
Student Visa Application Matters

All non-local students (with ENTRY visa) need to obtain a student visa for studying in Hong Kong. Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) will assist students in application after issuing the admission letter. Normally, it takes four to six weeks to process a visa application. For entry in September, the application can start from April.

1. Eligible personnel:

Only full-time students could obtain the consecutive-staying student visa. If you are admitted as a part-time student, it is possible that you are accepted to stay in Hong Kong as a student on those days you need to attend class. For the rest of weeks, you are expected to leave HKSAR and return to your city of domicile.

2. Documentation:

Required documents:

General documents

- ✧ a completed official visa application form [ID995A](#) ;
- ✧ a completed visa sponsorship application form(in ID995A) ;
- ✧ a photocopy of your signed acceptance of admission notice from PolyU;
- ✧ a copy of your passport;
- ✧ a copy of your curriculum vitae (CV) or resume;
- ✧ financial documents/statements showing that you have adequate means to finance your studies in HK; and
- ✧ a declaration form (to be filled in by those applicants who are currently in HK)

For Mainland students:

- ✧ a copy of PRC Identity Card;
- ✧ a copy of census record (內地戶口登記證明); and
- ✧ copies of testimonial (學歷證明或在學證明複印本)

For Taiwan students:

- ✧ a copy of Taiwan Identity Card;
- ✧ a copy of Taiwan passport;
- ✧ a copy of your household registration in Taiwan (台灣戶籍謄本);
- ✧ copies of testimonial (學歷證明複印本);
- ✧ reason for studying at PolyU; and
- ✧ plan after the completion of studies at PolyU

Acceptable financial documents:

- ✧ student's latest bank statement(s);
- ✧ parents' latest bank statement(s) and supporting letter issued by parents;
- ✧ award letter of financial aid;

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- ✧ award letter of scholarship; or
 - ✧ studentship award letter.

(Note: You are expected to demonstrate that you have sufficient money to cover the academic expense and living expense in Hong Kong.)

3. Validation:

The student visa becomes valid only after the first entry into Hong Kong.

Individual students should maintain the validity and the legitimacy of the visa status throughout the studies at PolyU. Should there be any circumstances or personal changes causing the termination the student's dominant visa status, the student must report the change to the Immigration Department timely and apply for a fresh visa for study. Studying without a valid student visa is a breach of the law.

More information:

- ✧ [International Affair Office](#) (For international students)
- ✧ [Chinese Mainland Affair Office](#) (For Mainland students)
- ✧ [Guidebook for Entry for Study in Hong Kong](#) (from Hong Kong immigration Department)