

## Chapter 14 Annex E

### Hong Kong permanent identity card - guide to symbols

The details shown on the front of a Hong Kong Identity Card include the holder's name in English, Chinese (if applicable), Commercial Code numbers (if any), date of birth, and photograph. The card also indicates the date of issue, month and year of first registration and Identity Card number (including a check digit in bracket, which is used to facilitate computer data processing), and a series of symbols which, along with their meaning, are listed below.

SYMBOL	DENOTE
***	The holder is of the age of 18 or over, and is eligible for a Hong Kong Re-entry Permit
*	The holder is between the ages of 11 and 17, and is eligible for a Hong Kong Re-entry Permit
	(NB. The asterisk symbol has nothing to do with the identity card holder's right of abode in Hong Kong or national status)
A	The holder has the right of abode in Hong Kong
F	Female sex
M	Male sex
Z	The holder's place of birth reported is Hong Kong
X	The holder's place of birth reported is China
W	The holder's place of birth reported is Macau
O	The holder's place of birth reported is in other countries
Y	The date of birth reported by the holder has been checked against his birth certificate or passport
B	The holder's reported date of birth, place of birth, or sex has been changed since his first registration
N	The holder's reported name has been changed since his first registration
R	The holder has a right to land in Hong Kong
U	The holder's stay in Hong Kong is not limited by the Immigration Department at the time of his registration of the card

C	The holder's stay in Hong Kong is limited by the Immigration Department at the time of his registration of the card
H1, K2, S1, P1, V1, etc	The office where the card was issued
L	The previous identity card was lost