

Government to temporarily exempt full-time non-local postgraduate students from restrictions on taking up part-time jobs

To enhance learning and enrichment opportunities for international students, the Government announced today (October 26) that, starting from November 1, full-time non-local postgraduate students would be temporarily exempted from the restrictions on taking up part-time jobs. The arrangement will be implemented on a trial basis for two years.

Currently, eligible students who have been approved to come to Hong Kong to study in full-time locally accredited local programmes at the postgraduate level will be individually issued a "No Objection Letter" (NOL) by the Immigration Department (ImmD), allowing them to take up part-time employment on campus for not more than 20 hours per week, curriculum-related internships during semesters or summer jobs. The Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address announced a two-year suspension of the restrictions with effect from November.

A Government spokesman said, "The trial arrangement will allow more room for these students to look for jobs during their studies to enhance their experience and understanding of working in Hong Kong, and further increase their incentive to stay in Hong Kong for their development after graduation."

The ImmD will arrange briefing sessions for the relevant institutions within this week to introduce the arrangement, and subsequently issue to eligible students through their institutions new NOLs setting out the suspension. Eligible students are not required to submit applications separately. Students approved of visas/entry permits on or after November 1 will also be issued with the updated NOLs.

For enquiries, please call the ImmD's enquiry hotline 2824 6111, or send enquiries to the ImmD by fax at 2877 7711 or by email at enquiry@immd.gov.hk.