

# Music Office bands, choirs and orchestras invite applications for membership

The Music Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department is recruiting new members for its 18 bands and orchestras and two choirs. Training for 2019-20 will run from this September to the end of May next year. The deadline for applications is April 30.

Young musicians aged 25 or below who have attained the required music qualifications are eligible to apply. Successful applicants will receive Chinese orchestra, orchestra or choir training at different levels. Apart from weekly rehearsals, members may also broaden their horizons by participating in various cultural activities and concerts, or attending exchange sessions with visiting young musicians from the Mainland and overseas.

Training is free but members are required to bring their own instruments (except for bulky ones) and to pay for their uniforms and music scores.

The 20 ensembles are the Hong Kong Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Hong Kong Youth Strings, the Island Youth Strings, the Kowloon Youth Strings, the New Territories Youth Strings, the Hong Kong Junior Chamber Ensemble, the Hong Kong Youth Symphonic Band, the Music Office Youth Brass Band, the Kowloon Youth Symphonic Band, the New Territories Youth Symphonic Band, the Music Office Junior Symphonic Band, the Hong Kong Children's Symphonic Band, the Hong Kong Youth Chinese Orchestra, the Island Youth Chinese Orchestra, the Kowloon Youth Chinese Orchestra, the New Territories Youth Chinese Orchestra, the Music Office Junior Chinese Orchestra, the Music Office Children's Chinese Orchestra, the Music Office Youth Choir and the Music Office Children's Choir.

Online applications are available at [www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice). Course pamphlets and application forms are also available at all Music Office music centres. Qualified applicants will receive an audition notification by the end of May. The audition will include sight-reading or sight-singing and the performance of a self-chosen work. Applicants will be notified of the results by the end of August.

For enquiries, please call the Music Office's music centres at 2802 0657 (Hong Kong), 2796 2893 (Kwun Tong), 2399 2200 (Mong Kok), 2158 6462 (Sha Tin) and 2417 6429 (Tsuen Wan).