

Mainland University Study Subsidy Scheme opens for applications

The Education Bureau (EDB) announced today (June 1) that the Mainland University Study Subsidy Scheme (MUSSS) 2020/21 will, from today until September 21, be open for applications from eligible Hong Kong students pursuing undergraduate studies in 186 designated Mainland institutions.

Eligible students may apply for a means-tested subsidy (only for those students who have passed the means test) or a non-means-tested subsidy under the MUSSS. The subsidy under the MUSSS is granted on a yearly basis. The subsidised period covers the normal duration of the undergraduate programme pursued by the student concerned in the designated Mainland institution. Eligible applicants may only receive either a means-tested subsidy or a non-means-tested subsidy in the same academic year.

For the 2020/21 academic year, the means-tested subsidy under the MUSSS is HK\$16,800 (full-rate) and HK\$8,400 (half-rate). The non-means-tested subsidy is HK\$5,600. There are 186 designated Mainland institutions, including 122 institutions participating in the 2020/21 Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions. The MUSSS is not subject to any quota.

A spokesperson for the EDB said, "It is envisaged that the MUSSS will benefit most Hong Kong students who pursue undergraduate studies on the Mainland and have different financial needs. Hong Kong students who receive and complete a senior secondary education in Hong Kong, including those studying the local or non-local curriculum, as well as non-Chinese speaking students who meet other criteria, may apply for the subsidy."

Details of the MUSSS and the application form are available at the EDB website (www.edb.gov.hk/musss). Eligible students are required to submit the completed application forms to the EDB by post on or before August 14 (for students who entered the designated Mainland institutions before the 2020/21 academic year), or on or before September 21 (for students who will first enter the designated Mainland institutions in the 2020/21 academic year). The EDB will notify individual applicants of the application results by the first quarter of 2021.