

# Passports and Visas

## Visit Visa / Entry Permit Requirements for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

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### General

This chapter sets out the visa or entry permit requirements of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China. It cannot be taken as a full statement of the law governing immigration.

Even where all immigration requirements set out in this chapter are met, travellers should not assume that they can gain automatic entry. The HKSAR immigration authorities have the right to refuse any person permission to land except those in Part I of this chapter.

If you need advice on individual cases, please address your enquiries to :

- a. any Chinese diplomatic and consular mission; or
- b. the Immigration Department.

1. If you have a close connection with the HKSAR by birth or long period of residence in the Region, you may not require a visa or entry permit. Please read Part I of this chapter.

2. If Part I does not apply to you, you will need a visa or entry permit to work, study, establish or join in any business or to take up residence in the HKSAR. However, you may not need a visa or entry permit for visit, depending on your nationality / type of travel document you hold. Please read Part II of this chapter.

### PART I

3. No visa or entry permit is required for any purpose if you hold any of the following travel documents:

- Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Passport,
- British National (Overseas) Passport,
- Hong Kong Certificate of Identity,
- Hong Kong Re-entry permit (for entry from the Mainland of China and the region of Macau only),
- Hong Kong Seaman's Identity Book,
- Hong Kong Document of Identity for Visa Purposes provided that the document is valid or the holder's limit of stay in Hong Kong has not expired.
- Travel documents bearing one of the following endorsements: "*Holder's eligibility for Hong Kong permanent identity card verified.*"

*"The holder of this travel document has the right to land in Hong Kong. (Section 2AAA, Immigration Ordinance, Cap. 115, Laws of Hong Kong)"*

- Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card.

## **PART II**

4. Unless Part I applies to you, you require a visa or entry permit to work, study, establish or join in any business or to take up residence in the HKSAR. Otherwise, you are taking the risk of being refused admission on arrival.

5. Visitors are required to have adequate funds to cover the duration of their stay without working and, unless in transit to the Mainland of China or the region of Macau, to hold onward or return tickets. If you want to stay longer than the visa free period allowed, you must apply for a visa or entry permit before travelling to the HKSAR.

6. Visitors are not allowed by law to take up employment (paid or unpaid), to establish or join in any business, or to enter school as a student, nor, except in the most unusual circumstances, are visitors allowed to change their immigration status after arrival.

7. You may apply for the appropriate visa or entry permit from the nearest Chinese diplomatic and consular mission. Click [here](#) for more information.

8. As an alternative, you may also submit your visa or entry permit application to the HKSAR Immigration Department either directly by post or through a local sponsor. To shorten processing time, application forms and supporting documents can be sent by fax to (852) 2824 1133 in the first instance. However, the original copy of the duly completed application form and the photographs required should be sent immediately to the HKSAR Immigration Department by air mail. A visa/entry permit will be issued only on receipt of an original, properly completed visa/entry permit application form. Click [here](#) for more information.

9. If you are a Chinese resident in the region of Taiwan, you should submit your application for an entry permit through one of the authorised airlines. Click [here](#) for more information.

10. There are separate information leaflets regarding the arrangements for entry in respect of residents of the Mainland of China (ID894A) and for overseas Chinese and Chinese residents in Taiwan (ID895A). You can also obtain information for entry to Hong Kong from Mainland China [here](#). Information of arrangements for entry to Hong Kong SAR for overseas Chinese and Chinese residents of Taiwan can be obtained [here](#).

11. Persons who need a visa or entry permit for visit (or purposes other than a visit) should obtain the appropriate visa or entry permit before travelling to the HKSAR.

12. HKSAR visa requirements for the following foreign countries / territories:

Nationality of foreign country (Territory)/ Type of Travel Document	Visa free period for	Always require VISA, except in direct transit
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	visit not exceeding	by air and when the person does not leave the airport transit area
AFGHANISTAN	-	Visa Required
ALBANIA	-	Visa Required
ALGERIA	14 Days	-
ANDORRA	90 Days	-
ANGOLA (please see remarks)	-	<u>Visa Required</u> ^
ANGOLA Diplomatic/Official Passport	14 Days	-
ANGUILLA	90 Days	-
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	90 Days	-
ARGENTINA	90 Days	-
ARMENIA	-	Visa Required
AUSTRALIA	90 Days	-
AUSTRIA	90 Days	-
AZERBAIJAN	-	Visa Required
BAHAMAS	90 Days	-
BAHRAIN	30 Days	-
BANGLADESH	-	<u>Visa Required</u> ^
BANGLADESH Diplomatic/Official Passport	14 Days	-
BARBADOS	90 Days	-
BELARUS	-	Visa Required
BELGIUM	90 Days	-
BELIZE	90 Days	-
BENIN	14 Days	-
BERMUDA	90 Days	-
BHUTAN	14 Days	-
BOLIVIA	30 Days	-
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	14 Days	-
BOTSWANA	90 Days	-
BRAZIL	90 Days	-
BRITAIN (British citizens)	180 Days	-
BRITAIN (British Overseas Territories)	90 Days	-

citizens, British Overseas citizens,  
British subjects and British Protected  
persons)

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY	90 Days	-
BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY	90 Days	-
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	90 Days	-
BRUNEI	90 Days	-
BULGARIA	90 Days	-
BURKINA FASO	14 Days	-
BURUNDI (please see remarks)	-	<u>Visa Required^</u>
BURUNDI Diplomatic/Official Passport	14 Days	-
CAMBODIA	-	Visa Required
CAMEROON (please see remarks)	-	<u>Visa Required^</u>
CAMEROON Diplomatic/Official Passport	14 Days	-
CANADA	90 Days	-
CAPE VERDE (REPUBLIC OF)	30 Days	-
CAYMAN ISLANDS	90 Days	-
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	14 Days	-
CHAD	14 Days	-
CHILE	90 Days	-
COLOMBIA	90 Days	-
COMOROS	14 Days	-
CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF) (Formerly known as Zaire)	-	<u>Visa Required*</u>
CONGO (REPUBLIC OF)	-	<u>Visa Required^</u>
CONGO (REPUBLIC OF) Diplomatic/Official Passport	14 Days	-
COSTA RICA	30 Days	-
Costa Rican Provisional passports	-	Visa Required
"Documento de Identidad Y Viaje" issued by Costa Rican Government	-	Visa Required
COTE D'IVOIRE (REPUBLIC OF)	-	<u>Visa Required*</u>
CROATIA	14 Days	-
CUBA	-	Visa Required

CYPRUS (REPUBLIC OF)	90 Days	-
CZECH REPUBLIC	90 Days	-
DENMARK	90 Days	-
DJIBOUTI	14 Days	-
DOMINICA (COMMONWEALTH OF)	90 Days	-
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	30 Days	-
ECUADOR	90 Days	-
EGYPT	90 Days	-
EL SALVADOR	30 Days	-
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	14 Days	-
ERITREA (please see remarks)		<u>Visa Required*</u>
ESTONIA	90 Days	-
ETHIOPIA	-	<u>Visa Required^</u>
ETHIOPIA Diplomatic/Official Passport	14 Days	-
FALKLAND ISLANDS & DEPENDENCIES	90 Days	-
FAROE ISLANDS	90 Days	-
FIJI	90 Days	-
FINLAND	90 Days	-
FRANCE	90 Days	-
GABON	14 Days	-
GAMBIA	90 Days	-
GEORGIA	-	Visa Required
GERMANY	90 Days	-
GHANA	-	<u>Visa Required^</u>
GHANA Diplomatic/Official Passport	14 Days	-
GIBRALTAR	90 Days	-
GREECE	90 Days	-
GREENLAND	90 Days	-
GRENADA	-	Visa Required
GUATEMALA	30 Days	-
GUINEA	14 Days	-
GUINEA-BISSAU	14 Days	-

GUYANA	90 Days	-
HAITI	14 Days	-
HONDURAS	30 Days	-
HUNGARY	90 Days	-
ICELAND	90 Days	-
INDIA	14 Days	-
INDONESIA	30 Days	-
IRAN	-	Visa Required
IRAQ (please see remarks)	-	<u>Visa Required*</u>
IRELAND (REPUBLIC OF)	90 Days	-
ISRAEL	90 Days	-
ITALY	90 Days	-
JAMAICA	90 Days	-
JAPAN	90 Days	-
JORDAN	30 Days	-
KHAZAKSTAN	-	Visa Required
KENYA	90 Days	-
KIRIBATI	90 Days	-
KOREA (DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF)	-	Visa Required
KOREA (REPUBLIC OF)	90 Days	-
KUWAIT	30 Days	-
KYRGYSTAN	-	Visa Required
LAOS	-	Visa Required
LATVIA	90 Days	-
LEBANON	-	Visa Required
LESOTHO	14 Days	-
LIBERIA (please see remarks)	-	<u>Visa Required*</u>
LIBYA	-	Visa Required
LIECHTENSTEIN	90 Days	-
LITHUANIA	90 Days	-
LUXEMBOURG	90 Days	-
MACEDONIA	14 Days	-

MADAGASCAR	14 Days	-
MALAWI	90 Days	-
MALAYSIA	90 Days	-
MALDIVES	90 Days	-
MALI	14 Days	-
MALTA	90 Days	-
MARSHALL ISLANDS (REPUBLIC OF)	14 Days	-
MAURITANIA	14 Days	-
MAURITIUS	90 Days	-
MEXICO	90 Days	-
MICRONESIA (FEDERATED STATES OF)	14 Days	-
MOLDOVA (REPUBLIC OF)	-	Visa Required
MONACO	90 Days	-
MONGOLIA	14 Days	-
MONTENEGRO ( REPUBLIC OF )	-	Visa Required
MONTSERRAT	90 Days	-
MOROCCO	30 Days	-
MOZAMBIQUE	14 Days	-
MYANMAR	-	Visa Required
NAMIBIA	90 Days	-
NAURU	90 Days	-
NEPAL	-	<u>Visa Required*</u>
NETHERLANDS	90 Days	-
NEW ZEALAND	90 Days	-
NICARAGUA	-	Visa Required
NIGER	14 Days	-
NIGERIA	-	Visa Required
NORWAY	90 Days	-
OMAN	30 Days	-
PAKISTAN (please see remarks)	-	<u>Visa Required^</u>
PAKISTAN Diplomatic/Official Passport	14 Days	-
PALAU	14 Days	-

PALESTINE (STATES OF)	-	Visa Required
PANAMA	-	Visa Required
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	90 Days	-
PARAGUAY	30 Days	-
PERU	30 Days	-
Special Peruvian passports	-	Visa Required
PHILIPPINES	14 Days	-
PITCAIRN, HENDERSON, DUCIE & OENO ISLANDS	90 Days	-
POLAND	90 Days	-
PORTUGAL	90 Days	-
QATAR	30 Days	-
ROMANIA	90 Days	-
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	-	Visa Required
RWANDA	14 Days	-
SAMOA (WESTERN)	30 Days	-
SAN MARINO	90 Days	-
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	14 Days	-
SAUDI ARABIA	30 Days	-
SERBIA (Republic of)	-	Visa Required
SENEGAL	-	Visa Required
SEYCHELLES	90 Days	-
SIERRA LEONE (please see remarks)	-	<u>Visa Required*</u>
SINGAPORE	90 Days	-
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	90 Days	-
SLOVENIA	90 Days	-
SOLOMON ISLANDS	-	Visa Required
SOMALIA	-	<u>Visa Required*</u>
SOUTH AFRICA	30 Days	-
SPAIN	90 Days	-
SRI LANKA	-	<u>Visa Required^</u>
SRI LANKA DIPLOMATIC/OFFICIAL	14 Days	-



PASSPORT		
ST. HELENA	90 Days	-
ST. HELENA DEPENDENCIES (ASCENSION, TRISTAN DA CUNHA)	90 Days	-
ST. KITTS - NEVIS ANGUILLA	90 Days	-
ST. LUCIA	90 Days	-
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	90 Days	-
SUDAN	-	Visa Required
SURINAME	14 Days	-
SWAZILAND	90 Days	-
SWEDEN	90 Days	-
SWITZERLAND	90 Days	-
SYRIA	-	Visa Required
TAJIKISTAN	-	Visa Required
TANZANIA	90 Days	-
THAILAND	30 Days	-
THE SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	90 Days	-
THE SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS OF AKROTIRI AND DHEKELIA	90 Days	-
TOGO	-	<u>Visa Required</u> <sup>^</sup>
TOGO Diplomatic/Official Passport	14 Days	-
TONGA	90 Days	-
Tongan National passports	-	Visa Required
Tongan Protected Persons passports	-	Visa Required
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	90 Days	-
TUNISIA	30 Days	-
TURKEY	90 Days	-
TURKMENISTAN	-	Visa Required
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS	90 Days	-
TUVALU	90 Days	-
TUVALU (with national status stated as 'I-TUVALU')	-	Visa Required
UGANDA	30 Days	-

UKRAINE	-	Visa Required
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	30 Days	-
URUGUAY	90 Days	-
Uruguay passports issued under Decree 289/90	-	Visa Required
U.S.A.	90 Days	-
US TRUST TERRITORY OF PACIFIC ISLANDS (holders of US Trust Territory passports only)	14 Days	-
UZBEKISTAN	-	Visa Required
VANUATU	90 Days	-
VATICAN CITY	14 Days	-
Vatican Service passports	-	Visa Required
VENEZUELA	90 Days	-
VIETNAM	-	Visa Required
YEMEN (REPUBLIC OF)	30 Days	-
ZAMBIA	90 Days	-
ZIMBABWE	90 Days	-
All 'stateless' travel document holders	-	Visa Required
Nationals of other foreign countries do not require visas for a visit	7 Days	-

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**Remarks :**

\* All nationals are required to hold a valid visa for the HKSAR for whatever purpose (including those who are in transit and remain on the airside).

^ All nationals (except holders of Diplomatic and Official passports) are required to hold a valid visa for the HKSAR for whatever purpose (including those who are in transit and remain on the airside).

13. The information in this chapter on visa or entry permit requirements for visitors to the HKSAR is updated in February 2008. There may be subsequent changes.