

# Continuing Education Fund



Continuing Education Fund (CEF) provides subsidies to adults with aspiration to pursue continuing education and training.



To further encourage Hong Kong residents to pursue self-enhancement, the Government raises CEF subsidy ceiling to \$25,000 per person and removes the upper age limit from 1 August 2022.



## Subsidy Amount

**(Applicable to CEF courses commencing on or after 1 August 2022)**

- (1) CEF subsidy ceiling is raised from \$20,000 to \$25,000; and
- (2) the co-payment ratio by learners for the first \$10,000 subsidy is 20% of the course fee, and that for the remaining \$15,000 subsidy is 40% of the course fee.

A "Subsidy Calculator" is available on the CEF website to facilitate applicants to estimate the amount of subsidy they are eligible for and the course fee to be borne by them.

## Eligibility Criteria

- (1) A Hong Kong resident who has the right of abode or the right to land or to remain in Hong Kong without restriction, or a holder of One-way Permit from Mainland China;
- (2) aged 18 or above at the time when the CEF course commenced;
- (3) has successfully completed a CEF course and paid the tuition fee<sup>Note</sup>; and
- (4) has not obtained any other public funds or financial assistance under the public funding schemes for the same course, module or unit of study credits.



Note : All CEF course providers are required to collect the tuition fees of CEF courses on an equal monthly instalments basis except those which have been granted exemption by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare.

## Application Procedures

Eligible applicants should complete CEF Application Form (SFO 313) and submit it together with supporting documents to the Office of CEF (OCEF) **within one year** upon successful completion of a CEF course.

### Paper-based Application

The Application Form can be obtained from the OCEF or Home Affairs Enquiry Centres, or downloaded from CEF website (<https://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/cef/en/index.htm>).

Completed Application Form together with the supporting documents should be submitted in person or by post to the OCEF. Applicants may also place their applications in the drop-in box on 11/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices.

### Electronic Application

Applicants may complete and submit the online application form and upload the required documents through "GovHK" website.

Submit CEF Application Form at  
<https://eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/sfo017/en/>  
or by scanning the QR code below



CEF Online Application

## Contact Us

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8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
2:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.  
(Except public holidays)

**24-hour** 3142 2277

**Enquiry Hotline** (handled by staff of 1823)

**Email** [cef\\_sfo@wfsfaa.gov.hk](mailto:cef_sfo@wfsfaa.gov.hk)

**Website** <https://wfsfaa.gov.hk/cef>

\* Courses commencing before 1 August 2022 will be processed in accordance with the previously prevailing requirements.



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