# HKIHRM Job Creation Scheme ("The Scheme") Application Guidance Notes

### 1. Preamble

The HKIHRM Job Creation Scheme ("the Scheme"), in collaboration with the Civil Service Bureau ("CSB"), is one of the job creation schemes under the Anti-epidemic Fund of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSARG"). The Scheme aims to create up to 500 time-limited jobs of different skill sets in the private sector<sup>Note1</sup> amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the Scheme, eligible members of the Hong Kong Institute of Human Resource Management ("HKIHRM") may apply for a monthly subsidy from the HKSARG for each eligible job position created.

# 2. Responsible Government Bureau

The Scheme is implemented and managed by the HKIHRM. The CSB is the collaborating partner to the HKIHRM for the Scheme.

# 3. Eligibility

- 3.1. An Eligible Applicant Employer under the Scheme must:
  - a. be a current HKIHRM member, with membership fee paid in full for the period between the application date and end of the subsidy period (either a Corporate member or an Individual member whose company wishes to apply for the Scheme);
  - b. be in operation at the time of application;
  - c. hold a valid authorisation/Business Registration Certificate (Cap. 310) Note2 issued by the prescribed statutory bodies which remains effective as of the Scheme's application submission date;
  - have recently recruited an Eligible Employee who reported for duty on or after 1 September 2020 for an Eligible Position; or be in the process of recruiting or planning to recruit an Eligible Employee to work in an Eligible Position under the Scheme; and
  - e. <u>not</u> belong to any organisations as listed in Annex 1.

Note1 Please refer to Annex 1 for organisations excluded from the Scheme.

Note2 For non-profit organisations or any other similar entities that are not required by law to have a Business Registration Certificate, it should submit proof of valid operation and subsistence, such as Certificate of Incorporation in order to apply for the Scheme. If necessary, Applicant Employer should submit additional supporting document(s) as required by the HKIHRM for further processing of the application.

### 3.2. An Eligible Employee under the Scheme must:

- a. be a Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) resident with a valid Hong Kong Identity Card:
- b. possess at least 6 months of working experience, whether full-time or part-time<sup>Note3</sup>;
- c. possess an academic qualification equivalent to or above Diploma level from a local or overseas tertiary educational institution, or the equivalent; and
- d. not belong to any of the following categories:
  - i. he/she is an existing staff member of the Applicant Employer or was employed by the Applicant Employer within the past 12 months preceding the employment for the Eligible Position;
  - ii. he/she is a close relative (including spouse, child, parent, sibling, spouse's parent, spouse's sibling, child's spouse) of a proprietor, director or partner of the Applicant Employer; and
  - iii. he/she is not eligible for undertaking employment in Hong Kong or the employment contract does not comply with the laws of Hong Kong.

### 3.3. An Eligible Position under the Scheme:

- a. must be a new job role created by the Applicant Employer on or after 1 September 2020;
- b. can be in any job functions;
- c. must <u>not</u> belong to any of the following categories:
  - i. it is simultaneously receiving a subsidy from another programme funded by the Job Creation Scheme under the Anti-epidemic Fund;
  - ii. it is to supplant a job role created before 1 September 2020:
  - iii. it has been assigned to work on Government projects with the relevant salary reimbursed by the Government;
  - iv. the recruitment for filling the position was/is not conducted on a fair and transparent basis; and
  - v. the salary for the position is reimbursed/funded/paid by the Government.

Note3 A candidate who does not have the required working experience may be considered on an exceptional basis if he/she displays good potential.

# 4. Subsidy Amount and Duration

For each Eligible Position approved under the Scheme, the Applicant Employer will be provided with a monthly subsidy equivalent to 50% of the actual monthly basic salary payment for the Eligible Employee of the Eligible Position or HK\$10,000, whichever is lower. The subsidy will be provided for a period up to 12 months or 31 March 2022, whichever is earlier ("subsidy period"). If the period of employment is less than one full month, the subsidy for the month concerned shall be calculated on a pro-rata basis.

# 5. Application Procedures

- 5.1. No fee shall be payable for obtaining or submitting application forms.
- 5.2. The Application form can be downloaded <a href="here">here</a> and must be submitted with the required supporting documents via:
  - a. e-mail in PDF format to <a href="mailto:jobcreation@hkihrm.org">jobcreation@hkihrm.org</a> with "Company Name\_Application for HKIHRM Job Creation Scheme" as the e-mail subject for first-time application, and "Company Name Application Number" for follow-up purpose; or
  - b. mail or courier with documents printed on A4 paper, in full size and double-sided.
- 5.3. Applications for the Scheme are accepted until 30 June 2021 or the 500 time-limited job quotas are filled or the funding is exhausted, whichever is earlier.
- 5.4. For the Applicant Employer who has *already recruited an Eligible Employee* who reported for duty on or after 1 September 2020, it must complete the <u>Stage 1 Application Form</u> and submit it together with all the necessary supporting documents.
- 5.5. For the Applicant Employer who is *in the process of recruiting/planning to recruit an Eligible Employee*, it must:
  - a. complete relevant parts of the <u>Stage 1 Application Form</u> and submit it together with all the necessary supporting documents; AND
  - b. complete the recruitment process and have the Eligible Employee reported for duty within 3 months upon approval granted for the application, failing which the Applicant Employer will be deemed to have given up the application.
- 5.6. There is no specified limit on the number of Eligible Position(s) each Eligible Applicant Employer may apply for. The Applicant Employer may submit applications in multiple batches.
- 5.7. The approved Applicant Employer is required to complete the <u>Stage 2 Application Form</u>, together with all the required supporting documents to request for subsidy disbursement.

- 5.8. All eligible applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis. Applications received after 30 June 2021 or the 500 time-limited job quotas are filled or the funding is exhausted, whichever is earlier, will not be considered. Applications with incomplete or illegible information or supporting documents, or any discrepancy in the information or supporting documents provided will also not be processed.
- 5.9. To avoid delayed or unsuccessful delivery of application, please contact the HKIHRM via e-mail to <a href="mailto:jobcreation@hkihrm.org">jobcreation@hkihrm.org</a> or by phone (Tel: 2837 3814/2837 3830) if you have not received an acknowledgement of receipt by e-mail within 7 working days after submitting an application.

# 6. Application Result

The HKIHRM will send an Acknowledgment of Receipt and an Application Number via e-mail to the Applicant Employer within 7 working days upon receipt of an application. The Applicant Employer will be notified of the application result and the Subsidised Place Reference Number(s) within 4 to 6 working weeks after submission. The subsidy claimed will be disbursed by autopay/bank deposit after verification and review by the HKIHRM and the CSB around 8 to 10 working weeks after the end of each quarter. The Applicant Employer should check their spam/junk mail folder to identify any e-mail from the HKIHRM.

# 7. Supporting Documents Required

- 7.1. The Applicant Employer must include the following supporting documents when submitting the <u>Stage 1</u> <u>Application Form</u>:
  - a. a copy of a valid authorisation or Business Registration Certificate issued under the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310)<sup>Note 4</sup> which bears the same company name as that of the Applicant Employer in the application form, and is valid as of the date of application;
  - b. supporting documents for the recruitment process (e.g. actual recruitment advertisement with a clear indication of the recruitment time and recruitment media);
  - c. a copy of the employment contract/letter or offer letter of the Eligible Employee;
  - d. a copy of the Hong Kong Identity Card of the Eligible Employee;
  - e. a copy of the highest academic qualification document of the Eligible Employee (e.g. official academic transcript or certificate);
  - f. a proof of other qualifications attained by the Eligible Employee;

Note4 For non-profit organisations or any other similar entities that are not required by law to have a Business Registration Certificate, such Applicant Employer should submit proof of valid operation and subsistence, such as Certificate of Incorporation. If necessary, Applicant Employer should submit additional supporting document(s) as required by the HKIHRM for further processing of the application.

- g. a proof of details of the work experience of the Eligible Employee, which has been taken into account as meeting the 6-month work experience<sup>Note5</sup>;
- h. (for an Individual member of the HKIHRM) a copy of the member's proof of employment with the Applicant Employer dated within the same month of the application (e.g. Company letter with Authorised Signature and Company Chop).

For the Applicant Employer who has *already recruited* an Eligible Employee, it must submit documents (a) to (g), and (h), if applicable, to the HKIHRM.

For the Applicant Employer who is in the *process of recruiting or planning to recruit* an Eligible Employee, it must submit documents (a) to (b), and (h), if applicable, to the HKIHRM upon submission of application. If the application is approved, it has to submit documents (c) to (g) to the HKIHRM no later than the submission for request for subsidy disbursement.

- 7.2. The Applicant Employer must include the following supporting documents when submitting the <u>Stage 2</u> <u>Application Form:</u>
  - i. (for first time application) a copy of the Bank Statement Header, showing (1) Company Name, (2) Company Account No. and (3) Beneficiary Bank;
  - j. a copy of the salary statement for each Eligible Employee; and
  - k. a copy of the Mandatory Provident Fund ("MPF") and/or Occupational Retirement Scheme Ordinance ("ORSO") contributions for each Eligible Employee.
- 7.3. The supporting documents must be in legible in PDF format and the images must be clear, complete and in entirety. The size of all uploaded files altogether must be smaller than 10MB. If the quality of the supporting documents does not meet the said requirements, the application may not be processed in time for each scheduled subsidy reimbursement. Both the HKIHRM and the CSB bear no liability for such delays.

### 8. Disbursement and Monitoring of Subsidy

8.1. Subsidy will be paid to the Applicant Employer on a reimbursement basis after the end of each quarter after the Applicant Employer has submitted duly completed <u>Stage 2 Application Form</u> and the required documentary proof. The aforesaid documents should be submitted within 7 working days after the specified cut-off date of the quarter concerned (i.e. 31 March 2021, 30 June 2021, 30 September 2021, 31 December 2021 and 31 March 2022).

Note5 Proof of details of the work experience include: the name of employer, job title, period of employment, full-time or part-time. Justification for exceptional consideration is required if the Eligible Employee does not meet the working experience requirement.

- 8.2. The Applicant Employer must submit a copy of the salary statement and MPF and/or ORSO contributions for the Eligible Employee to the HKIHRM as proof of salary payment when requesting subsidy disbursement.
- 8.3. The Applicant Employer may be required to provide other documentary proof before the disbursement of subsidy as required by and at the discretion of the HKIHRM. Upon receipt of the documents to the satisfaction of the HKIHRM, the HKIHRM will disburse the subsidy to the bank account provided in the <a href="Stage 2 Application Form">Stage 2 Application Form</a> in around 8 to 10 working weeks after the end of each quarter.
- 8.4. In the case of dismissal/resignation of the Eligible Employee, the Applicant Employer should notify the HKIHRM in writing immediately or within 5 working days of such changes. The subsidy in relation to this Eligible Employee shall be calculated up to the last working day of his/her departure. If the last employment is less than one full month, the entitled subsidy shall be calculated on pro-rata basis.
- 8.5. Further to paragraph 8.4 above, the Applicant Employer is allowed to recruit a new Eligible Employee to fill the same Eligible Position and will still be qualified for the subsidy for the remaining subsidy period provided that the new Eligible Employee can meet the criteria mentioned in paragraph 3.2 above and the recruitment is conducted on a fair and transparent basis.

The new recruitment process should be completed, and the new Eligible Employee must report for duty within 3 months after the termination of employment of the former beneficiary Eligible Employee for the same Eligible Position. After the replacement Eligible Employee has reported for duty, the Applicant Employer is required to submit a completed <u>Stage 1 Application Form</u>, together with all the necessary supporting documents (see paragraph 7 above), to the HKIHRM no later than the submission for request for subsidy disbursement. The Applicant Employer should not transfer the subsidy to the replacement Eligible Employee without notifying the HKIHRM.

- 8.6. The Applicant Employer can make necessary adjustment on the job nature and duties of the Eligible Position. However, such adjustment should meet the requirements set out in paragraph 3 above. The Applicant Employer should notify the HKIHRM in writing on the changes immediately or within 5 working days, revise and resubmit the <a href="Stage 1 Application Form">Stage 1 Application Form</a> to the HKIHRM for consideration and approval. The same should apply to other changes in relation to information provided in the Application Form in relation to the Eligible Position.
- 8.7. HKIHRM or its representative will conduct random check on the Applicant Employer and its Eligible Employee(s) for verification of the information submitted by the Applicant Employer.

### 9. Terms and Conditions

Any application and its processing are subject to the General Terms & Conditions and the Privacy Policy as set out in **Annex 2.** 

### 10. Other Points to Note

- 10.1. The HKIHRM and/or the CSB reserve the right to take appropriate action, including but not limited to refusing or not approving an application for subsidy or revoking any approval given and recovering any subsidy granted and all related expenses incurred arising from false information given and false declarations made.
- 10.2. The Applicant Employer may be required to provide additional documentary proof on top of those specified in this Guidance Notes and Application Forms before the release of the subsidy under the Scheme.

# 11. Enquiries

For enquiries on the Scheme, please contact the HKIHRM via the following channels:

E-mail: jobcreation@hkihrm.org

Hotline: (852) 2837 3819 (General Enquiries)/(852) 2837 3814/2837 3830 (Application Process)

(9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except public holidays)

# Organisations Excluded from the HKIHRM Job Creation Scheme

# Government Bureaux/Departments or Related Organisations/Bodies/Offices

- 1. the Executive Council
- 2. the Legislative Council of the HKSAR Note6
- 3. the Judiciary of the HKSAR
- 4. the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR
- 5. the Office for Safeguarding National Security of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR
- 6. the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR
- 7. the Hong Kong Garrison of the Chinese People's Liberation Army

Specified statutory bodies and corporations (Staffed entirely or primarily by non-government employees)

- 1. Airport Authority Hong Kong
- 2. Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries
- 3. City University of Hong Kong
- 4. Competition Commission
- 5. Construction Industry Council
- 6. Consumer Council
- 7. District Councils Note 7
- 8. Employees Compensation Assistance Fund Board
- 9. Employees Retraining Board
- 10. Equal Opportunities Commission
- 11. Estate Agents Authority
- 12. Financial Reporting Council
- 13. Fish Marketing Organization
- 14. Guardianship Board
- 15. Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts
- 16. Hong Kong Arts Development Council
- 17. Hong Kong Baptist University
- 18. Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health
- Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority
- 20. Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation
- 21. Hong Kong Housing Society
- 22. Hong Kong Productivity Council
- 23. Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation

Note Include Legislative Council (LegCo) Secretariat and LegCo Members (in the capacity as employer of staff whose remuneration is fully funded by Office Operation Expenses Reimbursement or Entertainment and Travelling Expenses Reimbursement)

Note7 Include District Council (DC) Chairmen, Vice-chairmen and Members (in the capacity as employer of staff whose remuneration is fully funded by Operating Expenses Reimbursement or Miscellaneous Expenses Allowance)

- 24. Hong Kong Trade Development Council
- 25. Hospital Authority
- 26. Independent Commission Against Corruption
- 27. Independent Police Complaints Council
- 28. Insurance Authority
- 29. Lingnan University
- 30. Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority
- 31. Occupational Deafness Compensation Board
- 32. Occupational Safety and Health Council
- 33. Office of the Ombudsman
- 34. Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data
- 35. Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board
- 36. Prince Philip Dental Hospital
- 37. Property Management Services Authority
- 38. Securities and Futures Commission (including its subsidiary Investor and Financial Education Council)
- 39. The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 40. The Education University of Hong Kong
- 41. The Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications
- 42. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- 43. The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- 44. The MTR Corporation Limited
- 45. The Trust Funds and Temples Joint Secretariat
- 46. The University of Hong Kong
- 47. The Vocational Training Council
- 48. Urban Renewal Authority
- 49. Vegetable Marketing Organization
- 50. West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

### Specified public organisations, government-owned companies or subvented organisations

- 1. Aided, caput and Direct Subsidy Scheme primary and secondary schools
- 2. AsiaWorld Expo
- 3. Aviation Security Company Limited
- 4. Beat Drugs Fund Association
- 5. Duty Lawyer Service
- 6. Financial Dispute Resolution Centre
- 7. Financial Services Development Council
- 8. Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education
- 9. Hong Kong Academy of Finance Limited (including its subsidiary Hong Kong Institute for Monetary and Financial Research)
- 10. Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute Company Limited
- 11. Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited
- 12. Hong Kong Design Centre
- 13. Hong Kong Education City
- 14. Hong Kong FMI Services Limited

- 15. Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited
- 16. Hong Kong Note Printing Limited
- 17. Hong Kong Tourism Board
- 18. Kindergartens under the kindergarten education scheme
- 19. Kwoon Chung Inclusive and Accessible Transport Services Co Ltd
- 20. Logistics and Supply Chain MultiTech R&D Centre Limited
- 21. The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited (including its subsidiaries)
- 22. The Hong Kong Research Institute of Textiles and Apparel Limited
- 23. The Hong Kong Sports Institute
- 24. The Nano and Advanced Materials Institute Limited

# Consulates-General/Honorary Consulates or Offices of International Organisations/ Bodies in Hong Kong

- 1. Consulates-General and Honorary Consulates in Hong Kong
- 2. Offices of the 6 Officially Recognised Bodies in Hong Kong -
  - Bank for International Settlements Representative Office for Asia and the Pacific
  - Office of the European Union to Hong Kong
  - Hague Conference on Private International Law Asia Pacific Regional Office
  - International Finance Corporation Regional Office for East Asia and Pacific and the World Bank Private Sector Development Office for East Asia and Pacific
  - International Monetary Fund Hong Kong SAR Sub-Office
  - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Sub-Office

# HKIHRM Job Creation Scheme ("The Scheme") General Terms and Conditions

### 1. Terms and Conditions

- 1.1. All Applicant Employers and their proprietors, partners, shareholders, directors and Authorised Representatives are bound by the terms and conditions of the Scheme (including the Privacy Policy, and Copyrights and Disclaimer) (collectively referred to as the "Terms and Conditions").
- 1.2. The HKIHRM and/or the CSB reserve the right to revise any part of the Terms and Conditions at any time. The Applicant Employer agrees that the HKIHRM and/or the CSB will not be liable to them or any third party as a result of such revision. The amended Terms and Conditions will have immediate effect.
- 1.3. Without prejudice to the other Terms and Conditions, the HKIHRM and/or the CSB have absolute discretion to decide and interpret all relevant matters related to the Scheme.

# 2. Liability

- 2.1. The Applicant Employer is liable for all risks (including but not limited to risks to any third party) associated with the content of its application (including the application form and supporting documents) and all of its acts or omissions. The Applicant Employer must provide and submit true, legible, complete, consistent and accurate information. Any provision of false or misleading information, misrepresentation or omission of any information, provision of incomplete/incorrect/inaccurate information, or breach of the Terms and Conditions for any other reasons, may render the relevant applications invalid, not being accepted and/or disqualified. Making any false statements, misrepresenting and concealing facts, or furnishing false documents in an attempt to deceive the HKIHRM and/or the CSB constitutes a criminal offence and may subject the Applicant Employer to legal liability. The aforesaid actions would render the Applicant Employer liable to disqualification from the Scheme, and liable to repayment of any subsidy granted to the Government.
- 2.2. The HKIHRM and/or the CSB reserve the absolute discretion (without separately providing notice or explanation) under the above circumstances to reject the relevant applications, or withdraw/refuse to grant any subsidy (without the need to provide any explanation), or request the successful Applicant Employer to refund the subsidy paid (in full or in part) in case of breach of the Terms and Conditions by the successful Applicant Employer subsequently known to the HKIHRM and/or the CSB. The HKIHRM and/or the CSB will no longer have any obligations towards the successful Applicant Employer after its payment of subsidy to them.
- 2.3. The Government reserves the right to take other appropriate action, including but not limited to refusing or not approving an application for subsidy or revoking any approval given and recovering any subsidy granted and all related expenses incurred arising from false information given and false declaration made.

### 3. Authorisation

- 3.1. The Applicant Employer hereby authorises:
  - a. the HKIHRM and/or the CSB to contact Government departments or other relevant institutions/persons for verification or clarification of the information contained in the application form and the documents provided (including supplementary information and document(s) (if any)) for the purposes of approval, assessment and review of applications, as well as monitoring and statistical use. The Applicant Employer also agrees to provide any additional information or documents at the reasonable request of the HKIHRM and/or the CSB; and
  - b. the HKIHRM and/or the CSB to collect the Applicant Employer's information, including the personal data as defined under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. The use of the data is related to the purposes as stated in the Terms and Conditions (including the Privacy Policy) of the Scheme.

# 4. Applicable Law and Jurisdiction

The Scheme shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in all aspects. The parties irrevocably and unconditionally submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Hong Kong.

# 5. Partial Invalidity

If any provision of the Terms and Conditions is found to be invalid or unenforceable by courts of law, such invalidity or unenforceability will not affect the remainder of the Terms and Conditions, which will continue in full force and effect.

# 6. Third Party Rights

The application of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Ordinance (Chapter 623 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and/or any comparable law in any jurisdiction giving to or conferring on third parties the right to enforce any terms of these Terms and Conditions, is expressly excluded and no terms of these Terms and Conditions are, or are intended to be, enforceable by any person not being a party to it.

### 7. Disclaimer

- 7.1. The HKIHRM and/or the CSB shall not be responsible or liable for any and all disputes, claims, liabilities, damages, losses, injuries, costs (including but not limited to legal costs) or expenses whether directly or indirectly of any kind to any person (whether to the Applicant Employer, Eligible Employee, Authorised Representative, or third parties) or property arising from or in connection with the CSB, including:
  - a. the actions taken, or omitted to be taken, as a result of the result notification, and receipt of subsidy;

- b. the employment relationship (including but not limited to the terms of employment contract) between the Applicant Employer and the Eligible Employee; and
- c. the Applicant Employer's breach of the Terms and Conditions.
- 7.2. The Applicant Employer shall unconditionally and irrevocably indemnify, keep indemnified, hold harmless and defend the HKIHRM and/or the CSB and its directors, employees, officers, related persons and entities from and against all the aforesaid disputes, claims, liabilities, damages, losses, injuries, costs or expenses. The Applicant Employer is liable for all risks in association with its application.

# 8. Privacy Policy

8.1. This Privacy Policy is related to personal data supplied by the Applicant Employer in an application. The Applicant Employer must ensure that any personal data (including but not limited to an individual's full name, telephone number and e-mail address) is provided voluntarily and consent of such provision has been obtained from the employees concerned. True, legible, complete, consistent and accurate personal information must be produced so as to enable the application for the Scheme to be duly processed. Failure to do so may render the application invalid, not being accepted and/or disqualified.

# Purpose of Collection of Personal Data

- 8.2. The HKIHRM and/or the CSB respect the privacy of the personal data provided in the implementation and operation of the Scheme. The HKIHRM and/or the CSB will ensure personal data submitted via application forms are handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486). Unless with consent, any personal data provided by the Applicant Employer will only be disclosed to and used and retained by organisations or persons authorised by or associated with the HKIHRM and/or the CSB in the operation of the Scheme for all or any one or more of the following purposes:
  - a. handling, verifying and screening the Applicant Employer's application, disbursement and refund of subsidy in relation to the Scheme;
  - b. assisting in the verification of the personal data provided for processing the applications and subsidies of the Scheme;
  - matching the personal data provided with the database of relevant government bureaux/departments/organisations for the purposes of approval, assessment, review and monitoring of applications;
  - d. notifying and processing of subsidies;
  - e. all other purposes related to the conduct required to assist the HKIHRM and/or the CSB in executing the Scheme; and

f. statistical analysis related to the operation and periodic review of the CSB, and the statistics obtained will not be released or made available to a third party in a form that will identify any of the data subjects.

### Confidentiality and Information Security

8.3. In order to protect privacy, the HKIHRM and/or the CSB will, in accordance with the personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap.486) and the nature of the personal data collected, adopt all reasonably practicable measures to ensure that all personal data are correct and kept securely and confidentially, and will follow the relevant legislation in making corrections and giving access to data. However, the HKIHRM and/or the CSB may disclose such information for the purposes and under the circumstances set out in the Parts "Purposes of Collection of Personal Data" above and "Possible Disclosure to Other Parties" below.

#### Retention of Personal Data

8.4. Personal data provided in the application will be kept by the HKIHRM and/or the CSB for a reasonable period of time as may be required, for the above specific purposes for which they were collected and in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions. The data will be erased afterwards.

#### Possible Disclosure to Other Parties

- 8.5. Information provided may be disclosed:
  - a. to the HKIHRM and/or the CSB and their designated organisations or persons for the purpose of vetting the application;
  - b. to organisations and/or persons for the purpose of matching with the databases of relevant government bureaux/departments/organisations for the purposes of approval, assessment, review and monitoring of the application;
  - to relevant parties (including government departments of the HKSAR, Hong Kong courts and/or third parties in Hong Kong/other places) in compliance with applicable laws and regulations and/or as authorised or required by law and/or pursuant to court orders;
  - to organisations and/or persons authorised by or associated with the HKIHRM and/or the CSB in the operation of the Scheme for the purposes set out in the Part "Purposes of Collection of Personal Data" above; or
  - e. pursuant to or as permitted under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap.486).

### Access to Personal Data and Enquiries

- 8.6. In accordance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486), the Applicant Employer have the right to:
  - a. check whether the HKIHRM and/or the CSB hold personal data of which the individual is the data subject;
  - b. request a copy of such personal data held by paying an administration fee;
  - c. correct personal data that is inaccurate; and
  - d. ascertain the policies and practices in relation to personal data.
- 8.7. Requests for access to and/or corrections of personal data should be made in writing to the HKIHRM by <a href="mailto:iobcreation@hkihrm.org">iobcreation@hkihrm.org</a> or by phone at (852) 2837 3814/2837 3830.

# 9. Copyrights and Disclaimer

- 9.1. The information contained in this document is updated regularly and is intended for reference only. The HKIHRM and/or the CSB and organisations associated with the CSB do not warrant or represent that the information provided is true, legible, complete, consistent and accurate, nor that the information is up to date. The HKIHRM and/or the CSB and organisations associated with the HKIHRM and/or the CSB do not accept any liability for any loss or damage however arising from or in reliance upon the contents contained in this document.
- 9.2. The information and materials contained in this document and any corresponding intellectual property rights (with the exception of the newspapers and magazine clippings or as otherwise stated) belong to the HKIHRM and/or the CSB and/or organisations associated with the HKIHRM and/or the CSB. Unless with the prior express written consent of the HKIHRM and/or the CSB, organisations associated with the CSB or the newspapers/magazines or other parties concerned, reproduction, distribution, retransmission or publication of any of the information or materials contained in this document or any part thereof or otherwise dealing with the same or interfering with or disrupting the servers or network connected to this document in whatever manner and medium and for whatever purpose is strictly prohibited.
- 9.3. Nothing contained in this document should be construed as granting any licence or right of use of any intellectual property right belonging to the HKIHRM and/or the CSB or any third party.
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# 10. Prevention of Bribery

It is an offence under the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (Cap. 201) to offer advantages to government officers in relation to their official duties.

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