



HONG KONG VISA

HANDBOOK



Visa Information

Reconsideration



Why Apply for a Reconsideration?

Your case has been refused. You are disappointed, naturally, and your plans for Hong Kong have been dealt a severe body blow. So what can you do? The answer is to apply to have the decision to refuse your application reconsidered by the HKID but, be warned, it is an uphill struggle - and you only get one good shot at it, so you had better make it count.

Grounds for a Reconsideration

The HKID will only entertain an application for a reconsideration of a decision to refuse an application if there is significant additional, new information adding weight to the original application or relevant and important new facts which have come to light since the refusal - with comprehensive verifying documentation to support.

What Does All this Mean?

It means that you need to be ready to further argue your case stridently and have the bullets ready to fire in support. Emotional appeals are fruitless; as are a collection of mere testimonials from your consulate or chambers of commerce.

How Do I Figure Out What Has Gone Wrong?

There are typically five key underlying reasons why cases get denied. It could be that the case was destined to fail from the get go as the applicant was incapable of passing the approvability test applicable to the visa type applied for. It might be that the case was very poorly put together or incorrectly argued. Often times, applicants are unable to come up with critical supporting documentation required by the HKID or other specific information requests are not adhered to. Finally, if the applicant has a poor immigration record in Hong Kong the Immigration Department could be minded not to afford the applicant the privilege of residence.

Documents Required

This really does all depend on how you intend to further argue your case.

Submitting Your Reconsideration Application

You should submit your application bundle for the Reconsideration in the same way as you submitted your original application. If you are a Visitor in Hong Kong, the HKID will not afford you an interim extension to your current period of stay pending the finalisation of the Reconsideration process and notification of the outcome.

Further Appeal

You can apply under s 53 of the Immigration Ordinance for the review of a decision of a public officer or seek the direct intervention of the Chief Executive if there is a matter of significant public interest at issue.

Further Resources



Discussion



Preparing Your Case

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Highlights

- All applicants for residence visas can request a reconsideration of a decision to refuse an application
- Not an easy task and should not be approached lightly
- There are typically 5 key underlying reasons why cases get denied
- The essential ground for a reconsideration is new and previously unsubmitted information
- Reconsiderations without merit get knocked back very quickly

