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The Government of the Hong Kong
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Conditions of Stay of Non-local Students

This letter serves as a reminder regarding the conditions of stay of non-local students studying in local educational institutions.

Under Regulation 2(3) of the Immigration Regulations, Cap. 115A, the permission to be given to a person to land in Hong Kong as a student shall be subject to the following conditions of stay-

- (a) that the person shall become a student only at a specified school, university or other educational institution and undertake such course of study as may be approved by the Director of Immigration; and
- (b) that the person shall not-
 - (i) take any employment, whether paid or unpaid; or
 - (ii) establish or join in any business.

Notwithstanding the above, non-local students of full-time and locally-accredited programmes at degree level or above whose study period is not less than one academic year are allowed to take up-

- (a) Study/curriculum-related internship as arranged or endorsed by the institutions they are studying in;
- (b) Part-time on-campus employment for not more than 20 hours per week; and
- (c) Employment during summer months from 1 June to 30 August, both dates inclusive.

In order to facilitate the abovementioned employment, these non-local students were individually issued with a "No Objection Letter (NOL)" upon approval of an entry/extension of stay application. In light of the recent report on a few non-local students taking unapproved employment, grateful if you would remind non-local students again that they are not allowed to take up any employment outside the scope as set out in paragraph 3 without prior permission from the Director of Immigration. Non-local students who are in breach of any condition of stay will be liable to prosecution and removal from Hong Kong under Immigration Ordinance, Cap 115.

For monitoring purpose, institutions are required to maintain the record of internship and to inform the designated operators to maintain the employment record of non-local students.

Should you need any further information, please feel free to contact our officer Ms Carmen W M So at 2829 3160.



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for Director of Immigration