## 2021 Youth Mobility Scheme for HKSAR passport holders

The UK/Hong Kong Youth Mobility Scheme allows young people aged between 18 and 30 to live, work or study in the United Kingdom for up to 2 years.

As before there are a total of 1,000 places available to Hong Kong SAR passport holders for 2021.

The majority of places were allocated in the first ballot in January this year, while the remainder of places will be made available in a second ballot in July 2021. If your application is successful you will be able to live, work and study in the UK for up to 2 years.

## How to apply for the ballot

If you would like to be in with the chance to apply for the scheme you should send one email per applicant to: <u>HongKong.YMS2021@FCD0.gov.uk</u> between midday (12pm) on Monday 12 July 2021 to midday on Wednesday 14 July 2021 (Hong Kong time).

The header or subject line of your email must contain your name, date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY) and passport number as shown in your passport.

This must be written in English only.

For example: WONG Janet - 31/03/2000 - Passport123456789.

The main body of your email should include the following information, written in English:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Passport Number
- Mobile phone number

The email account will only be open for 48 hours and all emails received within this timeframe will be sent an automated reply confirming receipt.

Once the second ballot closes applicants will be chosen at random by UKVI. If you have been successful a second email will be sent to you by 16 July to confirm acceptance and provide further instructions on how to make an appointment, along with documentary evidence required to apply for your entry clearance.

Please note successful applicants must prepare online applications and online credit card payments no later than 16 August 2021. Failure to submit your payment online by this date will automatically remove your name from the list and your allocation will be retracted. After you have paid online you have 90 days to book your appointment at the Visa Application Centre (VAC) and submit

your paperwork for consideration.

If you are a Hong Kong SAR passport holders living overseas you can also apply following the instructions above, and if you are chosen to apply you will be able to do so in your country/territory of residence. Applications cannot be submitted for the Youth Mobility Scheme in the UK.

If you are unsuccessful you will receive an email by 16 July and no further action is required.

Further information about the scheme <u>can be found on gov.uk</u> and any enquiries relating to the application process, online application forms and questions in general should be directed to the <u>UKVI International Enquiry Line</u>.

## Additional information

British National (Overseas) passport holders are already eligible to apply for a visa under the Youth Mobility Scheme to the UK and are not subject to any quota or sponsorship requirements.