

**For information on
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Sexual Minorities Forum

**Application for Entry of Foreign Partners of
Same-sex Couples into Hong Kong**

Under Hong Kong law, marriage is a formal ceremony recognized by the law as involving the ‘voluntary union for life of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others.’ The existing immigration policy on admission of spouses as a dependant is based on monogamy and the concept of a married couple consisting of one male and one female.

2. Subject to the satisfaction of all relevant immigration requirements, a dependant visa may be granted to a spouse to join his/her sponsor for residence in Hong Kong. The marriage between the couple must be monogamous and the voluntary union for life of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others. It must also be recognized by the Laws of Hong Kong.

3. For persons who are not married to a Hong Kong sponsor, but are committed to each other as persons who are married, they are not covered under the dependant policy to join his/her sponsor. Any entry application from these persons may be considered on its individual merits.

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