

Subsidy amount for Non-means-tested Subsidy Scheme for Self-financing Undergraduate Studies in Hong Kong in 2019/20 academic year announced

The Government announced today (January 11) that the subsidy amount of the Non-means-tested Subsidy Scheme for Self-financing Undergraduate Studies in Hong Kong (NMTSS) in the 2019/20 academic year will be adjusted upward according to the movement of the Composite Consumer Price Index. The annual subsidy amount of the NMTSS will be increased from \$30,800 in the current academic year to \$31,300.

The adjusted subsidy amount is applicable to both new and continuing students meeting the criteria. The subsidies are tenable for the normal duration of the programmes concerned. Eligible students enrolling in the relevant programmes will pay a tuition fee after subsidy. Students in need may still apply for student financial assistance from the Student Finance Office in respect of the actual amount of tuition fees payable.

The NMTSS was one of the priority measures announced by the Chief Executive in July 2017 to support quality education. Since the 2017/18 academic year, a non-means-tested annual subsidy has been provided to Hong Kong students who have:

(a) attained "3322" in the Hong Kong Diploma for Secondary Education Examination (i.e. level 3 for Chinese Language and English Language and level 2 for Mathematics Compulsory Part and Liberal Studies) when they are enrolled in eligible self-financing first-year-first-degree programmes; or

(b) attained sub-degree qualifications (i.e. after completing the locally accredited sub-degree programmes in relevant disciplines) when they are enrolled in eligible self-financing top-up degree programmes.

In the 2019/20 academic year, the NMTSS will cover the eligible full-time self-financing locally accredited local and non-local first-year-first-degree and top-up degree programmes offered by 16 institutions. A list of the relevant institutions and programmes for the 2019/20 cohort is in the Annex. Subsidy will be disbursed to all eligible students enrolling in the programmes covered by the NMTSS. Applications for the subsidy should be made through the institutions concerned. For details, please visit: www.cspe.edu.hk/nmtss.