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# A Guide to the Hong Kong Re-domiciliation Scheme

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## HONG KONG GUIDE ON COMPANY RE-DOMICILIATION

On 23 May 2025, a new company re-domiciliation regime was introduced under the Companies (Amendment) (No. 2) Ordinance to facilitate non-Hong Kong corporations to transfer their domicile to Hong Kong.

A non-Hong Kong corporation may transfer its domicile to Hong Kong by registering under section 820C(1) of the Companies Ordinance (the “CO”). Once re-domiciled, a re-domiciled company will be regarded as a company incorporated in Hong Kong and will be required to comply with all the relevant requirements under the CO unless otherwise specified.

An applicant may apply to the Registrar for registration under section 820C(1) of the CO as:

- a public company limited by shares;
- a private company limited by shares;
- a public unlimited company with a share capital; or
- a private unlimited company with a share capital.

Re-domiciliation does not have the effect of creating a new legal entity and will not affect the business continuity of the company, or any property, rights, obligations, liabilities, as well as the contractual and legal processes of the company

To be eligible to apply for re-domiciliation to Hong Kong, a non-Hong Kong corporation (“applicant”) must satisfy or fulfil, among others, the requirements or conditions set out below:

- (i) the law of the applicant’s place of incorporation allows the applicant to transfer its domicile to another jurisdiction, and the applicant has complied with the requirements of the law of its original domicile in this regard;
- (ii) the company type of the applicant under the law of its place of incorporation is the same or substantially the same as the type which the applicant proposes to register under the CO; and
- (iii) as at the date of application, the applicant’s first financial year end since its incorporation has passed.

If documents and particulars required for the re-domiciliation application are in order, it is generally estimated that the applicant may be registered as a re-domiciled company in 2 weeks’ time.

On registration of the applicant under section 820C(1) of the CO, a **Certificate of Re-domiciliation** and a **Business Registration Certificate** will be issued by the Registrar in one go to the applicant.

The registered office of a re-domiciled company must be situated in Hong Kong.

As soon as practicable after the re-domiciliation date, the re-domiciled company must take all reasonable steps to procure its deregistration in its place of incorporation.

The re-domiciled company must submit to the Registrar a **document evidencing its deregistration** to the satisfaction of the Registrar **within 120 days after the re-domiciliation date, failing which its registration as a re-domiciled company will be revoked.**

The company re-domiciliation regime in Hong Kong is an **inward regime** which allows non-Hong Kong companies to re-domicile to Hong Kong but not the other way around.

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