

Persons who enter Hong Kong on Conditional Stay status (see section below) and who have resided in Hong Kong for more than seven years will be eligible to be considered for either Right of Abode or Unconditional Stay status. A change to Right of Abode status would depend on meeting the conditions set out in Section 24 (4) of the Basic Law.

Conditional Stay

This will be the normal status for persons first entering Hong Kong on a temporary basis in order to live and/or work, assuming that they are not eligible for Right of Abode or Right to Land status. Persons with Conditional Stay status must obtain permission to work, and that permission must be renewed periodically. Conditional Stay status can be revoked unilaterally at any time and the person deported or removed.

A person granted Conditional Stay status will be entitled to apply for Unconditional Stay or Right of Abode status following seven years of continuous residency.

RIGHTS OF CANADIANS

At the time of publication of this pamphlet, the policies, procedures and arrangements governing the right of Canadians to work and live in the HKSAR were still under discussion. It is our understanding based on the above comments on the Right of Abode, Right to Land, Unconditional Stay and Conditional Stay sections, that the following observations can be made.