The Smart Identity Card

There are two types of smart identity card:

- The Hong Kong permanent identity card, which states that the holder has the right of abode in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)
- The Hong Kong identity card, which does not state that right

Card Face Design

The front and back faces of the smart identity card (including braille-printed smart identity card for the visually impaired) are shown as follows:

Front of the smart identity card
Back of the smart identity card

Back of the braille-printed smart identity card
Information on the front of the Smart Identity Card

Symbol Description

*** The holder is aged 18 or over and is eligible for a HKSAR Re-entry Permit
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The holder is aged between 11 and 17 and is eligible for a HKSAR Re-entry Permit
A

The holder has the right of abode in the HKSAR
C

The holder’s stay in the HKSAR is limited by the Director of Immigration at the time of registration of the card
R

The holder has the right to land in the HKSAR
U

The holder’s stay in the HKSAR is not limited by the Director of Immigration at the time of registration of the card
Z

The holder’s reported place of birth is Hong Kong
X

The holder’s reported place of birth is the Mainland
W

The holder’s reported place of birth is Macau
O

The holder’s reported place of birth is in other country or region
B

The holder’s reported date of birth or place of birth has been changed since first registration
N

The holder’s reported name has been changed since first registration.

Note: The digit or alphabet in brackets is not part of the identity card number. It is used to facilitate computer data processing.