

Summary of Existing and Proposed Residence Requirements for CSSA, OAA and DA

	Existing requirements	Proposed requirements
CSSA	<p>(a) <u>Hong Kong resident status</u></p> <p>The person must be a Hong Kong resident⁽¹⁾</p> <p>(b) <u>Residence in Hong Kong before application</u></p> <p>The person must have resided in Hong Kong for at least one year. The one-year residence need not be continuous or immediately before the date of application. Absence from Hong Kong up to a maximum of 56 days before the date of application is treated as residence in Hong Kong.</p> <p>(c) <u>Exemption</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The one-year residence requirement in (b) does not apply to persons born in Hong Kong who have acquired the right of abode since birth. ➤ DSW has the discretion to waive the requirement in (a) and (b) above in cases of genuine hardship. 	<p>(a) <u>Hong Kong resident status</u></p> <p>The person must have been a Hong Kong resident⁽¹⁾ for at least seven years.</p> <p>(b) <u>Residence in Hong Kong before application</u></p> <p>The person must have resided in Hong Kong continuously for at least one year immediately before the date of application. Absence from Hong Kong up to a maximum of 56 days before the date of application is treated as residence in Hong Kong.</p> <p>(c) <u>Exemption</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Children under 18 are exempted from any prior residence requirements (i.e. (a) and (b) above). ➤ The seven-year residence rule in (a) above does not apply to persons who have become Hong Kong residents before the effective date of the new policy. ➤ DSW has the discretion to waive the requirements in (a) and (b) above in cases of genuine hardship.

Existing requirements

Proposed requirements

⁽¹⁾ Persons whose presence in Hong Kong are unlawful and persons admitted to Hong Kong for a purpose other than residence (i.e. those who are subject to conditions of stay prescribed in Regulation 2 of the Immigration Regulation Cap. 115A, such as imported workers and visitors) are excluded from the CSSA Scheme and the SSA Scheme.

<p>OAA</p>	<p>(a) <u>Hong Kong resident status</u></p> <p>The person must be a Hong Kong resident⁽¹⁾</p> <p>(b) <u>Residence in Hong Kong before application</u></p> <p>The person must have resided in Hong Kong for at least five years since attaining the age of 60. Absence from Hong Kong up to a maximum of 280 days before the date of application is treated as residence in Hong Kong.</p> <p>(c) <u>Exemption</u></p> <p>Nil.</p>	<p>(a) <u>Hong Kong resident status</u></p> <p>The person must have been a Hong Kong resident⁽¹⁾ for at least seven years.</p> <p>(b) <u>Residence in Hong Kong before application</u></p> <p>The person must have resided in Hong Kong continuously for at least one year immediately before the date of application. Absence from Hong Kong up to a maximum of 56 days before the date of application is treated as residence in Hong Kong.</p> <p>(c) <u>Exemption</u></p> <p>The seven-year residence rule in (a) above does not apply to persons who have become Hong Kong residents before the effective date of the new policy.</p>
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DA	<p>(a) <u>Hong Kong resident status</u></p> <p>The person must be a Hong Kong resident⁽¹⁾.</p> <p>(b) <u>Residence in Hong Kong before application</u></p> <p>The person must have resided in Hong Kong continuously for at least one year, or in the case of a child below one year of age, have resided in Hong Kong continuously since birth. In either case, absence from Hong Kong up to a maximum of 56 days before the date of application is treated as residence in Hong Kong.</p> <p>(c) <u>Exemption</u></p> <p>Nil.</p>	<p>(a) <u>Hong Kong resident status</u></p> <p>The person must have been a Hong Kong resident⁽¹⁾ for at least seven years.</p> <p>(b) <u>Residence in Hong Kong before application</u></p> <p>The person must have resided in Hong Kong continuously for at least one year immediately before the date of application. Absence from Hong Kong up to a maximum of 56 days before the date of application is treated as residence in Hong Kong.</p> <p>(c) <u>Exemption</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Children under 18 are exempted from any prior residence requirements (i.e. (a) and (b) above). ➤ The seven-year residence rule in (a) above does not apply to persons who have become Hong Kong residents before the effective date of the new policy.

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