

Mainland University Study Subsidy Scheme opens for applications

The Education Bureau (EDB) announced today (June 3) that the Mainland University Study Subsidy Scheme (MUSSS) 2019/20 will, from today until September 2, be open for applications from eligible Hong Kong students pursuing undergraduate studies in 181 designated Mainland institutions.

Eligible students may apply for means-tested subsidy or non-means-tested subsidy under the MUSSS, while the former is for students who have passed a means test only. The subsidy under MUSSS is granted on a yearly basis. The subsidised period would be the normal duration of the undergraduate programmes pursued by the student concerned in the designated Mainland institution. Eligible applicants could only receive either means-tested subsidy or non-means-tested subsidy in an academic year.

For the 2019/20 academic year, the amount of full-rate subsidy and half-rate subsidy under means-tested subsidy are HK\$16,800 and HK\$8,400 respectively. The amount of non-means-tested subsidy is HK\$5,600. There are 181 designated Mainland institutions, including 112 institutions participating in the 2019/20 Scheme for Admission of Hong Kong students to Mainland Higher Education Institutions and 69 others. The MUSSS is not subject to any quota.

"It is envisaged that the MUSSS will benefit the bulk of Hong Kong students pursuing undergraduate studies in the Mainland with different financial needs. Hong Kong students who receive and have completed senior secondary education in Hong Kong, including those studying local and non-local curricula as well as non-Chinese speaking students, and meeting other criteria, will be eligible for the MUSSS," said a spokesman for the EDB.

Details of the MUSSS and the application form are available at the EDB website (www.edb.gov.hk/en/edu-system/postsecondary/policy-doc/musss/2019.html). Eligible students should submit the completed application forms to the EDB by post, on or before August 2 (for students who entered the designated Mainland institutions before the 2019/20 academic year) or September 2 (for students who will first enter the designated Mainland institutions in the 2019/20 academic year). The EDB will notify individual applicants of the application result by the first quarter of 2020.