

Definition of Non-Local Applicant

Non-local applicants are defined as persons entering Hong Kong for the purpose of education holding any of the following visa/entry permit issued by the Director of Immigration of HKSAR Government:

- Student visa/entry permit;
- Visa under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates; or
- Dependent visa, who are aged 18 years old or above when they were issued with such visa.

Those who do not belong to this category will be considered as local applicants.

Countries in the Belt and Road Initiative*

*Data Source: Official website of BRI, <https://www.yidaiyilu.gov.cn/country>.

Important Note: This list of countries participating in the Belt and Road (B&R) Initiative is as of 25 September 2025. Non-Local Non-Mainland students whose countries of origin are included on this list are eligible for the HKBU Students with Exceptional Talent Direct Admission Scheme (SETDAS). It is important to note that this list will remain unchanged, regardless of any developments in the B&R Initiative, and should be referenced throughout the application process for the 2026 entry.

Region	Countries			
Africa	Algeria	Côte d'Ivoire	Liberia	Senegal
	Angola	Djibouti	Libya	Seychelles
	Benin	Egypt	Madagascar	Sierra Leone
	Botswana	Equatorial Guinea	Malawi	Somalia
	Burkina Faso	Eritrea	Mali	South Africa
	Burundi	Ethiopia	Mauritania	South Sudan
	Cameroon	Gabon	Morocco	Sudan
	Cape Verde	Gambia	Mozambique	Tanzania
	Central African Republic	Ghana	Namibia	Togo
	Chad	Guinea	Niger	Tunisia
	Comoros	Guinea-Bissau	Nigeria	Uganda
	Congo (Brazzaville)	Kenya	Rwanda	Zambia
	Congo (Kinshasa)	Lesotho	São Tomé and Príncipe	Zimbabwe
Asia	Afghanistan	Iraq	Nepal	Syria
	Armenia	Jordan	Oman	Tajikistan
	Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Pakistan	Thailand
	Bahrain	Kuwait	Palestine	Timor-Leste
	Bangladesh	Kyrgyzstan	Philippines	Turkey
	Brunei	Laos	Qatar	Turkmenistan
	Cambodia	Lebanon	Saudi Arabia	United Arab Emirates
	Georgia	Malaysia	Singapore	Uzbekistan
	Indonesia	Maldives	South Korea	Vietnam
	Iran	Mongolia	Sri Lanka	Yemen
		Myanmar		

Region	Countries			
Europe	Albania Austria Belarus Bulgaria Bosnia and Herzegovina Croatia Cyprus	Czech Republic Estonia Greece Hungary Italy Latvia Lithuania	Luxembourg Malta Moldova Montenegro North Macedonia Poland Portugal	Romania Russian Federation Serbia Slovakia Slovenia Ukraine
North America	Antigua and Barbuda Barbados Costa Rica Cuba Dominica Dominican Republic El Salvador	Grenada Honduras Jamaica Nicaragua Panama Trinidad and Tobago		
South America	Argentina Bolivia Brazil Chile Colombia Ecuador Guyana	Peru Suriname Uruguay Venezuela		
Oceania	Cook Islands Federated States of Micronesia Fiji Kiribati Nauru New Zealand Niue	Papua New Guinea Samoa Solomon Islands Tonga Vanuatu		