

Mainland University Study Subsidy Scheme open for applications

The Education Bureau (EDB) announced that the Mainland University Study Subsidy Scheme (MUSSS) 2024/25 will be open for applications from eligible Hong Kong students from today (July 15) until September 13.

A spokesman for the EDB said that the MUSSS would benefit Hong Kong students pursuing undergraduate studies in 197 designated Mainland institutions, including 138 institutions participating in the Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong Students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions for the 2024/25 academic year.

Eligible students may apply for a means-tested subsidy (only for those students who have passed the means test) or a non-means-tested subsidy under the MUSSS. The subsidy under the MUSSS is granted on a yearly basis, and the subsidised period covers the normal duration of the undergraduate programme pursued by the student concerned in the designated Mainland institution. Eligible applicants may only receive either a means-tested subsidy or a non-means-tested subsidy in the same academic year. The MUSSS is not subject to any quota. It is envisaged that the MUSSS will benefit most Hong Kong students who pursue undergraduate studies on the Mainland and have different financial needs.

The subsidy will be disbursed based on the distance between the locations of the institutions and Hong Kong, which will be grouped into three categories. Details of the subsidy rates under the different categories will be announced later.

Details of the MUSSS are available on the EDB website (www.edb.gov.hk/musss). Eligible students are required to submit their applications via the MUSSS Electronic Application Platform (musss.edb.gov.hk) or send the completed application forms by post to the EDB on or before September 13. The EDB is expected to notify applicants of the application results by the first quarter of 2025.