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Skilled individuals and business people who want to stay in Hong Kong willing to pursue professional career and start up businesses respectively there is a quality migrant program. Quality migrant program was implemented in the year 2006 and since then it has open ways for many applicants to enter Hong Kong. Along with eligibility requirements, Hong Kong quality migrant program application process and time are also important factors which one should keep in mind.

Applicants are allotted to particular quota during the time of processing. He/she must meet all the basic requirements as well as score minimum points needed to be eligible for the visa approval. The program has two categories general points test and achievements base points test, applicants applying any of the two categories must fulfill both prerequisites and minimum score criteria.

Applicant will be ranked based on the scores obtained by him/her. Applicants lying among high ranking/scorers will be shortlisted for further evaluation. The selected applicants will be assessed on the basis of socio-economic needs of Hong Kong along with other factors by Director of Immigration as well as the advisory committee. Depending on the scores and other related factors each applicant will be allocated with a quota. High scoring applicant might not need a quota allotment.

After allotment of quota, the applicants will be provided with the approval letter, also known as Approval-in-Principle letter. After receiving approval letter the applicants are required to visit Hong Kong for an interview. Applicant must take all the required original documents to the immigration department. This approval letter is only for the interview, it's not an indication or guaranteed confirmation or visa approval.

After verification of all the documents to a satisfactory level, applicants will receive an entry permit/visa under quality migrant program which will allow him/her to live in Hong Kong. As this is a long process, it takes several months for the whole procedure to be completed.

The minimum score required for both the categories is 80 out of 165 marks. The points are scored on the basis of

1. Age
2. Academic and/or professional qualification
3. Work experience
4. Language proficiency
5. Family background

One immediate family member residing in Hong Kong may help you score better points. Along with married spouse, dependent children are also allowed to accompany the applicant. Applicants are free to apply under the desired category provided they pass all the basic eligibility requirements. If the applicant does not score minimum required points his/her application will be rejected immediately. So it is suggested to go for assessment forms, provided by various consultancies and take their advice before applying for any particular category. Applicant may also go for general point test and

achievement based points test before actually applying for a particular test and if not eligible then first try and upgrade their scores to the minimum level and apply after that.

The achievement based points test is for the applicants who are highly skilled and talented and have proven themselves in their field. This category also includes achievers who won state level national or international competitions. The eligibility criterion for this program is strict in comparison to general quality migrant program. Overall the Hong Kong quality migrant application process is very trying and application processing time can be in the range of 9-18 months. It is a highly demanding process and hence recommended to hire an experienced consultant for the procedure.

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