

# Adjustment Tips in Hong Kong for Non-local Students



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## Part I: Tips of living in Hong Kong

### 1.1 Daily necessities

Appropriate Clothing: November-February: range from 12<sup>0</sup> C to 20<sup>0</sup> C in average , slightly dry  
March-May: range from 20<sup>0</sup> C to 28<sup>0</sup> C, humid  
June-October: range from 28<sup>0</sup> C to 33<sup>0</sup> C, rainy, typhoons are common from June to September

*Remember to bring a jacket/cardigan to class as the air-conditioning is chilly.*

Medicine: Hong Kong's pharmacies are well-stocked, but if you require prescription medication or prefer specific brands, you may consider bringing it along with you. Insect repellent could be useful in the summer months.

Personal items: Slippers, towels, cleaning utensils, etc.; sufficient cash; some passport-sized photos; padlock (for locker); a converter/adaptor (Hong Kong uses 220v outlets, usually with 3 rectangular prongs).

### 1.2 Hong Kong Identity (HKID) Card

All Hong Kong residents aged 11 years or over are required to register for a HKID. Within 30 days upon arrival to Hong Kong, you are required to apply for a HKID at the Immigration Department. No fees are required for HKID registrations, but a fee of HK\$335 will be charged for the replacement of lost cards. Students register for HKID should produce valid travel documents/passport/entry permit showing his/her residential status in Hong Kong.

Immigration Department Hong Kong Office:

8/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai (MTR Wan Chai Station – Exit A5)

Booking by Phone: 2598 0888

Enquiry Hotline: 2824 6111

Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday 8:45 am – 4:30 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Sunday and Public Holiday Closed

Website of Immigration Department: <http://immd.gov.hk/index.html>

Email: [enquiry@immd.gov.hk](mailto:enquiry@immd.gov.hk)

### 1.3 Octopus Card

Octopus is a smart card for paying fares for the city's public transport. Full-time students aged under 25 are eligible to apply for a Personalized Octopus Card and receive student discounts. You can reload your Octopus Card for up to its stored-value limit of HK\$1,000 at convenience stores, MTR stations, supermarkets, etc. To protect your Octopus Card, please avoid hold more than one Octopus card and Student ID card together over an Octopus reader at one time.

You can obtain an application form for a Personalized MTR Student Travel Card at the Student Affairs Office (SAO).

Website: [www.octopus.com.hk](http://www.octopus.com.hk)

## 1.4 Mobile Phone Service

There are many ways of connecting to mobile phone services, tariff plan or pre-paid SIM card services. For tariff plan, you are required to sign a contract with the mobile service provider. There are many mobile phone service providers in Hong Kong including China Mobile, 3, One2Free, New World Mobile, SmarTone-Vodafone, PCCW, etc. For pre-paid SIM card, you can just purchase a SIM card with no monthly fee or contract required from a convenience store. For calling overseas, you can purchase an IDD SIM card or using your existing tariff plan.

*Please refer to Appendix 1 for details.*

## Part II: Knowing Our Campus

### 2.1 Campus Facilities

#### Campus Buildings

**Wanchai Campus** - The Academy campus is located on the Wanchai waterfront on Hong Kong Island and has a complex of three buildings: the Academy Block, the Theatre Block and the Administration Block. The Academy Block houses the library, 18 dance/drama/movement studios, 44 teaching rooms, 11 classrooms and 20 music practice rooms. The Theatre Block has a fully equipped television studio and sophisticated performance venues.

**Béthanie Campus** - Béthanie was built in 1875 by the Missions Etrangères de Paris. In March 2003, the Legislative Council approved capital works fund for the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts to restore Béthanie and two neighbouring Dairy Farm cowsheds as the Academy's Landmark Heritage campus. Béthanie Campus houses the Academy's School of Film and Television. The performance venues of the Academy are managed by the Venues Division which provides in-house technical, customer services and box office support for the Academy's own production as well as for external hirers. Academy student performances are open to the public.

#### Campus Canteen/Restaurant

Campus Canteen and Restaurant are located on the Underground Level and First Floor at Wanchai Campus respectively. Both are operated by Maxim's Caters Ltd.

#### Libraries

**Academic Library** - The Academy Library is located on the Ground Floor of the Academy Block and is the focal point of user activities due to its central and convenient location. It was opened in 1986 with a collection of about 25,000 items. Many of the items were from notable donations: the HK Conservatory of Music, the Ernest Read Orchestral Collection, the Lady Kotewall Collection and the Leathlea Collection of phonodiscs. Since its inception, the Library has built up a sizeable collection of performing scores, plays, audio recordings of music materials and videos in dance, drama and motion picture.

**Music Library** - The Music Library, a closed stack library opened in 1998. It houses collections of performance scores including the unique Ernest Read Orchestral Collection, the Band of the Black Watch Collection and a Chinese Orchestral Music Collection.

**Film and Television Library** - The Film and Television Library, a compact state-of-art library, was opened in September 2007 to serve the Bethanie Campus.

### 2.2 Frequently Asked Questions

**Q1: Are non-local students allowed to work in Hong Kong?**

**Ans:** The restriction in respect of internship and part-time employment for non-local students has been relaxed from the 2008/09 academic year onwards. Non-local full-time students at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts of degree level or above whose study period is not less than one academic year may take up internship subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Part-time on-campus employment for not more than 20 hours per week throughout the year; and
- (ii) Employment during the summer months from 1 June to 31 August (both dates inclusive) without any limit in relation to work hours and location.

**Q2: Are non-local students eligible to apply Scholarship at the Academy?**

Ans: A significant number of scholarships are awarded by the Academy each year to both local and non-local students on academic merit and/or financial need basis. These scholarships are donated by the Society of the Academy for Performing Arts, other private organizations, professional bodies and individuals. Please consult Student Affairs Office for further details.

**Q3: Are Non-local fresh graduates eligible to stay in Hong Kong or return to Hong Kong for Employment?**

Ans: **Non-local students**\* who have obtained an undergraduate or higher qualification in a full-time and locally-accredited local programme in Hong Kong may apply to stay/return and work in the HKSAR under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates (IANG). The IANG is quota-free and non-sector specific. The IANG does not apply to nationals of Afghanistan, Cambodia, Cuba, Laos, Korea (Democratic People's Republic of), Nepal and Vietnam.

***\*Non-local graduates: non-local students who have obtained an undergraduate or higher qualification in a full-time and locally-accredited local programme in the HKSAR.***

Non-local graduates who submit applications to the Immigration Department within six months after the date of their graduation (i.e. the date shown on their graduation certificates) are classified as non-local fresh graduates. Non-local graduates who submit applications beyond six months of the date of their graduation are classified as returning non-local graduates.

Non-local fresh graduates who wish to apply to stay and work in the HKSAR are not required to have secured an offer of employment upon application. They may be granted 12 months' stay on time limitation only without other conditions of stay provided that normal immigration requirements are met. Those who intend to apply to stay and work in the HKSAR but have not yet secured graduation results may apply for extension of stay to wait for the promulgation of results. Non-local fresh graduates who have not yet obtained their graduation certificate could apply to stay and work by producing proof from the institution confirming that they have graduated. Returning non-local graduates who wish to return to work in the HKSAR are required to secure an offer of employment upon application. The applications will be favourably considered so long as the job is at a level commonly taken up by degree holders and the remuneration package is at market level. They may be granted 12 months' stay on time limitation only without other conditions of stay provided that normal immigration requirements are met.

In general, unless a person has the right of abode or right to land in the HKSAR, he/she requires a visa/entry permit to work in the HKSAR. While each application is determined on its individual merits, an applicant should meet normal immigration requirements (such as holding a valid travel document with adequate returnability to his/her country of residence or citizenship; be of clear criminal record and raise no security or criminal concerns to the HKSAR; have no likelihood of becoming a burden on the HKSAR, etc.) as well as the relevant specific eligibility criteria detailed above before he/she may be considered for the grant of a visa/entry permit. It should be noted that the eligibility criteria may be subject to change from time to time without prior notice.

Non-local fresh graduates who have completed all graduation requirements but have not yet obtained their graduation certificate could apply for a proof of graduation from the Academy via their respective schools. The Schools should seek authorized approvals to their students' graduation before forwarding the graduates' applications to the Academic Services Office (ASO). ASO will not entertain applications for graduation certification received within one week before the Graduation Ceremonies. Application form (ID 990A) from the Immigration Offices can be downloaded at [www.immd.gov.hk](http://www.immd.gov.hk)

**Q4: What is the policy of allocating student quarters?**

Ans: Due to the limited number of student quarters, the priority would be given to non-local students who would receive full-scholarships. Should any vacancies be available, students may apply for the student quarters on a self-financed basis

### 2.3 Location and Transportation

**The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts Wanchai Campus** is located between the Admiralty and Wan Chai MTR stations, although it is slightly closer to Admiralty (exit E2).

Bus Route Guide: 5P, A12, 18, 18P, 46X, 309, 373A, M590, 720, 720A, 780, 788, 2, 5P, A12, 18, 18P, 70, 70M, 104, 260, 307, 309, 373, 373A, M590, 720, 720A, 720P, 780, 788, 967X, 969X



**Béthanie Campus** is located at 139 Pokfulam Road.

Bus Route Guide: 4, 7, A10, 37A, 37B, 40, 40M, 43X, 46X, M49, 71, 90B, 91, 970, 970X

Mini-bus Route Guide: 22, 22S, 23, 31, 36





## 2.5 Apply for Bank Account



### 1. Hang Seng Bank Limited

Supporting document(s) required for application	:	Passport, Offer letter issued from the Academy, HKID
Minimum amount to open an account	:	\$500 (student account)
Administration charge for deposit/withdrawal	:	Nil



### 2. Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited

Supporting document(s) required for application	:	Passport, Offer letter issued from the Academy, HKID, Identify card issued by origin country, student ID card
Minimum amount to open an account	:	\$0 (student account)
Administration charge for deposit/withdrawal	:	Nil

*Branch locations can be found in Appendix 2.*

## Appendix 1: Mobile Plan Details

### NOTES:

- o the information below is for reference only, students should visit the stores to learn more about the details and updates;
- o you should compare the mobile data service plans from different providers;
- o before you sign any contract, make sure you read through all the terms and conditions.



### FUP Unlimited Data Plans

Monthly Fee	Local Data	Voice Mins (Basic)	Contract Term
HK\$426	6GB FUP Unlimited	4,000	24 months
HK\$566	10GB FUP Unlimited	5,000	24 months







Under FUP (Fair Usage Policy), when monthly data usage reaches 6GB or 10GB for the respective plans, data service continues without speed throttling or data capping, but access to network resources will be given lower priority and data service experience may be affected.

### Fixed Data Allowance Plans

Monthly Fee	Local Data	Thereafter Charge (on 'Advise and Consent' basis)	Voice Mins (Basic)	Contract Term
HK\$438	10GB	HK\$50/500MB	5,000	24 months
HK\$298	6GB	HK\$50/500MB	4,000	24 months
HK\$238	2.5GB	HK\$50/500MB	3,000	24 months
HK\$198	1GB	HK\$50/500MB	2,500	24 months

Enjoy **FUP Unlimited Data** for an additional **HK\$128** per month for 6GB or 10GB service plans!



SIM Only Plan Monthly Fee	\$198	\$238	\$298	\$438
Local Data usage	1GB	2.5GB	6GB	10GB
	<b>Unlimited Wi-Fi</b> (more than 15,000 hotspots and 1st launch 1,000Mbps Wi-Fi service). csl Wi-Fi hotspots include:      			
Voice call mins	Unlimited			
SMS (intra-network)	10,000			
International SMS	10			
IDD mins	-			100
MMS	200			
Thereafter Data Charge	\$28/200MB	\$28/200MB 或 \$50/1GB		

VAS included: Voicemail, call forwarding, call hold, conference call, caller ID, call waiting, call barring

#### Things to know before you buy:

1. Your Application and VAS Package Menu and Service Guide explain the mobile service, value added services or optional services you have subscribed to (the "Service") and any applicable charges including your monthly charges, usage based charge (such as IDD and international roaming, top-up data packages) as well as MTR/tunnel/Mobile Licence/Administration Fee of \$18 per month (if applicable), and the entities responsible for providing those Services. Additional information about your Service and the address of CSL stores can be found at [www.hkcsll.com](http://www.hkcsll.com) or by calling customer hotline at 25 123 123.

2. Your Commitment Period (if any) will be described in your Application. You can terminate the service by giving CSL at least 30 days' prior notice. If you do so before the expiry of the Commitment Period, then you will need to pay the early termination charges described in the Application, and CSL may charge you for the full value of the premiums you received. CSL may amend or terminate the contract at anytime, but if it causes you material disadvantage or if it results in an increase in your monthly charges you have a right to terminate the Mobile Service without incurring any early termination charges.

 Product Hotline : 2888 2123



## Lite Data Service Plan : Lite Data 128

Special Monthly Fee *		\$88
Data		
Local Data Usage		Local Unlimited^
^Maximum local data access speed will be 384kbps and the network will not support peer-to-peer (P2P) upload and download, including BitTorrent.		
Airtime		
Local Airtime		2000min
Thereafter Local Airtime Charge (per min)		\$0.8
Local Video Call (per min)	Intra-network	\$1.5
	Inter-network	\$2.5
Messaging		
Local SMS	Intra-network	10,000 SMS per month; thereafter: \$0.2/SMS
	Inter-network	\$0.6/SMS
Local MMS Charge		\$1.5/MMS
12-month Free Call Management VAS		Call Forward Package, Calling Number Display, Basic Voice Mailbox, Call Waiting & Call Hold, Conference Call, Incoming/Outgoing Call Barring and Bar Incoming Call (when overseas)

\* Special Monthly Fee is applicable to customers signing 12-month contract on Lite Data 128 service plan. Customers are required to pay an additional \$18 per month for MTR, Tunnels, Mobile Services License & Administration Fees.

## CMHK Prepaid SIM



**4G/3G Data & Voice Prepaid SIM Card**  
Price \$80 Online Price \$65



**IDD Talk Stored Value SIM Card**  
Price \$60 Online Price \$50



**Super Talk Prepaid SIM Card**  
Price \$48 Online Price \$38

## Appendix 2: Branch Location



Service Hours:

Mon to Fri ( 09:00 - 17:00 )

Sat ( 09:00 - 13:00 )

Hong Kong Island: Central & Western (Including Sheung Wan, Admiralty, Central, Mid-levels, Sai Wan)	
Branch	Address
Kennedy Town	77 Belcher's Street
Des Voeux Road West	52 Des Voeux Road West
Sheung Wan	Shop 9-10, 1/F, Tung Ning Building, 251 Des Voeux Road Central
Head Office	83 Des Voeux Road Central
United Centre	Shop 2029, 2/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway

Hong Kong Island: Wanchai (Including Jardine's Lookout, Tai Hang, Causeway Bay, Broadwood, Happy Valley, Ngo Keng, Oi Kwan, Hennessy, Southorn and Stubbs Road)	
Branch	Address
Johnston Road	132 Johnston Road
Wanchai	200 Hennessy Road
Hennessy Road	417 Hennessy Road
Yun Ping Road	Shop Nos. 2-10 and 11-12, LG/F, Lee Gardens Two, 28 Yin Ping Road

Hong Kong Island: Eastern (Including Fortress Hill South, Tin Hau, North Point (Fortress Hill North, North Point Mid-Levels), Quarry Bay (Taikoo Shing), Shau Kei Wan (Sai Wan Ho) and Chai Wan (Heng Fa Chuen, Siu Sai Wan))	
Branch	Address
North Point	335 King's Road
North Point (Roca Centre)	468 King's Road
Quarry Bay	989 King's Road
Taikoo Shing	Shop 5, G/F, Fu Shan Mansion, 25 Taikoo Shing Road
Shau Kei Wan	Shop 6, 1/F, i-UniQ Residence, 295 Shau Kei Wan Road
Chai Wan	G/F, Man Foong Industrial Building, 7 Cheung Lee Street

<b>Hong Kong Island: Southern</b> (Including Aberdeen and Ap Lei Chau)	
Branch	Address
Aberdeen Centre	10 Nam Ning Street

<b>Kowloon West: Yau Tsim Mong</b> (Including Yau Ma Tei, Tsim Sha Tsui, Mong Kok and Tai Kok Tsui)	
Branch	Address
Hankow Road	4 Hankow Road
Tsimshatsui	18 Carnarvon Road
Yaumati	363 Nathan Road
Kowloon Main	618 Nathan Road
141 Prince Edward Road	141 Prince Edward Road
Olympian City	Shops UG18, UG19, UG20 & UG21, UG/F, Olympian City 1

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**Hong Kong Island: Central & Western**

(Including Sheung Wan, Admiralty, Central, Mid-levels, Sai Wan)

Branch	Address
Sheung Wan	252 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong
Gilman Street	136 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong
Wyndham Street	1-3 Wyndham Street, Central, Hong Kong
Bank of China Tower	1 Garden Road, Hong Kong

**Hong Kong Island: Wanchai**

(Including Jardine's Lookout, Tai Hang, Causeway Bay, Broadwood, Happy Valley, Ngo Keng, Oi Kwan, Hennessy, Southorn and Stubbs Road)

Branch	Address
Happy Valley Wealth Management Centre	Nos. 49-51A, Sing Woo Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong
409 Hennessy Road Branch	409-415 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong
Wan Chai (China Overseas Building) Branch	139 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong
Percival Street	18 Percival Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
Harbour Road	Shop 4, G/F, Causeway Centre, 28 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong
Wan Chai (Wu Chung House)	213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong
Causeway Bay	505 Hennessy Road, WanChai, H.K

**Hong Kong Island: Eastern**

(Including Fortress Hill South, Tin Hau, North Point (Fortress Hill North, North Point Mid-Levels), Quarry Bay (Taikoo Shing), Shau Kei Wan (Sai Wan Ho) and Chai Wan (Heng Fa Chuen, Siu Sai Wan))

Branch	Address
Quarry Bay	Parkvale, 1060 King's Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong
Sai Wan Ho	142-146 Shau Kei Wan Road, Sai Wan Ho, Hong Kong
King's Road	131-133 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong
Chai Wan	Block B, Walton Estate, 341-343 Chai Wan Road, Chai Wan, Hong Kong
Taikoo Shing	Shop P1025-1026 , Chi Sing Mansion, Taikoo Shing, HK

<b>Hong Kong Island: Southern</b> (Including Aberdeen and Ap Lei Chau)	
Branch	Address
Aberdeen	25 Wu Pak Street, Aberdeen, Hong Kong
South Horizons	Shop G13 & G15, G/F, Marina Square, West Commercial Block, South Horizons, Ap Lei Chau, Hong Kong
Stanley	Shop No.301B, Stanley Plaza, Hong Kong

<b>Kowloon West: Yau Tsim Mong</b> (Including Yau Ma Tei, Tsim Sha Tsui, Mong Kok and Tai Kok Tsui)	
Branch	Address
Prince Edward	774 Nathan Road, Kowloon
Jordan Road	1/F, Sino Cheer Plaza, 23-29 Jordan Road, Kowloon
Mong Kok	589 Nathan Road, Mong Kok, Kowloon
Prince Edward Road West (Mong Kok)	116-118 Prince Edward Road West, Mong Kok, Kowloon
Olympian City	Shop 133, 1/F, Olympian City 2, 18 Hoi Ting Road, Kowloon
Yau Ma Tei	471 Nathan Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon
Tsim Sha Tsui East	Shop 3, LG/F, Hilton Towers, 96 Granville Road, Tsim Sha Tsui East, Kowloon
Shanghai Street (Mong Kok)	611-617 Shanghai Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon
Mong Kok (President Commercial Centre)	608 Nathan Road, Mong Kok, Kowloon
Cameron Road Wealth Management Centre	30 Cameron Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
Canton Road Wealth Management Centre	60 Canton Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon