

Love Upgrading **Special Scheme**

Supporting the Unemployed or Underemployed* for Skills Enhancement

Application Period: 1 January to 30 June 2022



Training Courses for Ethnic Minorities

- No restriction on educational attainment Free of charge
- Disbursement of special allowance 40 training courses
 - Free enterprise-based training



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* No restriction on industry and educational attainment, but applicants should be eligible employees of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; unemployed, underemployed or are required to take no-pay leave at employer's request on or after 1 June 2019; and meet the entry requirements of individual courses.



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Objective	To support the unemployed or underemployed to upgrade their skills for self-enhancement and employment.
Service Target	 Those unemployed ¹, underemployed ² or required to take no-pay leave ³ at employer's request on or after 1 June 2019; No restriction on industry and educational attainment. Applicants should be eligible employees of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) ⁴; and Applicants should meet the entry requirements of individual courses.
Application Arrangement	Each eligible trainee may apply up to 4 training courses with no more than 2 full-time vocational skills courses ⁵
Application Period	1 January to 30 June 2022
Training Period	On or before 30 September 2022
Special Allowance	Eligible trainees who have completed a course under the Scheme with attendance rate of 60% will be disbursed special allowance. The special allowance for full-time courses is \$223 per day (on basis of 2 sessions a day, 4 hours per session) and that for part-time courses is \$111.5 per day (on basis of 1 session a day, 4 hours per session). The maximum amount of allowance payable monthly to a trainee is \$5,800.
Placement Follow-up Service	Eligible trainees who have completed the full-time vocational skills courses with attendance rate of 80% will be provided with 6 months' placement follow-up service, including employment counseling, job referral, etc.
Enterprise-based Training	Corporations or associations may arrange enterprise-based training ⁶ free of charge for employees or staff of corporate members who are underemployed or taking no-pay leave to take part-time courses under the Scheme. Trainees will be disbursed special allowance upon course completion. Please contact training bodies for details.
Enquiry	For details, please visit the Scheme's dedicated website www.erb.org/scheme/en, call ERB Hotline at 182 182 or contact the training bodies.

- 1. From being employed / self-employed to unemployed, or become non-engaged (fail to engage in employment after finishing study or graduation).
- 2. The amount of work / working hours / income from employment or self-employment in the month of course application is 80% or less than that in any one of the previous 3 months.
- 3. Taking leave without pay for at least 4 days per month in any 1 month at employer's request.
- 4. Applicants should be lawfully employable and not subject to conditions of stay, including permanent residents of the HKSAR and new arrivals.
- 5. Including all the courses applied from 3 October 2019 to 30 June 2022 under Phase 1 to Phase 5 of the Love Upgrading Special Scheme (including the courses offered through Enterprise-based Training).
- 6. Each corporation or association may apply up to 3 classes. The industry category of the vocational skills courses applied should generally be the same as the industry in which the employees are working.