Section 5  Visa Extension

Q36  Do I need to extend my student visa?

(Note: Students on part-time study have to apply for a new entry student visa every year. The procedure is the same as the first time they apply for the student visa.)

If you have extended your study or your limit of stay is shorter than the normal duration of your study programme, you should apply for a visa extension 4 weeks before your limit of stay expires.

Please approach CEDARS for a copy of supporting letter before you submit your application to the Hong Kong Immigration Department. Please also note that it is the responsibility of individual students to renew their visa in a timely manner to maintain a valid and legitimate visa status throughout their study at HKU. Currently, for undergraduates and taught course postgraduates from the mainland, the contact office at the University is the China Affairs Office (Email: visaapp@hku.hk). For all other students, please contact CEDARS for a visa extension. Details can be viewed at the CEDARS website here.

Q37  When & how to apply for extension of stay to continue with my studies in Hong Kong?

Applications will normally be accepted 4 weeks before the limit of stay expires. You may apply in person or authorise in writing a representative to submit the application. However, you must be physically in Hong Kong on the date of submission and on the date of collection of the visa label.

Mainland students should submit the applications to the Quality Migrants and Mainland Residents Section, Immigration Department, 6/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong. Students other than those from the Mainland should submit their applications to the Extension Section, Immigration Department, 5/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong or any Immigration Office (except Hong Kong Island Travel Documents Issuing Office).
Students can apply for an early visa extension should the need arise. Please state the reasons for your early visa extension when applying to CEDARS for a supporting letter for visa extension.

Application procedures and forms are available [here](#).

Please refer to the list of supporting documents you need to bring along with you on the webpage of the Hong Kong Immigration Department [here](#).

**Q38 What documents are required for me to apply for extension of stay for pursuing the same course of study?**

The following documents are normally required when submitting an extension of stay application to the Hong Kong Immigration Department: (i) a duly completed application form [ID91](#); (ii) applicant's travel document; (iii) applicant's Hong Kong Identity Card; and (iv) a current school letter confirming that the student requires extension of stay to continue with the same study programme.

Please refer to the list of supporting documents you need to bring along with you on the webpage of the Hong Kong Immigration Department [here](#).

**Q39 What is the normal processing time for processing applications for extension of stay in the Hong Kong Immigration Department?**

Individual applications will be finalised within 2 to 3 weeks upon receipt of all necessary documents. You may wish to find out more information on the homepage of the Hong Kong Immigration Department [here](#).

**Q40 What are the restrictions for extending my stay in Hong Kong to pursue further studies?**

You may wish to find our more information on the homepage of the Hong Kong Immigration Department [here](#).