

**Quarterly Report on
The Admission of Mainland Professionals Scheme**

(From 1 April to 30 June 2003)

Employment applications

Between 1 April and 30 June 2003, a total of 45 entry applications for employment were received under the Scheme, of which 13 are from the information technology (IT) sector and 31 are from the financial services sector and 1 from others. In the same period, 31 applications were approved, 1 was refused and 24 were withdrawn. As at end of June 2003, 14 applications were under processing.

Breakdown of approval cases

Field of Employment

2. Breakdown of the 31 approved applications is as follows:

Sector	Job category			No. of approval cases
IT	IT Management / Consultant			0
	Application Systems Development			4
	e-Business / Internet Services			0
	Hardware Support / Operation Support Services			2
	IT research / Product development / IT education and training			5
Financial Services	Banking	managerial	5	9
		investment services	4	
	Securities	managerial	0	4
		others	4	
	Insurance	actuarial work	0	0
		loss control	0	
	Accounting / Auditing / Financial management			7
Total				31

3. A variety of post titles were involved in the 31 approved cases. Positions offered are particular to the structure and needs of the company. It should be noted that posts with the same title could 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 23 employers are involved. The detail is tabulated as follows:

Paid up capital	IT	Financial Services
Below 1 Million (M)	2	3
1M to 10M	2	0
10M to 100M	1	5
Over 100M	1	8
Tertiary institution	0	0
Partnership Company	0	0
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Total	7	16

Educational attainment

5. Details are as follows:

Academic qualification	IT	Financial Services
Doctoral degree	3	4
Master degree	7	15
Bachelor degree	1	1
Total	11	20

Monthly remuneration

6. The salary breakdown of the 31 approved applicants is as follows:

Remuneration Range (HK\$)	IT	Financial Services
Below 15,000	0	1
15,000 to 19,999	3	0
20,000 to 29,999	6	4
30,000 to 39,999	2	3
40,000 to 49,999	0	5
50,000 to 69,999	0	5
70,000 to 99,999	0	2
100,000 to 129,999	0	0
130,000	0	0
Total	11	20

Cumulative total

7. The Scheme was implemented on 1 June 2001. As at end of June 2003, a cumulative total of 554 entry applications for employment were received, of which 311 are from the information technology (IT) and 236 are from financial services sector. There were 7 applications outside the designated sectors. Of these, 318 applications were approved (176 are from IT and 142 are from financial services sector); 70 were refused and 152 were withdrawn; and the remaining 14 were under processing.

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