

L.N. 33 of 2025

Immigration (Amendment) Regulation 2025

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 59 of the
Immigration Ordinance (Cap. 115))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation at 11 a.m. on 26 February 2025.

2. Immigration Regulations amended

The Immigration Regulations (Cap. 115 sub. leg. A) are amended as set out in sections 3 and 4.

3. Regulation 11 amended (fees)

(1) Regulation 11(1)—

Repeal

“Schedule 2 shall be”

Substitute

“Part 2 of Schedule 2 are”.

(2) Regulation 11(1A)—

Repeal

“Schedule 2 shall be”

Substitute

“Part 2 of Schedule 2 is”.

(3) After regulation 11(1A)—

Add

“(1B) On making an application mentioned in item 25 of Part 2 of Schedule 2, the applicant must pay to the Director the application fee set out in that item.”.

(4) Regulation 11(4)—

Repeal

“or (1A)”

Substitute

“, (1A) or (1B)”.

(5) Regulation 11—

Repeal paragraph (5).

(6) At the end of regulation 11—

Add

“(6) For the purposes of Schedule 2, the Director of Immigration may specify an admission scheme as a specified scheme if the Director of Immigration considers that the objective of the scheme is to—

(a) attract talents to come to Hong Kong for development; or

(b) attract asset owners to settle in Hong Kong.

(7) The Director of Immigration is to publish a list of the schemes specified under paragraph (6) in any way the Director of Immigration considers appropriate.”.

4. Schedule 2 amended (fees payable under the Ordinance)

(1) Schedule 2, after the heading—

Add

“Part 1

Interpretation

1. In this Schedule—

relevant period (相關期間)—

- (a) in relation to a fee set out in item 5(a) or 14(a) of Part 2 of this Schedule for the issue of an ordinary visa or entry permit valid for 1 entry pursuant to an approved specified scheme application—
 - (i) if a fixed period of limit of stay is stated on the visa or entry permit—means that period; or
 - (ii) subject to paragraph (c), in any other case—means the period beginning on the day after the date of payment of the fee and ending on the last date under the limit of stay stated on the visa or entry permit;
- (b) in relation to a fee set out in item 7(a) of Part 2 of this Schedule for a change of a condition of stay (including an extension of the limit of stay) in force in respect of a person pursuant to an approved specified scheme application—
 - (i) subject to paragraph (c), if there is no change to the limit of stay in force in respect of the person—means the period beginning on the day after the date of payment of the fee and ending on the last date under the limit of stay;
 - (ii) subject to paragraph (c), if there are changes to both a condition of stay and

the limit of stay in force in respect of the person—means the period beginning on the day after the date of payment of the fee and ending on the last date under the changed limit of stay; or

- (iii) if the only change is the extension of the limit of stay in force in respect of the person—means the period beginning on the day after the last date under the limit of stay before the extension and ending on the last date under the extended limit of stay; or

- (c) if the date of payment mentioned in paragraph (a)(ii) or (b)(i) or (ii) is the last date under the limit of stay or changed limit of stay (as the case may be)—means 1 day;

specified scheme (指明計劃) means an admission scheme specified by the Director of Immigration under regulation 11(6);

specified scheme application (指明計劃申請) means an application made under a specified scheme at or after the time at which the Immigration (Amendment) Regulation 2025 comes into operation for seeking—

- (a) an ordinary visa;
- (b) an entry permit valid for 1 entry; or
- (c) a change of condition of stay (including an extension of limit of stay).

Part 2

Fees”.

- (2) Schedule 2, Part 2—

Repeal item 5

Substitute

“5. Ordinary visa—

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| (a) issued pursuant to an approved specified scheme application— | |
| (i) if the relevant period is more than 180 days | 1,300 |
| (ii) if the relevant period is not more than 180 days | 600 |
| (b) others | 230”. |

- (3) Schedule 2, Part 2—

Repeal item 7

Substitute

“7. Change of condition of stay (including extension of limit of stay)—

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| (a) pursuant to an approved specified scheme application— | |
| (i) if the relevant period is more than 180 days | 1,300 |
| (ii) if the relevant period is not more than 180 days | 600 |
| (b) others | 230”. |

- (4) Schedule 2, Part 2—

Repeal item 14

Substitute

“14. Entry permit valid for 1 entry—

(a) issued pursuant to an approved specified scheme application—

(i) if the relevant period is more than 180 days 1,300

(ii) if the relevant period is not more than 180 days 600

(b) others 230”.

(5) Schedule 2, Part 2—

Repeal item 21.

(6) Schedule 2, Part 2—

Add

“25. Application fee for a specified scheme application 600”.

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Explanatory Note

The object of this Regulation is to amend the Immigration Regulations (Cap. 115 sub. leg. A) (*principal Regulations*) to—

- (a) prescribe the application fee payable for an application made under an admission scheme specified by the Director of Immigration (*specified scheme application*);
- (b) introduce a two-tiered fee structure for the issue of an ordinary visa or entry permit valid for 1 entry or a change of condition of stay (including an extension of limit of stay) pursuant to an approved specified scheme application; and
- (c) make related and miscellaneous amendments to the principal Regulations.