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Introduction of "exit endorsement for talents" by Mainland authorities

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The Mainland authorities announced that the exit endorsement for talents travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao will be implemented in the Mainland cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) on a pilot basis starting from 20 February 2023, with a view to facilitating GBA Mainland talents to travel southbound to Hong Kong for exchanges and visits in the fields of scientific research, education, healthcare, law and business, etc.

Key Points:

- Six categories of talents who meet the eligibility criteria set by the Mainland authorities can apply to the Mainland authorities for the exit endorsement for talents with a validity period of five years, three years or one year, and travel to and from Hong Kong multiple times within the validity period of the exit endorsement.
- Successful applicants can stay in Hong Kong for not exceeding 30 days during each visit.
- If the holders of the exit endorsement for talents also meet the criteria for the "Pilot Scheme on Immigration Facilitation for Visitors Participating in Short-term Activities in Designated Sectors" as expanded by the Hong Kong Government earlier on 1 February 2023,

they may also come to Hong Kong to participate in designated short-term activities as visitors without the need to apply for employment entry permits.

For more information, please visit: [HKSAR Government welcomes introduction of "exit endorsement for talents" by Mainland authorities \(info.gov.hk\)](https://www.info.gov.hk/hk/eng/tour/hksar/gov/welcome.htm)

Deloitte's view

Deloitte welcomes this pilot scheme, facilitating exchange of relevant knowledge and experience between talents from the Mainland and Hong Kong.

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