

For information

Legislative Council Panel on Security

Quality Migrant Admission Scheme

Purpose

This paper provides supplementary information on the implementation of the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (QMAS).

Background

2. At the meeting of the Panel on 19 February 2008, we informed Members of a number of enhancements to the QMAS put in place following a review of the scheme completed in January 2008. The Panel requested for additional information on the implementation of the scheme, including the selection mechanism and criteria, as well as an analysis of the applications received.

Selection Mechanism and Criteria

3. Under the QMAS, applicants are required to fulfil a set of prerequisites¹ before they can be awarded points under one of the two points-based tests, namely the General Points Test (GPT) and the Achievement-based Points Test (APT). There are five point-scoring factors² under the GPT and one point-scoring factor³ under the APT. Applications which satisfy both the prerequisites and the passing mark under the GPT and applications under the APT will be short-listed for further comment by the Advisory Committee on Admission of Quality

¹ Prerequisites include age (18 or above), financial requirement (i.e. ability to support and accommodate themselves and their dependants, if any, without relying on public assistance), good character (i.e. absence of criminal or adverse immigration record), proficiency in Chinese or English, and good education background (normally a first degree)/good technical qualification/proven professional abilities/experience/achievements.

² For the GPT, the five point-scoring factors are age, academic/professional qualifications, work experience, language proficiency, and family background.

³ For the APT, points may be awarded if the applicant has received an award of exceptional achievement (e.g. Olympic medals, Nobel prize); or he/she can show that his/her work has been acknowledged by his/her peers or has contributed significantly to the development of his/her field (e.g. lifetime achievement award from industry).

Migrants and Professionals (Advisory Committee). The Advisory Committee comprises official and non-official members from different sectors of the community appointed by the Chief Executive. It meets on a regular basis to advise the Director of Immigration (D of Imm) on the selection of suitable applicants for allocation of available quota under the scheme.

4. The objective of the selection exercise is to distribute the quota to those quality migrants that Hong Kong needs. The Advisory Committee advises the D of Imm on how best to allocate the available quota, taking into consideration the socio-economic needs of Hong Kong, the background of the short-listed candidates, such as educational attainment, professional training/membership, work experience, international exposure, language skills, future plan in Hong Kong, as well as other relevant factors.

5. Each short-listed application is considered by the Advisory Committee on its individual merits, and the decision whether or not to approve an application rests with the D of Imm. In general, entry under the QMAS may be refused in the circumstances that the applicants who opt to be assessed under the APT cannot provide satisfactory proof of exceptional achievement or widely recognised achievement in their professions; and that the entry of applicants is not considered to be conducive to the short term and longer term needs of Hong Kong, despite having met the passing mark under the GPT. An unsuccessful applicant may, if he/she so wishes, submit a fresh application to the Immigration Department (ImmD).

Analysis of the Applications Received

6. From the launch of the QMAS on 28 June 2006 to 27 June 2008, ImmD received a total of 1 947 applications, of which 1 761 (90%) chose the GPT and 186 (10%) chose the APT. Among these applications, 1 128 applications were processed in the past seven selection exercises, of which 689 were short-listed for further comment by the Advisory Committee while 439 were withdrawn/failed to meet the prerequisites or the passing mark for further processing. The remaining 819 applications were under processing by ImmD.

7. As of 27 June 2008, 493 (72%) of the 689 short-listed applicants were allotted quota. Among the 493 successful applicants, 55 (11%) chose the APT and they are the cream of the crop from a wide array of

professions, such as world-renowned pianists, Olympic medallists, high achievers in broadcasting and entertainment industries, etc. Apart from these topnotch talent, 438 (89%) of the successful applicants chose the GPT, the majority of whom are professionals or executives at managerial level in different sectors. Examples include accountants and senior managers at financial institutions. More details on the profile of these applicants are set out at **Annex A**. At Members' request, a sample of the QMAS application form is enclosed at **Annex B**.

Conclusion

8. We will further update the Panel in 2009 on the implementation of QMAS, including a breakdown covering the periods before and after the enhancement of the scheme with effect from 15 January 2008, and related information gathered from the applicants.

Security Bureau
Immigration Department
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Annex A

Profile of Successful Applicants under the General Points Test (as at 27 June 2008 ^{Note})

Age	No. of Successful Applicants	Percentage
(i) 18-24	4	0.9
(ii) 25-29	68	15.5
(iii) 30-34	144	32.9
(iv) 35-39	130	29.7
(v) 40-44	69	15.8
(vi) 45-50	22	5.0
(vii) 51 or above	1	0.2
Total	438	100%

Academic / Professional Qualifications	No. of Successful Applicants	Percentage
(i) 2 or more PhDs	1	0.2
(ii) 1 PhD	65	14.9
(iii) 2 or more Master Degrees	28	6.4
(iv) 1 Master Degree	185	42.2
(v) 2 or more Bachelor Degrees	11	2.5
(vi) 1 Bachelor Degree	138	31.5
(vii) Professional qualifications	10	2.3
Total	438	100%

^{Note} As of 27 June 2008, 493 applicants were allotted quota, of which 438 chose the GPT and the remaining 55 chose the APT.

Work Experience	No. of Successful Applicants	Percentage
(i) Not less than 10 years' graduate or specialist level work experience, including at least 5 years in a senior role	114	26.0
(ii) Not less than 5 years' graduate or specialist level work experience, including at least 2 years in a senior role	97	22.1
(iii) Not less than 5 years' graduate or specialist level work experience	143	32.7
(iv) Not less than 2 years' graduate or specialist level work experience	48	11.0
(v) Less than 2 years work experience	36	8.2
Total	438	100%

Language Proficiency	No. of Successful Applicants	Percentage
(i) Proficient in Chinese / English	183	41.8
(ii) Proficient in Chinese and English	204	46.6
(iii) Proficient in Chinese / English and a foreign language	29	6.6
(iv) Proficient in Chinese and English and a foreign language	22	5.0
Total	438	100%

Sector	No. of Successful Applicants	Percentage
(i) Academic Research and Education	37	8.5
(ii) Architecture, Surveying, Engineering and Construction	26	5.9
(iii) Arts and Culture	7	1.6
(iv) Broadcasting and Entertainment	4	0.9
(v) Business Support and Human Resources	20	4.6
(vi) Catering and Tourism	2	0.5
(vii) Commerce and Trade	46	10.5
(viii) Financial and Accounting Services	122	27.9
(ix) Human Health and Veterinary Services	30	6.8
(x) Information Technology and Telecommunications	82	18.7
(xi) Legal Services	12	2.7
(xii) Logistics and Transportation	11	2.5
(xiii) Manufacturing Industries	31	7.1
(xiv) Sports	3	0.7
(xv) Others	5	1.1
Total	438	100%

Immigration Department, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)



**Quality Migrant Admission Scheme
Entry Visa/Entry Permit Application**

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Reference Barcode

- Note:**
- (i) Please read 'Guidance Notes' (Form no. ID(E) 982) carefully before completing this form.
 - (ii) Chinese version (Form no. ID(C) 981) is also available.
本表格亦備有中文版本 (表格編號 ID(C) 981)。
 - (iii) Please complete all relevant sections in this form in **BLOCK LETTERS** (in black or blue), most preferably in printed or typed format.
 - (iv) Application will be considered on the basis of information furnished on this form and documentary evidence provided.
 - (v) Each separate page of this form must be signed by the applicant as appropriate.
 - (vi) The form is issued free of charge.
 - (vii) Please tick as appropriate ().

Warning: Any person who knowingly and wilfully makes a statement or gives information which he/she knows to be false or does not believe to be true under or for the purpose of the Scheme shall be guilty of an offence under the Laws of Hong Kong and is liable to prosecution and subsequent removal from Hong Kong. His/her application may be refused, and that any visa/entry permit/extension of stay so granted or issued to him/her and his/her dependants and any conditions of stay so imposed on him/her and his/her dependants may become null and void.

I. Personal Particulars (Please refer to Guidance Notes Paragraph 82)			
Name in Chinese (if applicable)			
Surname			
Given names			
Maiden surname (if applicable)			
Any other names you have used, or been known by			
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of birth	Place of birth
		dd mm yyyy	
Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	Nationality	
Travel documents held (i.e. Passport, Re-entry Permit, Certificate of Identity, Affidavit, PRC Travel Permit, Exit-entry Permit for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macau, etc.)			
Type	Number	Place of issue	
Date of issue	Date of expiry		Applicant to fix one recent photograph here (not larger than 55mm x 45mm and not smaller than 50mm x 40mm)
dd mm yyyy	dd mm yyyy		
People's Republic of China resident identity card no. (if applicable)			
Place of issue of People's Republic of China resident identity card (if applicable)	Date of issue of People's Republic of China resident identity card (if applicable)	dd mm yyyy	
Contact telephone no.	Fax no.		
Present address		Permanent address (if different from present address)	
_____ _____ _____		_____ _____ _____	
Email address		Country/territory of domicile	
Have you acquired permanent residence in your country/territory of domicile? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
The information given above on this page is correct and complete.			
Applicant's signature		Date.....	

2. Particulars of All Family Members

(Please provide details of all family members listed below, including those deceased or living overseas. Tick the box in the last column if the family member is accompanying you to Hong Kong. Continue on a separate sheet in the same format if necessary.)

	Name	Sex	Date and place of birth	Marital status (e.g.: <i>Single / Married</i>)	Occupation	Present country / territory of domicile	HKI/C no. (if any)	Accompany to HK
Father								
Mother								
Spouse								<input type="checkbox"/>
Children								<input type="checkbox"/>
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Brothers and Sisters								

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3. Prerequisites (Please refer to Guidance Notes Paragraphs 12-24 & 83)**Official use only**

3.1 Are you aged 18 or above?

 YES NO → *You are not eligible to apply.*

3.2 Are you capable of supporting and accommodating yourself and your accompanying dependent family members as indicated in section 2 of this form, (if any), on your own financial resources without relying on public assistance during your stay in Hong Kong?

 YES NO → *You are not eligible to apply.*

If yes, please list details of personal net worth below to support your statement in section 3.2 above.

3.21 Assets

Description (e.g. Bank deposits/Real Estate/Securities/Name of a privately-owned enterprise)	Amount (HKD)
3.22 Subtotal in HKD (A)	

3.23 Liabilities

Description (e.g. Mortgage, Personal loan)	Amount (HKD)
3.24 Subtotal in HKD (B)	

3.25 Personal Net Worth (C) = (A)-(B)

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3. Prerequisites (Cont'd) (Please refer to Guidance Notes Paragraphs 12-24 & 83)

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3.3 Have you ever been convicted of any crimes or offences either in Hong Kong or elsewhere?

YES NO

If yes, please state details in chronological order:

3.31 Have you ever been refused entry to, deported from, removed from or required to leave Hong Kong or elsewhere?

YES NO

If yes, please state details in chronological order:

3.32 Have you ever been refused a visa/entry permit for entry to Hong Kong or elsewhere?

YES NO

If yes, please state details in chronological order:

3.33 Have you ever breached any immigration law in Hong Kong or elsewhere?

YES NO

If yes, please state details in chronological order:

3.34 Have you ever applied for a visa/entry permit for entry to Hong Kong or entered Hong Kong using a name or identity which is different from that stated on the travel document, and/or People's Republic of China resident identity card, currently held by you as mentioned in section 1 of this application form?

YES NO

If yes, please state details in chronological order:

3.4 Are you proficient in written and spoken Chinese (Putonghua or Cantonese) or English?

YES I am proficient in _____ NO → *You are not eligible to apply.*

3.5 Do you have a minimum of graduate level education or a good technical qualification?

YES NO → *You are not eligible to apply.*

4. Application Category (Please refer to Guidance Notes Paragraph 25)

Please choose one application category below:

General Points Test

(Please fill in all sections *except* section 6)

Achievement-based Points Test

(Please fill in all sections *except* section 5)

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5. General Points Test (Please refer to Guidance Notes Paragraphs 26-50 & 84.1)

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Please indicate below your points claimed under the General Points Test.

5.1 Age (Max. 30 points)

18-39	30	45-50	15
40-44	20	51 or above	0

POINTS CLAIMED
A

5.2 Academic/Professional Qualifications (Max. 45 points)

Two or more Doctoral Degrees	45
Doctoral Degree/Two or more Master Degrees	40
Master Degree/Two or more Bachelor Degrees	35
Bachelor Degree/Professional Qualification awarded by a nationally or internationally recognized or acclaimed professional body which demonstrates that the holder has a very high level of technical expertise or skill	30

POINTS CLAIMED
B

5.3 Work Experience (Max. 50 points)

Not less than 10 years' graduate or specialist level work experience, including at least 5 years in a senior role	50
Not less than 5 years' graduate or specialist level work experience, including at least 2 years in a senior role	40
Not less than 5 years' graduate or specialist level work experience	30
Not less than 2 years' graduate or specialist level work experience	10

POINTS CLAIMED
C

5.4 Language Proficiency (Max. 20 points)

Being proficient both in written and spoken Chinese (Putonghua or Cantonese) <u>and</u> English	20
Being proficient in at least one foreign language (written and spoken) in addition to written and spoken Chinese (Putonghua or Cantonese) <u>or</u> English	15
Being proficient in written and spoken Chinese (Putonghua or Cantonese) <u>or</u> English	10

POINTS CLAIMED
D

5.5 Family Background (Max. 20 points)

a) At least one immediate family member (married spouse, parents, siblings, children) is a Hong Kong permanent resident residing in Hong Kong	5
b) Accompanying married spouse is educated to the equivalent level of a degree or above	5
c) 5 points for each accompanying unmarried dependent child under the age of 18, maximum 10 points	5 / 10

POINTS CLAIMED
E

POINTS CLAIMED
F

POINTS CLAIMED
G

TOTAL POINTS CLAIMED

H=(A+B+C+D+E+F+G) 0
(Maximum 165 points)

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6. Achievement-based Points Test (Please refer to Guidance Notes Paragraphs 51-53 & 84.2)

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6.1 Please summarize below in not more than 500 words your achievement in order to claim a maximum point under the Achievement-based Points Test. Do not write on any separate sheet.

6.2 Proofs of my achievement are (you may tick more than one):

- Published work Press article Scholarship/Research award certificate International award/honour certificate
 Intellectual property rights (*Patent/Copyright/Trademark/Others _____) Reference from industrial peers
 Others(*please specify*) _____

Information provided below is for statistical purpose only:

6.3 Is your accompanying married spouse educated to the equivalent level of a degree or above?

- YES NO N/A

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POINTS CLAIMED

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*Delete where inappropriate

7. Higher Educational/Professional Attainment (Please refer to Guidance Notes Paragraph 85)

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List all higher educational attainments, professional qualifications and memberships in chronological order. Continue on a separate sheet in the same format if necessary.

Degree/Qualification (Major)	Awarding Institution (Full-time/Part-time/Distance Learning)	City/Province/Country (Period of Study(Fr./To)/ Year Obtained)
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8. Work Experience (Please refer to Guidance Notes Paragraph 86)

8.1 List full-time graduate/specialist level work experiences in chronological order. Continue on a separate sheet in the same format if necessary.

Name and City/Province/Country of Employer (Employer Nature)	Position (Occupational Level)	Nature of Duties	Period (Fr./To)
			Duration (Yrs.)
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8.2 Total number of years of full-time graduate/specialist level work experience			

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9. Career or Academic Accomplishment/Future Plan *(Please refer to Guidance Notes Paragraph 87)*

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Please summarize below in not more than 500 words your key career or academic accomplishments, your future plan in Hong Kong and other information which you think we should take into consideration when assessing your application. Do not write on any separate sheet.

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13. Applicant's Declaration

- (a) I consent to the making of any enquiries necessary for the processing of this application.
- (b) I consent to releasing my information to any organizations and authorities, including those inside or outside the HKSAR, for the processing of this application.
- (c) I authorize all private and public organizations, including those inside or outside the HKSAR, to release any record or information which the Immigration Department, the Government of the HKSAR may require for the processing of this application.
- (d) I understand that the Director of Immigration has absolute discretion to award points under the two points-based tests to applicants as the Director thinks fit and to approve or refuse any application without giving any reason. The Quality Migrant Admission Scheme ("the Scheme") or details of the Scheme may also be subject to change as the Director thinks fit without prior notice.
- (e) I understand that any person who knowingly and wilfully makes a statement or gives information which he/she knows to be false or does not believe to be true under or for the purpose of the Scheme shall be guilty of an offence under the Laws of Hong Kong and is liable to prosecution and subsequent removal from Hong Kong. His/her application may be refused, and that any visa / entry permit / extension of stay so granted or issued to him/her and his/her dependants and any conditions of stay so imposed on him/her and his/her dependants may become null and void.
- (f) I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, my personal net worth is not less than the amount stated in section 3.25 of this application form.
- *(g) I declare that should this application be successful, I will apply for an Exit-entry Permit for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macau (EEP) and the relevant exit permission from the relevant Mainland authorities for travelling to Hong Kong to take up residence. I understand that an entry permit granted to me under the Scheme is to be affixed onto an EEP with the relevant exit permission prior to my arrival in Hong Kong and that should I enter Hong Kong on other travel document for the purpose of admission under the Scheme, I will be refused entry to Hong Kong.
- (h) I declare that information given in this application form is correct, complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant's signature

Date

NB: *(g) Applicable to residents in the Mainland of China including those who are currently residing in Hong Kong or Macau on a temporary basis.