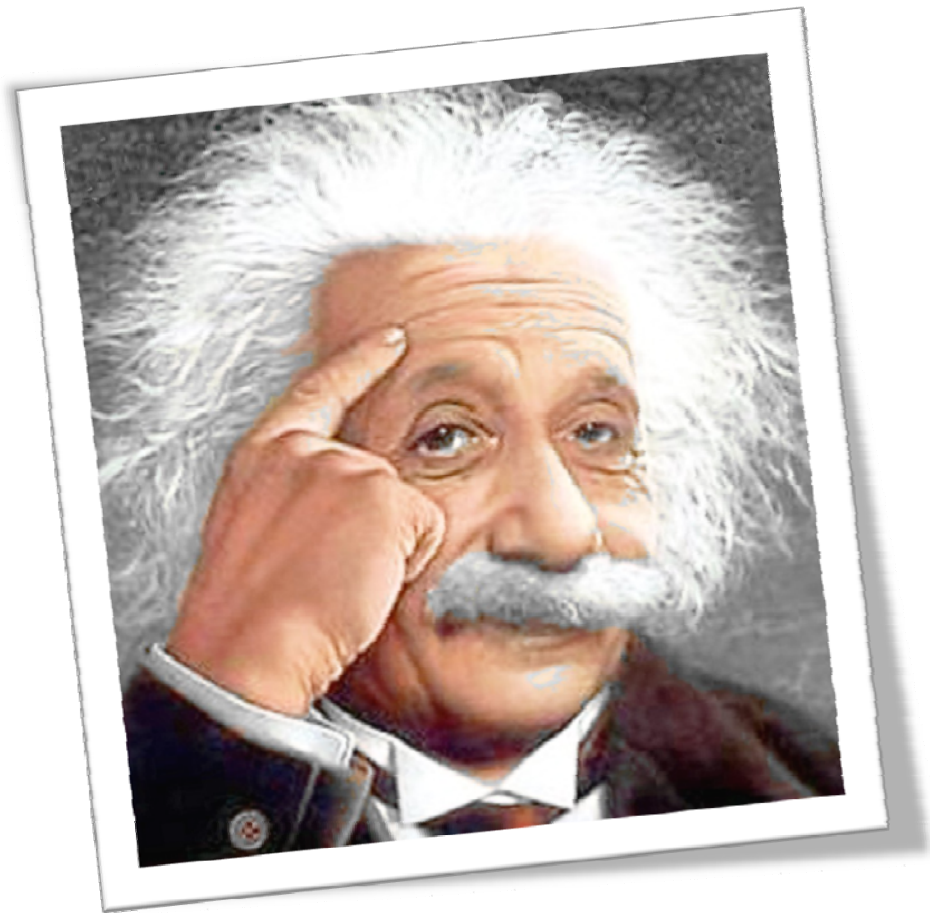


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Dependant Visa

Legal **spouse**

Dependant **children**

Unmarried partner

Same sex partner



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One Man Investment Visa for Hong Kong?

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Approvability Test = "Substantial Contribution to the Economy of Hong Kong"

Visitor
If you're entirely new to Hong Kong the process is extremely challenging unless your plan is exceptionally well researched

Resident
Current residents with 3-4 years history in Hong Kong tend to have an easier time persuading the HKID of the merits of your plan

Human Capital
If you have discrete experience or a professional background in an obscure discipline this is a very positive factor

Cash Needed?
6 months' operating cash in the company bank account & sufficient bank or capital on hand personally

Apply Onshore or Offshore?

Business Plan
A specific document is not actually required but you have to clearly articulate your commercial intentions

Local Employees
Creates new jobs within 6-12 months

Suitable Business Accomodation
Meet most business needs

Financial Projections
Detailed 12 months' required approved by overview to 36 months

Other Resources?

The Major Considerations For Approvability

Key Takeaways

1. Exceptional human capital is at least as good as cash in the bank
2. Slow moving businesses struggle to get approved
3. Local jobs MUST be in the offering
4. 'Cutting edge' industries are especially welcomed

Progressing Your Application

Use Form I(1)999A Application Form & I(1)999B Sponsorship Form

The Process Will Take 3-4 Months to Complete From Beginning to End

Submit your application on the 24/F of Immigration Tower (or send by mail to the 2/F Receipt & Dispatch Unit).

Expect to have to undergo several exchanges of correspondence each time submitting further & better particulars and supporting documentation

If approved, you will receive a visa label valid for 12 months

Business Review
If your application was marginally approved the HKID might subject your business to a complete Review at the time of your first extension 12 months later



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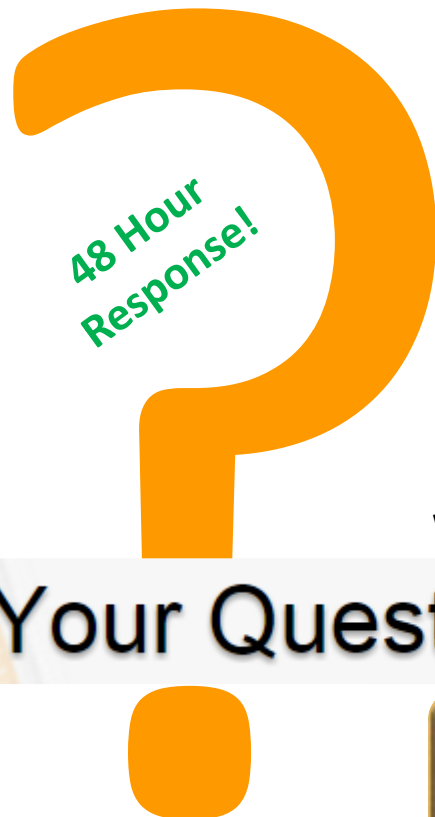
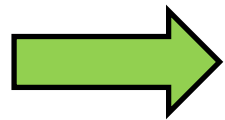
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