香港浸會大學
HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Definitions of Local and Non-local Students

According to the Education Bureau (EDB), for the purpose of admission to post-secondary programmes, local and non-local students are defined as follows:

Definition of Local Students	
LS1	HKID Card (Permanent)
LS2	Documents issued by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR showing right to land / right of abode in Hong Kong
LS3	One-way Permit for entry to Hong Kong
LS4	Full-time employment visa / work permit
LS5	Dependant visa / entry permit (for students who were below 18 years old) *Note: Students holding dependant visa / entry permit who were **below 18 years old** when they were issued with such visa / entry permit by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR.*
LS6	Visa / Entry permit for Quality Migrant Admission Scheme
LS7	Visa / Entry permit for Capital Investment Entrant Scheme
LS8	Visa / Entry permit for Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents
LS9	Visa label for unconditional stay

Documents to submit:

- As a **local applicant**, you should provide a copy of any of the above documents (LS1 to LS9) and HKID Card in your application.
- For **local applicants holding LS2, LS4 to LS8**, please check if the validity period of the visa/entry permit can allow you to stay and study in Hong Kong during the entire study period of the enrolled programme **and provide the notification slip for entry visa/permit with the landing slip**. Applicants may be requested to provide the documentary proof of their eligibility to stay and study in Hong Kong when necessary. It is important to note that without a valid visa/entry permit, admitted students will be required to officially withdraw from the programme.

Definition of Non-local Students**	
NLS1	Student visa / entry permit
NLS2	Visa / Entry permit under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates
NLS3	Dependant visa / entry permit (for students who were 18 years old or above) ***Note:** Students holding dependant visa / entry permit who were **18 years old or above** when they were issued with such visa / entry permit by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR.*

Documents to submit:

- As a **non-local applicant**, you should provide a copy of **either** of the following documents in your application:
  a. An Identity Card/Document issued by your home country
  b. Passport
- Applicants who do not hold any of the documents in LS1 – LS9 above are defined as non-local students. Please check with the Taught Postgraduate Studies Section on your local/non-local status when in doubt.
- For non-local applicants holding NLS2 and NLS3, please check if the validity period of the visa/entry permit can allow you to stay and study in Hong Kong during the entire study period of the enrolled programme. Applicants may be requested to provide the documentary proof of their eligibility to stay and study in Hong Kong when necessary. It is important to note that without a valid visa/entry permit, admitted students will be required to officially withdraw from the programme.

*** Due to immigration restrictions, nationals from Afghanistan, Cuba and Korea (Democratic People's Republic of) may not be able to obtain a student visa to study in HKSAR. For details, please click here.*

Important Notice for Applicants:

Applicants are required to confirm their local or non-local status by providing all relevant supporting documents. If any information in your application is found to be incorrect, or if your local/non-local status changes, any offer of admission or scholarship (if applicable) may be withdrawn or revised.

If you need further advice on visa requirements, please contact the Immigration Department of the HKSAR.