

Guidance Notes on Application for HKSAR Passport (For persons 16 years of age or above applying outside Hong Kong)



1 Eligibility

A person is eligible for a HKSAR passport (passport) if he/she is:

- a) a Chinese citizen:
- b) a permanent resident of the HKSAR; and
- c) a holder of a valid Hong Kong permanent identity card.

2 Validit

A passport is normally valid for 10 years from the date of issue unless otherwise specified.

3 Documentary Requirements and Fee

- . Completed passport application form (ID843);
- For passport application submitted to Chinese Diplomatic and Consular Missions (CDCMs)/Immigration Division of Mainland Offices, completed Fee Payment Form (ID853):
- For applicant who submits passport application by post directly to HKSAR Immigration
 Department (Immigration Department) and chooses to collect the passport at
 (CDCMs)/Mainland Offices, completed Form (ID853A);
- Applicant's Hong Kong permanent identity card / Acknowledgement of application for a Hong Kong permanent identity card (Acknowledgement) (ROP140/140A) [Please refer to Remarks (a)];
- For first time application for a passport, the applicant's previous HKSAR Document of Identity for Visa Purposes, if any;
- vi. For application for a replacement passport, the applicant's existing passport;
- Three recent colour photographs (must be with white background) [Please refer to the Photograph Requirements Leaflet and Remarks (b)]; and
- viii. Application fee [Please refer to Fees Notice (ID852) and payment methods at Note 5].

Other Requirements

- ix. For passport application due to loss or damage, the applicant has to submit the application <u>in person</u> and complete the form ID645; For passport application due to damage, the applicant has to produce the damaged passport for inspection.
- x. For passport application due to amendment of personal particulars in the passport, the applicant is required to submit the passport application in person. As the personal particulars in the passport should be identical to those shown on the Hong Kong permanent identity card, the applicant is required to apply for amendment to the registered particulars at the Registration of Persons Office before submitting the application for amendment to the personal particulars in the passport.

Additional Requirements (For applicants aged 16 and 17)

- Consenting parent or legal guardian's Hong Kong identity card, valid travel document or other identity document; and
- xii. Birth certificate of the applicant to prove the relationship between the consenting parent and applicant [Please refer to Remarks (c)], or a court order, if appropriate, to prove that the consenting legal guardian has custodial rights in respect of the applicant; or
- xiii. If the applicant is married, only the marriage certificate is required [Please refer to Remarks (c)]. Parental or legal guardian's consent and item (xi) and (xii) are not required:

Additional Requirements (For applicants who do not hold Hong Kong permanent identity cards)

- xiv. An additional photograph (i.e. four identical photographs should be submitted in total);
 xv. Completed application form for a Hong Kong permanent identity card (ROP143 for applicant aged 18 or above; ROP144 for applicant aged under 18 duly completed and
- signed by consenting parent or legal guardian of the applicant.); and xvi. Documents in support of the applicant's right of abode in Hong Kong.

Remarks:

- Acknowledgement is accepted for application submitted directly to the Immigration Department and Mainland Offices Only.
- b) Additional documents or information may be required if necessary. An application with insufficient supporting documents or sub-standard photograph will not be processed and will be returned to the applicant.
- c) If the applicant was born or got married in Hong Kong, furnishing of birth certificate or marriage certificate is not required.

4 Means of Application

4.1 Submit directly to the Immigration Department

a. Internet/Immigration Department Mobile Application

Eligible applicant holding a valid Hong Kong permanent identity card / Acknowledgement (ROP140/140A) may submit the application via the Internet or Immigration Department Mobile Application. Please refer to http://www.gov.hk/passport for details.



b. By Post

Applicant may send the application by post to:

Travel Documents and Nationality (Application) Section

4/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Remarks: Underpaid mail items will not be accepted by the Immigration Department. Please pay sufficient postage and provide a return address before posting to ensure successful delivery.

4.2 Through CDCM

Applicant may submit the application and the supporting documents listed at Note 3 above to the nearest CDCM. The application will be forwarded to the Immigration Department for processing.

4.3 Through Immigration Division of Mainland Offices

(Applicant must hold a valid Hong Kong permanent identity card/Acknowledgement (ROP140/140A))

Applicant may submit the application and the supporting documents listed at Note 3 above in person or by post to Immigration Division of Mainland Offices. The application will be forwarded to the Immigration Department for processing.

Points to note:

If applicant submits the application by post, please send in the application form, photographs and cheque/bank draft along with photocopies of the supporting documents listed at Note 3 above, except Hong Kong identity card(s). All photocopies submitted should be made on A4 size (210mm x 297mm) paper and will not be returned. Applicant has to provide the original Hong Kong identity card(s) and submitted supporting documents, if any, upon collection of the new passport for verification. No cash, no original documents or previous travel documents should be sent along with the application.

5. Payment

5.1 Payment Methods

Means of Application	Fee payment by
Internet	PPS / VISA / Master Card / UnionPay / JCB
Immigration Department Mobile Application	VISA / Master Card / UnionPay / JCB
By Post	Cheque
Submit to CDCM / Immigration Division of	Cheque / Bank Draft /
Mainland Offices	Referee in Hong Kong

Passport fee is payable at the time of application. The collection of fee does not constitute any assurance that the passport application will be approved.

Applicant may assign a referee in Hong Kong to pay the fees on his/her behalf. Please provide the referee's name, address and contact telephone number in the application form (ID843) for this purpose. Referee in Hong Kong may attend Travel Documents and Nationality (Application) Section of Immigration Department (Address: 4/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong) in person to pay the passport fee and delivery charge by cash or cheque. Referee in Hong Kong may also send the cheque by post to Travel Documents and Nationality (Application) Section of Immigration Department.

5.2 Passport Fee and Additional Charge

Means of	Pay to Immigration Department		Pay to CDCM Handling charge	
Application	Passport fee Delivery charge			
Internet/ Immigration Department Mobile Application / By Post to Immigration Department	√	√ #	-	
Submit to CDCM	✓	✓	✓	
Submit to Immigration Division of Mainland Offices	√	√	-	

Remarks:

- Delivery charge refers to the additional charge for delivery of the passport from Hong Kong to the respective CDCM or Immigration Division of Mainland Office.
- b) Handling charge includes the cost in forwarding the application to the Immigration Department and any associated handling charges. Applicant may enquire about the up-todate charges from the CDCM in his/her place of domicile.
- # Only applicable to those who choose to collect the passport at CDCMs/Mainland Offices.

Up-to-date charges are available in Fee Notice (ID852). For payment made by crossed cheque or bank draft in Hong Kong dollar or US dollar, it should be payable to "The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region". Post-dated cheque is not accepted. For cheque or bank draft not drawn on a bank in the HKSAR or not in the HKSAR currency, a bank handling charge [please refer to form ID853/ID853A] is required.

Means of Collection

Means of Application	Means of Collection	
	Collection in HK The Immigration Department will post/email the applicant a notification of the date for the collection of the passport at counter of Travel Documents (Issue) Section of Immigration Department (Address: 4/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong).	
Internet/Immigration Department Mobile Application /By post to Immigration Department	Collection in CDCMs/Mainland Offices The passport will be delivered by double registered airmail or express despatch service to the selected CDCM/Mainland Office for issue. Applicant should confirm with relevant CDCM/Mainland Office for collection arrangement.	
	Applicant must collect the passport <u>in person</u> . The consenting parent or legal guardian of an unmarried applicant under 18 who submitted the application through the Internet/Immigration Department Mobile Application <u>must also accompany the applicant</u> upon collection for appending his/her signature on the application form.	
Submit to CDCM	The passport will be delivered by double registered airmail or express despatch service to the selected CDCM for issue. Please confirm with relevant CDCM for collection arrangement.	

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Submit to Immigration Division of Mainland Offices	The passport will be delivered by double registered airmail or express despatch service to the <u>relevant Mainland Office</u> for issue. If applicant submits the application in person at the Mainland Office, he/she may authorise a representative in writing to collect the passport on his/her behalf. The applicant must collect the passport in person at the Mainland Office if he/she has not attended the office when submitting the application.

- For applicant submitting application directly to Immigration Department who chooses to collect the passport in Hong Kong, if only the Acknowledgement (ROP140/140A) was produced/available upon application, the original Hong Kong permanent identity card should be produced for verification upon collection of passport.
- b) For applicant submitting application directly to Immigration Department who chooses to collect the passport in CDCMs/Mainland Offices, if only the Acknowledgement (ROP140/140A) was produced/available upon application, the applicant may request the Immigration Department to send the Hong Kong permanent identity card together with the passport to the selected CDCM/Mainland Office for issue. Upon collection, the Acknowledgement (ROP140/140A) should be returned for cancellation. For applicant who did not make such request, the original Hong Kong permanent identity card should be produced for verification upon collection of passport.
- The original supporting documents should be produced for verification if they had not been seen upon application.
- If applicant has previously held a passport or a HKSAR Document of Identity for Visa Purposes, such document should be produced for cancellation upon collection of the new passport.
- e) The authorisation form (ID678) is downloadable from www.immd.gov.hk. Applicant's signature on the authorisation form must be the same as that on the application form.
- f) If applicant has never been issued with a Hong Kong permanent identity card, the applicant can only choose to collect the passport in Hong Kong or at CDCM.

7 Processing Time

An application without standard photographs, full supporting documents or payment will not be processed. After all necessary documents, application fee and photographs are received, the processing time will be as follows:

Means of Application	Normal Processing Time	Remark
Internet/Immigration Department Mobile Application	5 working days*	An extra 2 to 3 working days may be required for handling formalities. [Applicant should hold a valid permanent identity card/ the Acknowledgement (ROP140/140A)]
By Post to Immigration Department	4 to 6 weeks#	-
Submit to CDCM	4 to 6 weeks#	It will take about 6 to 8 weeks for processing a passport application if the applicant does not have a valid permanent identity card.
Submit to Immigration Division of Mainland Offices	4 to 6 weeks#	-

^{*} Working days denote Monday to Friday excluding General Holidays.

#The time for forwarding the application from CDCM/Mainland Offices to Immigration Department and despatching the prepared passport from Hong Kong to CDCM/Mainland Offices is excluded.

The processing time will also depend on the circumstances of individual applications and the number of applications received at a particular time. If applicant has any travel plans, please apply early.

8 Other Information

8.1 Urgent Application for Passport

If the applicant has an urgent need for obtaining a passport, he/she should state the request and the reason on the application form as "additional information", and seek advice from the nearest CDCM/Immigration Division of Mainland Offices. In case of emergency, for example, applicant wishes to return to Hong Kong immediately after he/she has lost his/her passport, he/she may approach the nearest CDCM for assistance. Applicant may also contact the Immigration Department's Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit 24-hour hotline at (852) 1868 for assistance. Generally, requests from pleasure trippers for urgent issue of a passport will not be entertained.

8.2 Take Good Care of the Passport

Illegal transfer of passport is a criminal offence. Any person who is guilty of the offence shall be liable to imprisonment for 14 years and to a fine of \$150,000. Passport application due to loss takes time and money. In the event of loss of the passport while outside Hong Kong, applicant may contact the Immigration Department's Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit 24-hour hotline at (852) 1868 for assistance.

8.3 Enquiry

Information & Liaison Section

2/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong Tel.: (852) 2824 6111 Fax: (852) 2877 7711 E-mail: enquiry@immd.gov.hk Website: www.immd.gov.hk

8.4 Address and contact details of CDCMs

You may access the website: www.fmprc.gov.cn

8.5 Address and contact details of Immigration Division of Mainland Offices

a) Office of the Government of the HKSAR in Beijing ("BJO")

No. 71 Di'anmen Xidajie, Xicheng District, Beijing

Postal Code: 100009

Tel.: (86 10) 6657 2880, ext. 311 Fax: (86 10) 6657 2823 E-mail: bjohksar@bjo-hksarg.org.cn Website: http://www.bjo.gov.hk

b) Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office in Shanghai ("SHETO")

21/F, The Headquarters Building, 168 Xizang Road (M), Huangpu District, Shanghai

Postal Code: 200001

Tel.: (86 21) 6351 2233, ext. 160 Fax: (86 21) 6351 9368 E-mail: enquiry@sheto.gov.hk Website: http://www.sheto.gov.hk

c) Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office in Chengdu ("CDETO")

48/F, Office Tower 2, Chengdu IFS

No. 1, Section 3 Hongxing Road, Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China

Postal Code: 610021

Tel.: (86 28) 8208 6660, ext. 330 Fax: (86 28) 8208 6661
E-mail: general@cdeto.gov.hk Website: http://www.cdeto.gov.hk

d) Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office in Guangdong ("GDETO")

Flat 7101, 71/F, Citic Plaza, 233 Tian He North Road, Guangzhou

Postal Code: 510613

Tel: (86 20) 3891 1220, ext. 638 Fax: (86 20) 3891 1221

E-mail: general@gdeto.gov.hk Website: https://www.gdeto.gov.hk/

e) Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office in Wuhan ("WHETO")

Unit 4303, Tower I, New World International Trade Tower, 568 Jianshe Avenue, Jianghan District, Wuhan

Postal Code: 430022

Tel: (86 27) 6560 7300, ext. 7334 Fax: (86 27) 6560 7301

E-mail: enquiry@wheto.gov.hk Website: http://www.wheto.gov.hk

This Guidance Notes ID(E)843A, the relevant forms and Photograph Requirements Leaflet are issued free of charge.

Guide to fill up the Passport Application Form (ID843)

Part 3 – Personal Particulars

All personal particulars in this section must be the same as those shown on the applicant's Hong Kong permanent identity card.

If the applicant was born in the Mainland, he/she should provide the name of the province, municipality or autonomous region (e.g. Guangdong) at which he/she was born at the "Place of Birth" column.

If the applicant was born overseas, he/she should provide the country name (e.g. Canada). For non-country name, the applicant may be required to submit relevant supporting document.

Part 4 - Additional Information (if any)

If the applicant wishes to give additional information regarding this application, please provide information here. For example, if the applicant wishes to add his/her alias on the new passport, please provide information and produce relevant proof of identity to support his/her request.

The applicant may choose to have a passport with braille printing (applicable to the visually impaired person).

Part 5 - Hong Kong Referee's Information (if applicable)

Please provide the referee's name, address and contact telephone number.

Part 6 - Consent from Parent or Legal Guardian of Applicant Aged 16 and 17

If the applicant is under 18, unless he/she is married and can produce his/her marriage certificate, his/her parent or legal guardian should complete and sign Part 6.

Father / Mother - who has rights in respect of the applicant and such rights have not been limited in any way by the order of any court.

Legal guardian (by court order) - a court order has to be produced to show that he/she has custodial rights in respect of the applicant.

Legal guardian (by authorisation) – an authorisation letter has to be produced to show that he/she is being authorised by either the consenting parent or legal guardian to apply for a passport on behalf of the applicant. The consenting parent/legal guardian should have rights in respect of the applicant and such rights have not been limited in any way by the order of any court. For authorisation by legal guardian, a court order has to be produced to show that the legal guardian has custodial rights in respect of the applicant

Part 7 - Declaration of Applicant

The applicant should complete and sign before he/she submits the application.

Part 8 - Means of Collection

To be completed by applicant who submits the application directly by post to the Immigration Department only.

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Immigration Department, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region 香港特別行政區護照申請書

填寫本申請書前,請先閱讀背頁的「收集個人資料的目的」。 注意 Note:

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Type of Passport □ 四十八頁 48 pages	Type of Application	□ 因遺失 / 損毀 / 更改個人資料的 Application due to loss / damage / a	
	articulars (As stated on Hong Kong po	ermanent identity card)	
姓 (中文) Surname in Chinese	姓 (英文) Surname in English		
名 (中文) Given names in Chinese	名 (英文) Given names in English		
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中國 Hong Kong Macao China 内地 Mainland	Taiwan		Use Only
(請註明省、直轄市或自活 Please state the name of th autonomous region)		清註明國家名稱 Please state country name)	
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6. 十六及十七歲申請人的父、母或合法監護人同 本人,即下開簽署人,現謹此聲明: l, the undersigned, declare that: (1) 本人乃申請人的 My relationship with the applicant is □ 母親 □ 父親 □ 法庭頒令監護人 □ r文姓名	order) 【 獲授權的監護人 legal guardian (by authoris 香港身份語	(2) 本人有申請人的監護權,而該監 I have rights in respect of the applie any way by the order of any court. (3) 本人同意此項護照申請。 I consent to this passport applicatio 登號碼	護權並未受任何法院頒令所限制。 cant and such rights have not been limited in
Name in Chinese 英文姓名 Name in English		居民,請填寫旅行證件類別及號碼 K resident, please state travel document	
日期 Date 日dd 月 mm 年 yyyy	,	簽署 Signature	
I am present in (Please state country / region name) when I make this application	change of nationality to 图家/地區名稱)。		ect to the best of my knowledge and belief.
日 dd 月 mm 年 yyyy		(請於邊界內簽署 Pleas	se sign within border)

8. 領證方法 Means of Collection

只適用於直接郵寄至入境事務處的申請

For applications submitted directly by post to the Immigration Department only

	在香港領取護照
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請你到入境事務處旅行證件(簽發)組領取護照(地址:香港灣仔告士打道7號入境事務大樓4樓)。

Collect the passport in Hong Kong

Please collect your passport at Travel Documents (Issue) Section of the Immigration Department.

(Address: 4/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong).

在中國駐外國的使領館(使領館)/香港特別行政區政府駐內地辦事處(駐內地辦事處)領取護照

你必須另填寫表格 ID853A,你的新護照將會寄往你所選的使領館或駐內地辦事處,並由該使領館或駐內地辦事處簽發。

Collect the passport at the Chinese Diplomatic and Consular Missions (CDCMs) / The Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government (Mainland Offices)

You must also complete the form ID853A. Your passport will be delivered to the selected CDCM / Mainland Office for issue.

註 如你經中國駐外國的使領館或駐內地辦事處的入境事務組遞交申請,你的護照會寄往該中國駐外國的使領館或駐內地辦事處 代為簽發。因此,你無需填寫本部分。

If you submit your application via the CDCM / Immigration Division of Mainland Office, your passport will be delivered to the same CDCM / Immigration Division of Mainland Office for issue. Therefore, you do not need to complete this part.

收集個人資料的目的 Statement of Purpose

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Note

申請書內所提供的個人資料,會供入境事務處作下列一項或 多項用途:

- 一、 辦理你的申請;
- 二、 實施/執行《香港特別行政區護照條例》(第539章)、 《入境條例》(第115章)及《入境事務隊條例》(第331章)的有關條文規定,以及履行入境管制職務,藉此協助其他政府決策局和部門執行其他法例和規例;
- 三、 在有關人士向入境事務處提出申請並提名你為保證人 或諮詢人時,將你的資料供作核對用途;
- 四、 供作統計及研究用途,但所得的統計數字或研究成果, 不會以能辨識各有關的資料當事人或其中任何人的身份的形式提供;以及
- 五、 供作法例規定、授權或准許的其他合法用途。

就有關申請提供個人資料純屬自願。若你未能提供足夠資料, 入境事務處可能無法辦理你的申請。

資料轉交的類別

為了上述目的,你在本申請書內所提供的個人資料,或會向其 他政府決策局和部門及其他機構披露。

查閱個人資料

根據《個人資料(私隱)條例》(第 486 章)第 18 及 22 條,以及附表 1 第 6 項原則,你有權要求查閱及改正個人資料。你的查閱權利包括在繳交有關費用後,索取你在本申請書內所填報的個人資料的副本。

查詢

如對本申請書所收集的個人資料有任何查詢,包括查閱及改 正有關資料,可向下列人員提出:

香港灣仔告士打道7號入境事務大樓4樓總入境事務主任(旅行證件及國籍)申請

電話: 2829 3083

Purpose of Collection

The personal data provided in the application form will be used by Immigration Department for one or more of the following purposes:-

- (a) to process your application;
- (b) to administer/enforce relevant provisions of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Passports Ordinance (Chapter 539), the Immigration Ordinance (Chapter 115) and Immigration Service Ordinance (Chapter 331), and to assist in the enforcement of any other Ordinances and Regulations by other government bureaux and departments through carrying out immigration control duties;
- (c) to process other's application for immigration facilities in which you are named as a sponsor or referee;
- (d) for statistics and research purposes on the condition that the resulting statistics or results of the research will not be made available in a form which will identify the data subjects or any of them; and
- (e) for any other legitimate purposes as may be required, authorised or permitted by law.

The provision of personal data in the process of your application is voluntary. If you do not provide sufficient information, Immigration Department may not be able to process your application.

Classes of Transferees

The personal data provided in this form may be disclosed to government bureaux, departments and other organisations for the purposes mentioned above.

Access to Personal Data

According to sections 18 and 22 and Principle 6 of Schedule 1 of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Chapter 486), you have the right to request access to and correction of your personal data. Your right of access includes the right to obtain a copy of your personal data provided in this application form subject to payment of a fee.

Enquiries

Enquiries concerning the personal data collected by means of this application form, including making of access and corrections, should be addressed to:

Chief Immigration Officer (Travel Documents and Nationality) Application 4/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road Wan Chai, Hong Kong Tel: 2829 3083



在香港特別行政區護照申請說明書(在香港以外地區的申請)*內的有關資料更新如下:

3. 所需文件及費用:

- ii) 如透過中國駐外國的使領館遞交,已填妥的付款表(ID853);
- iii) 如透過香港特別行政區駐內地辦事處的入境事務組或直接郵遞至香港特別行政區入境事務處(入境處)並選擇在中國駐 外國的使領館(使領館)/駐內地辦事處領取護照,已填妥的表格 ID853A;

*此更新適用於 ID(C)843A 及 ID(C)844A

香港特別行政區政府 入境事務處



The information relating to Guidance Notes on Application for HKSAR Passport (applying outside Hong Kong)* is updated as follows:

3. Documentary Requirements and Fee:

- ii) For passport application submitted to Chinese Diplomatic and Consular Missions (CDCMs), completed Fee Payment Form (ID853);
- iii) For applicant who submits passport application by post directly to HKSAR Immigration Department (Immigration Department) or to the Immigration Division of Mainland Offices and chooses to collect the passport at CDCM/Mainland Offices, completed Form (ID853A);

*Addendum to ID(E)843A and ID(E)844A

Immigration Department The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region