

eGATE RISK ASSESSMENT

COUNTRY	Hong Kong
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The Border Intelligence Targeting team assess that Hong Kong passports present a low risk for eGate processing.

Period assessed

1 November 2018 to 31 July 2024

Passenger volume

Hong Kong passports were used for 0.93% of overall foreign passport arrivals during this period (120,729 border entries).

Risks encountered

During the period assessed, [REDACTED] 6(c) of the OIA [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Assessment

[REDACTED] 6(c) of the OIA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The potential consequence of failure to detect a passenger with [REDACTED] 6(c) of the OIA [REDACTED] is assessed as at most moderate.

The likelihood that these risks are present in a Hong Kong passenger is assessed as rare.

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Notes

- Hong Kong Visitors have visa free status with New Zealand and other countries. Obtaining residence status and a Hong Kong SAR passport is therefore attractive for other countries for whom immigration barriers may be greater.

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- [REDACTED] 6(c) of the OIA [REDACTED]
- Hong Kong citizens are eligible to hold two passports: British National Overseas (BNO) and Hong Kong Special Administration Region (HKSAR).
- Hong Kong passport holders are eligible to enter New Zealand under the visa waiver programme. Since 01 October 2019 Hong Kong passport holders who do not hold a visa must obtain a New Zealand electronic Travel Authority prior to travel. This now includes submission of a face image that is matched against existing INZ records. Any person who declares a section 15 exclusion ground must apply for a visa instead.

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- Since 31 March 2024 the paper-based Passenger Arrival Card has been replaced by the New Zealand Travel Declaration (NZTD). The NZTD allows travellers to complete their digital arrival declaration from 24 hours before starting their trip to New Zealand. 6(c) of the OIA

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- The New Zealand border was closed to most travellers between 20 March 2020 and 31 July 2022.
- Hong Kong nationals are eligible for eGate use in Australia.¹

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¹ <https://www.abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/smartgates/arrivals>