



## CRS Entity Self-Certification Form (CRS - E)

Please read these instructions before completing this form

### Why are we asking you to complete this form?

To help protect the integrity of tax systems, governments around the world are introducing a new information gathering and reporting requirement for financial institutions. This is known as the Common Reporting Standard ("the CRS").

Under the CRS, we are required to determine where you are "tax resident" (this will usually be where you are liable to pay corporate income taxes by reason of residence in a jurisdiction). If you are tax resident outside the jurisdiction where your account is held, we may need to give our local tax authority this information, along with information relating to your accounts. That may then be shared between different jurisdictions' tax authorities.

Completing this form will ensure that we hold accurate and up to date information about your tax residency.

If your circumstances change and any of the information provided in this form becomes incorrect, please let us know immediately and provide an updated Self-Certification Form.

### Who should complete the CRS Entity Self-Certification Form?

Entity customers (which includes all businesses, trusts and partnerships except sole traders) should complete this form.

If you are a individual customer or a sole trader, complete a "CRS Individual Self-Certification Form" (CRS-I). Similarly, if you are a controlling person of an entity, complete a "CRS Controlling Person Self-Certification Form" (CRS-CP). You can find these forms at <http://bank.hangseng.com/1/2/crs>.

For joint account holders, each account holder will need to complete a copy of the form.

Even if you have already provided information in relation to the United States Government's Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA), you may still need to provide additional information for the CRS as this is a separate regulation.

Please tell us in what capacity you are signing in Part 5. For example you may be an authorised officer of the business or a trustee.

### Where to go for further information?

If you have any questions about this form or these instructions, please visit: <http://bank.hangseng.com/1/2/crs>, contact your Relationship Manager, visit a branch or contact 24-hour Business Partner Direct 2198 8000.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD") has developed the rules to be used by all governments participating in the CRS and these can be found on the OECD's Automatic Exchange of Information ("AEOI") website, [www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/](http://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/)

Please also visit the website of the Inland Revenue Department ("IRD") of the government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region that sets out information relating to the implementation of AEOI in Hong Kong: [www.ird.gov.hk/eng/tax/dta\\_aeoi.htm](http://www.ird.gov.hk/eng/tax/dta_aeoi.htm). Meanings of terms and expressions used in this form (e.g. "Account Holder" and definition of entity types) can be found in the Appendix to this form, under the "Self-Certification" section in the IRD website and under section 50A of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap.112). In the case of inconsistency, section 50A of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) shall prevail.

If you have any questions on how to define your tax residency status, please visit the OECD website, [www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/](http://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/) or speak to a professional tax advisor as we are not allowed to give tax advice.

You can find a list of definitions in the Appendix.

# CRS Entity Self-Certification Form

Please complete parts 1-5 in BLOCK CAPITALS.

**Important Notes:**

- This is a self-certification form provided by an Account Holder to Hang Seng Bank Limited for the purpose of automatic exchange of financial account information. The data collected may be transmitted by Hang Seng Bank Limited to the Inland Revenue Department for transfer to the tax authority of another jurisdiction.
- An Account Holder should report all changes in its tax residency status to Hang Seng Bank Limited.
- All parts of the form must be completed (unless not applicable or otherwise specified). If space provided is insufficient, continue on additional sheet(s). Information in fields/parts marked with an asterisk (\*) are required to be reported by Hang Seng Bank Limited to the Inland Revenue Department.

**Part 1 – Identification of Entity Account Holder**

(For joint or multiple account holders, please complete a separate form for each entity account holder.)

**A. Customer Information**

Legal Name of Entity / Branch\*

Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization

Certificate of Incorporation or Business Registration No.

**B. Current Business Address**

Line 1  
(e.g. Suite, Floor, Building,  
Street, District)

Line 2  
(e.g. City)\*

Line 3  
(e.g. Province/State)

Country\*/Territory\*

Postal Code/ZIP Code

**C. Mailing Address (Please complete if different to the current business address)**

Line 1  
(e.g. Suite, Floor, Building,  
Street, District)

Line 2  
(e.g. City)

Line 3  
(e.g. Province/State)

Country/Territory

Postal Code/ZIP Code

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**Part 2 – Entity Type**

Tick one of the appropriate boxes and provide the relevant information.

Financial Institution	<input type="checkbox"/> Custodial Institution, Depository Institution or Specified Insurance Company  <input type="checkbox"/> Investment Entity, except an investment entity that is managed by another financial institution (e.g. with discretion to manage the entity's assets) and located in a non-participating jurisdiction  If you have selected a type of Financial Institution above, please provide, if held, the entity's Global Intermediary Identification Number ("GIIN") obtained for FATCA purposes.                 .                 .         .
Active NFE	<input type="checkbox"/> NFE the stock of which is regularly traded on _____, which is an established securities market.  <input type="checkbox"/> Related entity of _____, the stock of which is regularly traded on _____, which is an established securities market.  <input type="checkbox"/> NFE is a governmental entity, a central bank, or an entity wholly owned by one or more the foregoing entities  <input type="checkbox"/> NFE is an international organization (for example the United Nations or North Atlantic Treaty Organisation ("NATO")) or an entity wholly owned by one or more international organizations.  <input type="checkbox"/> Active NFE other than the above(for example a start-up NFE or a non-profit NFE)
Passive NFE	<input type="checkbox"/> Investment entity that is managed by another financial institution and located in a non-participating jurisdiction  <input type="checkbox"/> NFE that is not an active NFE

**Part 3 – Controlling Persons (Please complete this part if the entity Account Holder is a Passive NFE)**

Indicate the name of all controlling person(s) of the Account Holder in the table below. If no natural person exercises control over an entity which is a legal person, the controlling person will be the individual holding the position of senior managing official. Please complete CRS Controlling Person Self-Certification Form for each controlling person.

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**Part 4 – Jurisdiction of Residence and Taxpayer Identification Number or its Functional Equivalent (“TIN”)\***

- Please complete the following table indicating (a) the jurisdiction of residence (including Hong Kong) where the Account Holder is a **resident for tax purpose** and (b) the Account Holder’s TIN for each jurisdiction indicated. Indicate **all** (not restricted to three) jurisdictions of residence.
- If the Account Holder is tax resident in more than three jurisdictions, please use a separate sheet.
- If the Account Holder is a tax resident of Hong Kong, the TIN is the Hong Kong Business Registration Number.
- If the Account Holder is not a tax resident in any jurisdiction (e.g. fiscally transparent), indicate the jurisdiction in which its place of effective management is situated.
- If a TIN is unavailable, provide the appropriate reason A, B or C:  
**Reason A** - The jurisdiction where the Account Holder is a resident for tax purposes does not issue TINs to its residents.  
**Reason B** - The Account Holder is unable to obtain a TIN. Explain why the Account holder is unable to obtain a TIN if you have selected this reason.  
**Reason C** - TIN is not required. Select this reason only if the authorities of the jurisdiction of residence do not require the TIN to be disclosed.

	Jurisdiction of Residence	TIN	Enter Reason A, B or C if no TIN is available
1			
2			
3			

Please explain in the following boxes why you are unable to obtain a TIN if you selected Reason **B** above.

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**Part 5 – Declarations and Signature**

I understand that the information supplied by me is covered by the full provisions of the terms and conditions governing the Account Holder's relationship with Hang Seng Bank Limited ("Hang Seng Bank") setting out how Hang Seng Bank may use and share the information supplied by me.

I acknowledge and agree that (a) the information contained in this form is collected and may be kept by Hang Seng Bank for the purpose of automatic exchange of financial account information, and (b) such information and information regarding the Account Holder and any Reportable Account(s) may be reported by Hang Seng Bank to the Inland Revenue Department of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and exchanged with the tax authorities of another jurisdiction or jurisdictions in which the Account Holder may be resident for tax purposes pursuant to the legal provisions for exchange of financial account information provided under the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap.112).

I also agree that the information contained in this form may be shared to and used by any member of the Hang Seng Bank Group (including any affiliates, subsidiaries and associated entities of Hang Seng Bank and their branches and offices) for the purposes of automatic exchange of financial account information provided under the Inland Revenue Ordinance as set out above.

I certify that I am authorised to sign for the Account Holder in respect of all the account(s) currently held with the Bank by the account holder identified in Part 1 of this form.

**By signing the below, I confirm that the entity account holder to which this form relates has provided ALL the countries/jurisdictions in which the entity is tax resident due to the applicable tax residency regulations, local laws or treaties.**

I certify that where I have provided information regarding any other person (such as a Controlling Person or other Reportable Person to which this form relates) that I will, within 30 days of signing this form, notify those persons that I have provided such information to Hang Seng Bank and that such information may be provided to the Inland Revenue Department of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and exchanged with the tax authorities of another jurisdiction or jurisdictions in which the person may be resident for tax purposes pursuant to the legal provisions for exchange of financial account information provided under the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap.112).

**I declare that the information given and all statements made in this form and this declaration are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete.**

I undertake to advise Hang Seng Bank within 30 days of any change in circumstances which affects the tax residency status of the Account Holder identified in Part 1 of this form or causes the information contained herein to become incorrect (including any changes to the information on controlling persons identified in Part 3), and to provide Hang Seng Bank with a suitably updated self-certification and Declaration within 90 days of such change in circumstances.

Print Name	Signature
Date(DD/MM/YY)	X _____

**Note:** Please indicate the capacity in which you are signing the form (for example "Authorised Officer"). If signing under a power of attorney please also attach a certified copy of the power of attorney.

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**WARNING: It is an offence under section 80(2E) of the Inland Revenue Ordinance if any person, in making a self-certification, makes a statement that is misleading, false or incorrect in a material particular AND knows, or is reckless as to whether, the statement is misleading, false or incorrect in a material particular. A person who commits the offence is liable on conviction to a fine at level 3 (i.e. HK\$10,000).**

In the event of any discrepancy or inconsistency between the English version and the Chinese version of this form, the English version shall prevail.

# Appendix

## Definitions

### “Account Holder”

The “Account Holder” is the person listed or identified as the holder of a financial account by the Financial Institution that maintains the account. This is regardless of whether such person is a flow-through Entity. Thus, for example, if a trust or an estate is listed as the holder or owner of a financial account, the trust or estate is the Account Holder, rather than the trustee or the trust’s owners or beneficiaries. Similarly, if a partnership is listed as the holder or owner of a financial account, the partnership is the Account Holder, rather than the partners in the partnership.

A person, other than a Financial Institution, holding a financial account for the benefit or account of another person as agent, custodian, nominee, signatory, investment advisor, intermediary, or legal guardian, is not treated as the Account Holder. In these circumstances that other person is the Account Holder. For example in the case of a parent/child relationship where the parent is acting as a legal guardian, the child is regarded as the Account Holder.

With respect to a jointly held account, each joint holder is treated as an Account Holder.

### “Active NFE”

An NFE is an Active NFE if it meets any of the criteria listed below. In summary, those criteria refer to:

- Active NFEs by reason of income and assets;
- Publicly traded NFEs;
- Governmental Entities, International Organisations, Central Banks, or their wholly owned Entities;
- Holding NFEs that are members of a nonfinancial group;
- Start-up NFEs;
- NFEs that are liquidating or emerging from bankruptcy;
- Treasury centres that are members of a nonfinancial group; or
- Non-profit NFEs.

An entity will be classified as Active NFE if it meets any of the following criteria:

- (a) less than 50% of the NFE’s gross income for the preceding calendar year or other appropriate reporting period is passive income and less than 50% of the assets held by the NFE during the preceding calendar year or other appropriate reporting period are assets that produce or are held for the production of passive income;
- (b) the stock of the NFE is regularly traded on an established securities market or the NFE is a Related Entity of an Entity the stock of which is regularly traded on an established securities market;
- (c) the NFE is a governmental Entity, an international organisation, a central bank, or an Entity wholly owned by one or more of the foregoing;
- (d) substantially all of the activities of the NFE consist of holding (in whole or in part) the outstanding stock of, or providing financing and services to, one or more subsidiaries that engage in trades or businesses other than the business of a Financial Institution, except that an Entity does not qualify for this status if the Entity functions (or holds itself out) as an investment fund, such as a private equity fund, venture capital fund, leveraged buyout fund, or any investment vehicle whose purpose is to acquire or fund companies and then hold interests in those companies as capital assets for investment purposes;
- (e) the NFE is not yet operating a business and has no prior operating history, (a “start-up NFE”) but is investing capital into assets with the intent to operate a business other than that of a Financial Institution, provided that the NFE does not qualify for this exception after the date that is 24 months after the date of the initial organisation of the NFE;
- (f) the NFE was not a Financial Institution in the past five years, and is in the process of liquidating its assets or is reorganising with the intent to continue or recommence operations in a business other than that of a Financial Institution;
- (g) the NFE primarily engages in financing and hedging transactions with, or for, Related Entities that are not Financial Institutions, and does not provide financing or hedging services to any Entity that is not a Related Entity, provided that the group of any such Related Entities is primarily engaged in a business other than that of a Financial Institution; or
- (h) the NFE meets all of the following requirements (a “non-profit NFE”) :
  - (i) it is established and operated in its jurisdiction of residence exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, artistic, cultural, athletic, or educational purposes; or it is established and operated in its jurisdiction of residence and it is a professional organisation, business league, chamber of commerce, labour organisation, agricultural or horticultural organisation, civic league or an organisation operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare;
  - (ii) it is exempt from income tax in its jurisdiction of residence;
  - (iii) it has no shareholders or members who have a proprietary or beneficial interest in its income or assets;
  - (iv) the applicable laws of the NFE’s jurisdiction of residence or the NFE’s formation documents do not permit any income or assets of the NFE to be distributed to, or applied for the benefit of, a private person or non-charitable Entity other than pursuant to the conduct of the NFE’s charitable activities, or as payment of reasonable compensation for services rendered, or as payment representing the fair market value of property which the NFE has purchased; and
  - (v) the applicable laws of the NFE’s jurisdiction of residence or the NFE’s formation documents require that, upon the NFE’s liquidation or dissolution, all of its assets be distributed to a governmental entity or other non-profit organisation, or escheat to the government of the NFE’s jurisdiction of residence or any political subdivision.

### “Control”

“Control” over an Entity is generally exercised by the natural person(s) who ultimately has a controlling ownership interest (typically on the basis of a certain percentage (e.g. more than 25%)) in the Entity. Where no natural person(s) exercises control through ownership interests, the Controlling Person(s) of the Entity will be the natural person(s) who exercises control of the Entity through other means. Where no natural person(s) is/are identified as exercising control of the Entity through ownership interests, the Controlling Person of the Entity is deemed to be the natural person who holds the position of senior managing official or exercises ultimate control over the management of the Entity.

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### **“Controlling Person(s)”**

“Controlling Persons” are the natural person(s) who exercise control over an Entity. In the case of a trust, the Controlling Person(s) include the settlor(s), the trustee(s), the protector(s) / enforcer(s) (if any), the beneficiary(ies) or class(es) of beneficiaries, or any other natural person(s) exercising ultimate effective control over the trust (including through a chain of control or ownership). The settlor(s), the trustee(s), the protector(s) / enforcer(s) (if any), and the beneficiary(ies) or class(es) of beneficiaries, must always be treated as Controlling Persons of a trust, regardless of whether or not any of them exercises control over the activities of the trust.

Where the settlor, trustee, protector / enforcer or beneficiary of a trust are themselves Entities then the Controlling Persons of the settlor, trustee, protector / enforcer or beneficiary must be treated as Controlling Persons of the trust.

In the case of a legal arrangement other than a trust, “Controlling Person(s) means persons in equivalent or similar positions to those of a trust.

### **“Custodial Institution”**

The term “Custodial Institution” means any Entity that holds, as a substantial portion of its business, financial assets for the account of others. This is where the Entity’s gross income attributable to the holding of financial assets and related financial services equals or exceeds 20% of the Entity’s gross income during the shorter of: (i) the three-year period that ends on 31 December (or the final day of a non-calendar year accounting period) prior to the year in which the determination is being made; or (ii) the period during which the Entity has been in existence.

### **“Depository Institution”**

The term “Depository Institution” means an authorized institution as defined by section 2(1) of the Banking Ordinance (Cap. 155) or any Entity that accepts deposits in the ordinary course of a banking or similar business.

### **“Entity”**

The term “Entity” means a legal person or a legal arrangement, such as a corporation, organisation, partnership, trust or foundation. This term covers any person other than an individual (i.e. a natural person).

### **“Financial Account”**

A Financial Account is an account maintained by a Financial Institution and included: Depository Accounts; Custodial Accounts; Equity and debt interest in certain Investment Entities; Cash value Insurance Contracts; and Annuity Contracts.

### **“Financial Institution”**

The term “Financial Institution” means a “Custodial Institution”, a “Depository Institution”, an “Investment Entity”, or a “Specified Insurance Company”.

### **“International Organisation”**

The term “International Organization” means any international organization or wholly owned agency or instrumentality thereof. This category includes any intergovernmental organization (including a supranational organization) (1) that is comprised primarily of governments; (2) that has in effect a headquarters or substantially similar agreement with the jurisdiction; and (3) the income of which does not inure to the benefit of private persons.

### **“Investment Entity”**

The term “Investment Entity” means:

(a) a corporation licensed under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) to carry out one or more of the following regulated activities:

- (i) dealing in securities;
- (ii) trading in futures contracts;
- (iii) leveraged foreign exchange trading;
- (iv) asset management;

(b) an institution registered under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) to carry out one or more of the following regulated activities:

- (i) dealing in securities;
- (ii) trading in futures contracts;
- (iii) asset management;

(c) a collective investment scheme authorized under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571);

(d) an Entity that primarily conducts as a business one or more of the following activities or operations for or on behalf of a customer:

- (i) trading in money market instruments (cheques, bills, certificates of deposit, derivatives, etc.); foreign exchange; exchange, interest rate and index instruments; transferable securities; or commodity futures trading;
- (ii) individual and collective portfolio management; or
- (iii) otherwise investing, administering, or managing Financial Assets or money on behalf of other entity or individual. Such activities or operations do not include rendering non-binding investment advice to a customer.

(e) the second type of “Investment Entity” (“Investment Entity managed by another Financial Institution”) is any Entity the gross income of which is primarily attributable to investing, reinvesting, or trading in financial assets where the Entity is managed by another Entity that is a Depository Institution, a Custodial Institution, a Specified Insurance Company, or an Investment Entity described in (a), (b), (c) or (d) above.

### **“Investment Entity managed by another Financial Institution and located in a Non-Participating Jurisdiction”**

The term “Investment Entity that is managed by another Financial Institution and located in a Non-Participating Jurisdiction” means any Entity the gross income of which is primarily attributable to investing, reinvesting, or trading in financial assets if the Entity is (i) managed by a Financial Institution and (ii) not a Participating Jurisdiction Financial Institution.

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### “Investment Entity managed by another Financial Institution”

An Entity is “managed by” another Entity if the managing Entity performs, either directly or through another service provider on behalf of the managed Entity, any of the activities or operations described in paragraph (d) above in the definition of “Investment Entity”.

An Entity only manages another Entity if it has discretionary authority to manage the other Entity’s assets (either in whole or part). Where an Entity is managed by a mix of Financial Institutions, NFEs or individuals, the Entity is considered to be managed by another Entity that is a Depository Institution, a Custodial Institution, a Specified Insurance Company, or an Investment Entity described in (a), (b), (c) or (d) above, if any of the managing Entities is such another Entity.

### “NFE”

An “NFE” is any Entity that is not a Financial Institution.

### “Participating Jurisdiction”

A “Participating Jurisdiction” means a jurisdiction outside Hong Kong that is specified in Part 2 of Schedule 17E of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112).

### “Participating Jurisdiction Financial Institution”

The term “Participating Jurisdiction Financial Institution” means (i) any Financial Institution that is tax resident in a Participating Jurisdiction, but excludes any branch of that Financial Institution that is located outside of that jurisdiction, and (ii) any branch of a Financial Institution that is not tax resident in a Participating Jurisdiction, if that branch is located in such Participating Jurisdiction.

### “Passive NFE”

A “Passive NFE” means any: (i) NFE that is not an Active NFE; and (ii) Investment Entity located in a Non-Participating Jurisdiction and managed by another Financial Institution.

### “Related Entity”

An Entity is a “Related Entity” of another Entity if either Entity controls the other Entity, or the two Entities are under common control. For this purpose control includes direct or indirect ownership of more than 50% of the vote and value in an Entity.

### “Reportable Account”

The term “Reportable Account” means an account held by one or more Reportable Persons or by a Passive NFE with one or more Controlling Persons that is a Reportable Person.

### “Reportable Person”

The term “Reportable Person” is defined as a “Reportable Jurisdiction Person”, other than:

- a corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities market;
- any corporation that is a Related Entity of a corporation described above;
- a Government Entity;
- an International Organization;
- a Central Bank; or
- a Financial Institution (except for Investment Entities described in Sub Paragraph A(6) b) of the CRS that are not Participating Jurisdiction Financial Institution. Instead, such Investment Entities are treated as Passive NFE’s.)

### “Resident for tax purposes”

Generally, an Entity will be resident for tax purposes in a jurisdiction if, under the laws of that jurisdiction (including tax conventions), it pays or should be paying tax therein by reason of his domicile, residence, place of management or incorporation, or any other criterion of a similar nature, and not only from sources in that jurisdiction. Dual resident Entities may rely on the tiebreaker rules contained in tax conventions (if applicable) to solve cases of double residence for determining their residence for tax purposes. An Entity such as a partnership, limited liability partnership or similar legal arrangement that has no residence for tax purposes shall be treated as resident in the jurisdiction in which its place of effective management is situated. A trust is treated as resident where one or more of its trustees is resident. For additional information on tax residence, please talk to your tax advisor or refer to the OECD Automatic Exchange Portal at the following link:

<http://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/crs-implementation-and-assistance/tax-residency/>.

### “Specified Insurance Company”

The term “Specified Insurance Company” means any Entity that is an insurance company (or the holding company of an insurance company) that issues, or is obligated to make payments with respect to, a Cash Value Insurance Contract or an Annuity Contract.

### “TIN” (including “functional equivalent”)

The term “TIN” means Taxpayer Identification Number or a functional equivalent in the absence of a TIN. A TIN is a unique combination of letters or numbers assigned by a jurisdiction to an individual or an Entity and used to identify the individual or Entity for the purposes of administering the tax laws of such jurisdiction. Further details of acceptable TINs can be found at the OECD Automatic Exchange Portal at the following link:

<http://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/crs-implementation-and-assistance/tax-identification-numbers/>

Some jurisdictions do not issue a TIN. However, these jurisdictions often utilise some other high integrity number with an equivalent level of identification (a “functional equivalent”).

Examples of that type of number include:

- (a) (for individuals) a social security/insurance number, citizen/personal identification/service code/number, and resident registration number.
- (b) (for Entities) a Business/company registration code/number.