

Temporarily exempting full-time non-local undergraduate students from restrictions on taking up part-time jobs

Starting from November 1, the Government will temporarily exempt full-time non-local undergraduate students from the restrictions on taking up part-time jobs with a view to enhancing their personal exposure and knowledge for working in Hong Kong to incentivise them to stay in Hong Kong for development after graduation.

Since last November, the restrictions on taking up part-time jobs for full-time non-local postgraduate students of locally accredited local programmes have been temporarily exempted. With a "No Objection Letter" (NOL) issued by the Immigration Department (ImmD), full-time non-local postgraduate students are allowed to take up part-time employment. No restrictions are imposed on the number of hours or the location of the part-time work. The arrangement has received positive feedback since its launch. "The Chief Executive's 2024 Policy Address" announced the temporary exemption of the restrictions on taking up part-time jobs will be extended to full-time non-local undergraduate students.

A Government spokesman said today (October 18), "The arrangement for extending the exemption measures to around 20 000 full-time non-local undergraduate students aims at easing local manpower shortages by making better use of the potential talent residing in Hong Kong. Allowing full-time non-local undergraduate and postgraduate students to engage in part-time work will help attract more foreign students to pursue studies in Hong Kong and prepare them for long-term development in Hong Kong after graduation, thereby expanding the local potential talent pool. The Government will review the whole exemption arrangement next year."

The ImmD will issue NOLs setting out the suspension arrangement to all eligible students through their institutions. They are not required to submit applications separately. Students approved for visas/entry permits on or after November 1 will also be issued with the NOLs.

Enquiries on the suspension arrangement can be made to the ImmD through hotline (2824 6111), by fax (2877 7711) or by email (enquiry@immd.gov.hk).