

# Music Office's Instrumental Music Training Scheme invites applications from beginners

The Instrumental Music Training Scheme organised by the Music Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department is now recruiting beginners for its 2018-19 Elementary Year 1 courses. The deadline for application is August 7. The scheme seeks to encourage young people to develop their talent and interest in music through a systematic programme of music training in their free time.

The scheme provides training in almost 30 Chinese and Western musical instruments including violin, viola, cello, double bass, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, French horn, trombone, suona, sheng, dizi, erhu, pipa, zhongruan and others, with supplementary training in musicianship and theory. Young people aged 6 to 14 with no instrumental experience are welcome to apply.

One-hour group lessons, conducted in Cantonese, will be held once a week at one of the Music Office's five music centres located in Wan Chai, Kwun Tong, Mong Kok, Sha Tin and Tsuen Wan. Annual tuition fees of \$1,710 for the first year and \$2,090 for the second year are payable in four instalments.

Online applications are now available at [www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice). Course pamphlets and application forms are now available at all Music Office music centres. Eligible applicants will be invited to attend a music aptitude test and an interview on August 26 and will be notified of the results by October. Training will commence in November.

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).