

Applications for Mainland University Study Subsidy Scheme close on September 21

The Education Bureau (EDB) today (August 31) reminded students who are interested in applying for subsidy under the Mainland University Study Subsidy Scheme (MUSSS) for the 2018/19 academic year and who will enter designated Mainland institutions in the 2018/19 academic year for the first year of their studies to submit their completed application forms, together with supporting documents, to the EDB by post on or before September 21.

The MUSSS was launched by the Government in July 2014 to provide subsidy to Hong Kong students who have passed a means test ("means-tested subsidy") to pursue undergraduate studies in designated Mainland institutions. Eligible students will receive either a full-rate subsidy or a half-rate subsidy per academic year, depending on their needs. Starting from the 2017/18 academic year, a "non-means-tested subsidy" is introduced under the MUSSS. Eligible students will receive a flat rate subsidy for an academic year. The subsidy under MUSSS is granted on a yearly basis. The subsidised period will be the normal duration of the undergraduate programme pursued by the student concerned in the designated Mainland institution. Eligible applicants can only receive either "means-tested subsidy" or "non-means-tested subsidy" in an academic year.

For the 2018/19 academic year, the amounts of adjusted full-rate subsidy and half-rate subsidy under the "means-tested subsidy" are HK\$16,800 and HK\$8,400 respectively. The amount of "non-means-tested subsidy" is HK\$5,600.

Detailed information of the MUSSS, including the 176 designated Mainland institutions, application forms and guidance notes, are available at the EDB website (www.edb.gov.hk/en/edu-system/postsecondary/policy-doc/musss/2018.html). The EDB will inform individual applicants of the application result by the first quarter of 2019.