

# Vplus Creative Industries / 創意專才進修資助

*Pilot Subsidy Scheme for Students of Professional Part-time Programmes  
Funded by HKSAR Government*

## **Background**

1. In the 2017 Policy Address, the Chief Executive addressed that Hong Kong should place more emphasis on the promotion of design and creativity both within and outside our education system. The nurturing of creativity and design thinking should begin at an early stage and design thinking should become a problem-solving capability and a new way of thinking that promotes value adding and advocates inter-disciplinary collaboration.

2. Creative industries are important economic drivers for Hong Kong. They help to enhance the innovation capacity of the economy and can be a powerhouse for future economic growth. Hong Kong has developed a leading edge in key areas of creative industries like film, design, architecture, advertising, digital entertainment and publishing and printing, etc.

3. The growth of creative industries requires a pool of creative talents which will form the backbone of Hong Kong's creative economy. These industries need talents with competence and skills in their area of expertise as well as the latest knowhow of technology. Creative industries are dynamic, competitive and with wide application of technology. These industries require an agile workforce who is provided with support for continuous learning and upskilling.

4. To encourage working adults to pursue higher qualifications for career advancement, and to promote vocational and professional education and training (VPET) in Hong Kong, Vocational Training Council (VTC) has obtained funding from HKSAR to support the **Vplus Creative Industries Subsidy Scheme**. This scheme provides practitioners in the creative industries with tuition fee subsidy for successful application of their study of the designated part-time programmes offered by VTC.

5. Under **Vplus Creative Industries**, programmes eligible for the tuition fee subsidy are part-time self-financed programmes in the disciplines of Design and Information Technology. These programmes are accredited at Qualification Framework (QF) Level 3 to Level 5 by the Hong Kong Council of Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ), excluding Associate Degree and bachelor's degree programme, under the following areas of study and training classified by Qualifications Register (QF):

A01	Architecture and Town Planning
A02	Arts, Design and Performing Arts
A04	Computer Science and Information Technology
A10	Public Relations

Successful applicants will be refunded 60% of the tuition fee paid, subject to maximum of HK\$36,000 per person. Applicants may apply for fee refund for more than one eligible programmes. This pilot scheme covers 3 cohorts from AY2019/20 to AY2021/22, and is effective from 1 September 2019.

## **Quick Look**

### ***Subsidy Amount?***

Successful applicants can be reimbursed 60% of the tuition fees paid for the programme, maximum HK\$36,000 per person. Applicants may apply for reimbursement for more than one eligible programmes.

### ***What's the eligibility for application?***

Holder of Hong Kong Permanent Resident Identity Card.

### ***How to apply?***

Applicants should submit the Online Application Form, copy of HKID Card and bank account information, within one month from the programme commencement. Application result will be announced normally 2 months after the respective application deadline (i.e. 3 months after the programme commencement).

### ***What programmes are available for Vplus Creative Industries?***

Specialized part-time Creative Industries and Design programmes offered by VTC.

### ***Can students apply for Vplus Creative Industries and other subsidies (e.g. CEF, ENLS, etc) for the same programme?***

No. Applicants cannot apply for or receive any other form of government subsidy or financial assistance, or subsidy from employer.

### ***When can students get the reimbursement?***

Successful applicants will be reimbursed upon successful completion of the programme. Reimbursement amount will be calculated based on the actual tuition fee paid for the modules. It will be granted on a first-come-first-served basis. Reimbursement will normally be made by direct credit to the bank account nominated by the successful applicant, in April, August and October.

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