

Quarterly Report on
The Admission of Mainland Professionals Scheme
 (From 1 October to 31 December 2002)

Employment applications

Between 1 October and 31 December 2002, a total of 36 entry applications for employment were received under the Scheme, of which 13 are from the information technology (IT) sector and 23 are from the financial services sector. In the same period, 40 applications were approved and 9 were refused or withdrawn. As at end of December 2002, 14 applications were under processing.

Breakdown of approval cases

Field of Employment

2. Breakdown of the 40 approved applications is as follows:

Sector	Job category			No. of approval cases
IT	IT Management / Consultant			3
	Application Systems Development			4
	e-Business / Internet Services			1
	Hardware Support / Operation Support Services			3
	IT research / Product development / IT education and training			5
Financial Services	Banking	managerial	2	6
		investment services	4	
	Securities	managerial	2	7
		others	5	
	Insurance	Actuarial work	0	0
		Loss Control	0	
Accounting / Auditing / Financial			11	
Total				40

3. A variety of post titles were involved in the 40 approved cases. Positions offered are particular to the structure and needs of the company. It should be noted that posts with the same title can differ substantially in terms of the level of responsibility, scope of duties and even job nature. In processing applications, Immigration Department does not take post titles at face value. Whether a post requires professional skills and whether the remuneration so offered is comparable to the market rate will be examined against the detailed job descriptions.

Employers

4. A total of 32 employers are involved. The paid up capital of 9 of them is below HK\$1 million; 6 are in the range of HK\$1 million to below HK\$10 million; 4 are in the range of HK\$10 million to below HK\$100 million; 11 are over HK\$100 million. The remaining two include a tertiary institution and a partnership company.

Educational attainment

5. 2 of the approved professionals are holders of doctoral degree, 22 hold master degree and 16 hold bachelor degree and equivalent and have relevant professional qualifications and working experience in their respective fields.

Monthly remuneration

6. The salary breakdown of the 40 approved applicants is as follows:

Remuneration Range (HK\$)	IT	Financial Services
15,000 to 19,999	3	1
20,000 to 29,999	6	2
30,000 to 39,999	3	4
40,000 to 49,999	2	4
50,000 to 69,999	2	6
70,000 to 99,999	0	5
100,000 to 129,999	0	2
Total	16	24

Cumulative total

7. The Scheme was implemented on 1 June 2001. As at end of December 2002, a cumulative total of 467 entry applications for employment were received, of which 276 are from the IT sector and 187 are from the financial services sector. There were 4 applications outside the designated sectors. Of these, 268 applications were approved, 158 are from IT and 110 are from the financial services sector; 185 were refused or withdrawn; and the remaining 14 were under processing.

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