

UK Youth Mobility Scheme 2020 for Hong Kong SAR passport holders

The ballot for the Youth Mobility Scheme 2020 for Hong Kong SAR passport holders will be opened in February 2020. Since July 2019 the selection criteria has changed to a lottery based system managed by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI). There will no longer be the requirement to provide a Certificate of Sponsorship previously issued by the Hong Kong authorities.

There are 1000 places in total available to HKSAR passport holders in 2020. This will be split into two ballots, one in February and one in July. A total of 800 applicants will be selected for the first ballot in February 2020. The second ballot in July 2020 will be opened for the remainder of places. If your application is successful you will be able to live, work and study in the UK for up to 2 years.

How to apply

If you would like to apply for the scheme you should send one email (only) to: HongKongYMS2020.BallotRequest@fco.gov.uk between Monday 3 February 2020, 12:00 pm (Hong Kong time) to Wednesday 5 February 2020 12:00 pm (Hong Kong time). The email header or subject line **must** contain your name, date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY) and passport number as shown in your passport. This must be written in English only. For example: WONG Janet – 31/01/1995 – Passport 123456789. In the main text of your email you should include the following and must be written in English only:

- Name;
- Date of birth;
- Passport Number;
- Mobile phone number

The email account will be open for 48 hours only and all emails received within this timeframe will be sent an automated reply confirming receipt.

When the email account has closed, the 800 applicants will be chosen at random by UKVI. A second email will be sent to you no later than Wednesday 12 February 2020 if you have been chosen to apply. This email will confirm acceptance and further instructions on how to make an application and appointment, along with documentary evidence required to apply for your entry clearance.

Please note successful applicants must prepare on-line applications and on-line credit card payments no later than 30 March 2020. Failure to submit your payment on-line by this date will automatically remove your name from the list and your allocation will be retracted. After you have paid on-line you have 90 days to submit your paperwork for consideration.

If you are a HKSAR passport holder living overseas you can also apply

following the instructions above, and if you are chosen to apply you will be able to do so in your country/territory of residence. Applications cannot be submitted for the Youth Mobility Scheme in the UK. An email will be sent to unsuccessful customers on Friday 14 February 2020 to inform them they have not been chosen and that no further action is required.

Further information

British National (Overseas) passport holders are already eligible to apply for a visa under the Youth Mobility Scheme to the UK and are not subject to any quota or sponsorship requirements.