



**The Incorporated Trustees of Hong Kong Seafarer  
Mutual Assistance and Scholarship Trust**

**Hong Kong Maritime Scholarship Fund  
Higher Diploma in Mechanical Engineering Seafaring Scholarship  
Application Guidelines**

**Introduction**

To attract and encourage more outstanding achievements and build up a vibrant, diversified and competitive pool of professionals and technical personnel to support Hong Kong future maritime development, the Administrative Committee of the Hong Kong Seafarer Mutual Assistance and Scholarship Trust approved the Higher Diploma in Mechanical Engineering Seafaring Scholarship. With effect from 26 July 2024, each successful applicant will be awarded a maximum scholarship of HK\$60,000.

**Eligibility**

The applicant must –

1. be a Hong Kong resident,
2. completed the Higher Diploma in Mechanical Engineering at the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE),
3. be an engine cadet onboard a foreign-going vessel after 26 July 2024 (Phase 1), or/and
4. accepted a contract as a Marine Engineer Officer on a foreign going vessel after obtainment of Certificates of Competency (Marine Engineer Officer) Class 3 recognized by the Marine Department (Phase 2).

**Details**

The scholarship will be awarded in two phases:

Phase 1: maximum 30% of the scholarship awarded after 6 months sea time service on foreign going vessels

Phase 2: maximum 70% of the scholarship awarded after accepting a contract as a Marine Engineer Officer on a foreign going vessel.

## **Application Procedure**

Application for phase 1 scholarship requires submission of following documents to the Secretariat of the Hong Kong Seafarer Mutual Assistance and Scholarship Trust:

- Completed 'Individual seafarer/student' of Hong Kong Maritime Scholarship Fund Application Form,
- Copies of Hong Kong Identity Card or Hong Kong passport's personal information page,
- Copies of certificate of the Higher Diploma in Mechanical Engineering at the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education or any proof of graduation,
- Copies of pages of Seafarer's Employment Registration Book, includes:
  - Personal information,
  - Registration record, and
  - Sign on/off pages, which showed the date of joining to the first foreign-going ship is after 26 July 2024, capacity as cadet for the period at least 6 months before the date of leaving ship.

Application for phase 2 scholarship requires submission of the documents required in Application for phase 1 subsidy and the following *additional* documents:

- Copies of Marine Engineer Officer Certificates of Competency Class 3 recognized by the Marine Department, and
- Copies of employment contract as a Marine Engineer Officer on a foreign going vessel or other relevant employment document.

Applicant may be required to submit personal statement or attend interview for selection.

## **Deadline for Application**

Please submit the application within 3 years after completion of the required seagoing service / employment.

*Remarks: Successful applicant is required to attend related function /ceremony upon request by the Hong Kong Seafarer Mutual Assistance and Scholarship Trust or the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education or Maritime Services Training Institute.*

**The Administrative Committee of the Hong Kong Seafarer Mutual Assistance and Scholarship Trust shall have the power in its discretion to approve the application and decide the amount approved thereof.**

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