



## Hong Kong Tax Newsflash

### Extend facilitation measure to accept applications for extension of stay

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### Overview

The Hong Kong Immigration Department announced on 9 December 2022 that the facilitation measures to accept visa renewal applications from outside of Hong Kong is to be extended to 30 June 2023.

### Deloitte's view

Extending the flexibility to permit eligible visa holders to extend their visa validity whilst outside of Hong Kong is much welcomed, contributing to talent retention.

### What is the change?

For detailed information on the announcement, please visit <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202212/09/P2022120900604.htm>

Before the implementation of the facilitation measures, eligible visa holders were required to be physically in Hong Kong for the filing of their visa renewal applications, as well as collection of their renewed visas. Since 8 April 2022, the Immigration Department has introduced the facilitation measures, accepting visa renewal applications regardless of the locality of the eligible visa holders that are under the following policies/schemes:

- i. General Employment Policy (including both employment and investment as entrepreneurs);
- ii. Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals;
- iii. Quality Migrant Admission Scheme;
- iv. Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates;
- v. Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents;
- vi. Technology Talent Admission Scheme;
- vii. Capital Investment Entrant Scheme;
- viii. residence as dependants; and
- ix. students enrolled in full-time study programmes.

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