

# **Quality Migrant Admission Scheme**

## **Statistical Information on Applicants Who Were Allotted Quotas in 2021**

### (1) Introduction of the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme

The Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (the Scheme) is a quota-based entrant scheme. It seeks to attract highly skilled or talented persons to settle in Hong Kong in order to enhance Hong Kong's economic competitiveness. Successful applicants are not required to have secured an offer of local employment before their entry to Hong Kong for settlement. During the selection exercise, applicants who satisfy both the prerequisites and the passing mark (under the General Points Test) or the one point-scoring factor (under the Achievement-based Points Test) will be further assessed by the Advisory Committee on Admission of Quality Migrants and Professionals (the Advisory Committee). The Advisory Committee considers the socio-economic needs of Hong Kong, the sectoral mix of candidates and other relevant factors, and recommends to the Immigration Department (ImmD) how best to allocate available quotas in each selection exercise.

### (2) Summary of Statistics

In 2021, a total of 2 004 applicants were allocated quotas under the Scheme. The relevant statistics on the background and profile of the applicants who were allotted quotas are as follows:

1. In 2021, a total of 2 004 applicants were allocated quotas. Among them, 1 979 and 25 applicants were assessed under the General Points Test and the Achievement-based Points Test respectively.
  
2. Among applicants who were allotted quotas, 1 410 were male, representing 70%, while 594 were female, representing 30%.
  
3. Among applicants who were allotted quotas, 1 423 were aged between 18 and 39, representing 71%, while 347 were aged between 40 and 44, representing 17%. A breakdown of the statistics by age is given in Table 1.

Table 1: Age

Age	Number of Applicants	Percentage <sup>#</sup>
18-39	1 423	71
40-44	347	17
45-50	188	9
51 or above	46	2
Total	2 004	100

Remark:

<sup>#</sup> There may be a slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total as shown in the table due to rounding.

4. Among applicants who were allotted quotas, 1 860 were from Mainland China, representing 93%, while 33, 27 and 24 were from Canada, Australia and the United States respectively. A breakdown of the statistics by region is given in Table 2.

Table 2: Regions

Region	Number of Applicants	Percentage
Mainland China	1 860	93
Canada	33	2
Australia	27	1
United States	24	1
Others	60	3
Total	2 004	100

5. Among applicants who were allotted quotas, 563 were from the sector of Information Technology and Telecommunications, representing 28%, while 497 were from the sector of Financial and Accounting Services, representing 25%. A breakdown of the statistics by sector is given in Table 3.

Table 3: Sectors

Sector	Number of Applicants	Percentage <sup>#</sup>
Information Technology and Telecommunications	563	28
Financial and Accounting Services	497	25
Architecture, Surveying, Engineering and Construction	169	8

Sector	Number of Applicants	Percentage <sup>#</sup>
Academic Research and Education	141	7
Manufacturing Industries	125	6
Commerce and Trade	111	6
Business Support and Human Resources	109	5
Human Health and Veterinary Services	73	4
Legal Services	67	3
Others	61	3
Logistics and Transportation	29	1
Broadcasting and Entertainment	24	1
Arts and Culture	19	1
Sports	10	<1
Catering and Tourism	6	<1
Total	2 004	100

Remark:

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6. Among the 1 979 applicants who were allotted quotas under the General Points Test, 1 074 possessed a master's degree / two or more bachelor's degrees, representing 54%, while 645 possessed a doctoral degree / two or more master's degrees, representing 33%.

A breakdown of the statistics by academic qualification is given in Table 4.

Table 4: Academic Qualifications (Applicable to the General Points Test only)

Academic Qualification	Number of Applicants	Percentage
Doctoral degree / Two or more master's degrees	645	33
Master's degree / Two or more bachelor's degrees	1 074	54

Academic Qualification	Number of Applicants	Percentage
Bachelor's degree or other qualifications	260	13
Total	1 979	100

7. Among the 1 979 applicants who were allotted quotas under the General Points Test, 1 578 had had not less than 5 years' graduate or specialist level work experience, representing 80%. A breakdown of the statistics by work experience is given in Table 5.

Table 5: Work Experience (Applicable to the General Points Test only)

Work Experience	Number of Applicants	Percentage
Not less than 10 years' graduate or specialist level work experience, including at least 5 years in a senior role	293	15
Not less than 5 years' graduate or specialist level work experience, including at least 2 years in a senior role	197	10
Not less than 5 years' graduate or specialist level work experience	1 088	55
Not less than 2 years' graduate or specialist level work experience	285	14
Less than 2 years' work experience	116	6
Total	1 979	100

8. The first Talent List of Hong Kong was promulgated by the Government in 2018. Upon the review in 2021, the Talent List currently comprises 13 professions. Applicants who meet the requirements of the Talent List will be given 30 bonus points under the General Points Test. As at the end of 2021, a total of 173 applicants under the Scheme met the eligibility criteria under the Talent List, while 172 were allotted quotas and 1 was being processed. A breakdown of the statistics is given in Table 6.

Table 6: The Talent List

Profession on the Talent List	Applications that met the requirements of the Talent List	Quotas Allotted
Data Scientists and Cyber Security Specialists	44	44
Innovation and Technology Experts	42	42
Fintech Professionals	31	31
Creative Industries and Performing Arts Professionals	19	19
Asset Management Professionals	16	16
Actuaries	5	5
Marine Engineers and Superintendents of Ships	5	5
Naval Architects	4	4
Dispute Resolution Professionals and Transactional Lawyers	3	3
Marine Insurance Professionals	2	2

Profession on the Talent List	Applications that met the requirements of the Talent List	Quotas Allotted
Waste Treatment Specialists	2	1
Total	173	172

9. Under the General Points Test of the Scheme, the maximum points given to the applicants was 225. In 2021, 1 017 applicants were given 120 points or above, representing 51%. A breakdown of the statistics is given in Table 7.

Table 7: Points given to applicants under the General Points Test

Points Given	Number of Applicants	Percentage
80 to below 120 points	962	49
120 points or above	1 017	51
Total	1 979	100

(3) Important Notice

The above information is for reference only. Even if an applicant has a background and profile similar to those of most of the above-mentioned applicants who were allotted quotas, such as age, sector, academic qualifications, work experience or achieving certain achievements, it does not represent that the applicant will be allotted a quota. Similarly, even if an applicant does not have a background and profile similar to those of most of the above-mentioned applicants who were allotted quotas, it does not represent that the applicant will not be allotted a quota. Applicants who get the minimum passing mark or higher scores are not necessarily allotted quotas. The Advisory Committee will consider the socio-economic needs of Hong Kong, the sectoral mix of candidates and other relevant factors, and recommend to the ImmD how best to allocate available quotas in each selection exercise.

(4) Enquiries

For detailed information about the Scheme, please contact the Quality Migrants and Mainland Residents Section of the ImmD by phone at (852) 2829 3383 or the ImmD by the enquiry hotline at (852) 2824 6111, by fax at (852) 2877 7711 or by email to [enquiry@immd.gov.hk](mailto:enquiry@immd.gov.hk) , or visit the ImmD's website at [www.immd.gov.hk](http://www.immd.gov.hk) .

Detailed information on each profession on the Talent List and the qualification/experience requirements of the talents can be found on the dedicated website for the Talent List [www.talentlist.gov.hk](http://www.talentlist.gov.hk) . For enquiry, please contact the Labour and Welfare Bureau by the enquiry hotline at (852) 2810 3876, by fax at (852) 2801 6314 or by email to [enquiry@talentlist.gov.hk](mailto:enquiry@talentlist.gov.hk) .

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