

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Important Information For Parents/Guardians Of Students Who Will Be Under The Age Of 18 Years At The Time Of Admission To The University

1. Student minors and parental responsibility

Students may still be under the age of 18 years at the time of admission to the University with the implementation of the 4-year curriculum. These students (student minors) are not adults from legal and social perspectives. While the University, in appropriate circumstances, will give due consideration and take necessary measures in handling the affairs in regard to student minors, it should be noted that parental responsibility remains with the parents/guardians. The University will not act *in loco parentis* (i.e. not assuming parental responsibility).

2. Academic and social life in the University

Despite their minor status, student minors are expected to lead their academic and social lives in the University as other students. In this connection, parents/guardians should note, among others, that student minors may:

- have access to a variety of information and materials (including those normally suitable for adults only) in a free academic environment;
- participate or engage (pursuant to a course requirement or otherwise) in academic, training, social and other activities (e.g. field trips, internships, placements, tours outside Hong Kong, late night meetings or gatherings, overnight programmes and high-risk sports) which may involve various kinds of risks;
- be offered accommodation and reside in the residences administered by the University;
- participate in the activities of and become an office bearer/office bearers in student organizations, and take up the relevant responsibilities; and
- need to receive medical treatments, psychological treatments or counseling services, or undergo medical operations, especially in case of emergency.

3. Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance

Student minors are protected by the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. In this respect, parents/guardians have no automatic right to access the personal data of student minors (e.g. academic records). It is the normal practice of the University to correspond directly with students but not their parents/guardians. However, the University acknowledges that it is necessary to maintain updated contact details of the parents/guardians of student minors, in particular for emergency. If appropriate, parents/guardians may also provide other relevant information to the University for the interests of student minors.

4. Consent

To assist the University in processing the acceptance of offer of admission, the parent/guardian of a student who will still be under the age of 18 years as at September 1, 2023 is required to submit the online consent form ON OR BEFORE September 1, 2023. **Without the required consent form, the University may have difficulty in arranging some of the teaching and learning activities, and accommodation for a student minor, and therefore, his or her studies may be affected.**

[Note: In the case of discrepancy between the English and Chinese versions, the English version shall prevail.]

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香港大學

入學時未滿18歲學生之家長 / 監護人須知

1. 未成年學生及家長責任

由於大學實施四年制課程，部分學生在入學時或仍未滿18歲。這些學生（未成年學生）在法律上及社會角度來看均非成年人。雖然校方會適當給予其關注並採取必要措施妥善處理與其相關的事務，但學生父母 / 監護人仍需履行家長責任。大學不會代任家長角色（即是不會負起家長的有關責任）。

2. 校內學業及社交生活

未成年學生雖然尚未成年，但他們須與其他學生一樣在校園裡學習和生活。因此，學生父母 / 監護人須特別注意，未成年學生可能：

- 在開放自由的學術環境裡接觸到大量資訊及資料（其中可能包含僅適合成年人的內容）；
- （根據課程要求或其他需要）參與或參加當中或有不同風險的學術、培訓、社交及其他活動（如：實地考察、實習實踐、境外旅行、深宵會議或集會、通宵活動或高風險體育運動）；
- 獲校方安排住宿並入住由大學管理的宿舍；
- 參加學生社團活動，成為有關組織的幹事並承擔相應責任；以及
- 接受醫療、心理治療或輔導服務，或是需要進行手術，特別是在發生意外之時。

3. 個人資料（私隱）條例

未成年學生也受《個人資料（私隱）條例》的保護。因此，學生父母 / 監護人並無必然的權利獲取未成年學生的個人資料（如學業成績）。大學通常會直接與學生通信聯繫，而不是他們的父母 / 監護人。但是，大學認為有必要保留未成年學生父母 / 監護人的最新聯繫資料，以備緊急之用。為未成年學生的利益著想，學生父母 / 監護人亦可選擇向校方提供其他相關資訊備用。

4. 同意書

為協助大學處理接受取錄手續，凡2023年9月1日時仍未滿18歲的學生，其父母 / 監護人須填寫網上的同意書，並於2023年9月1日或之前遞交。**如大學未收到該同意書，可能難以為未成年學生安排某些教學活動及住宿安排，或會影響其正常學習生活。**

[註： 以上內容的中英文文本如有歧異，概以英文文本為準。]

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