

**ACCOUNT OPENING DOCUMENTS - CHARITABLE ORGANISATION ACCOUNT**

- ✓ **True copies certification:**
  - A certified public accountant / lawyer / banker / notary public in a Financial Action Task Force (FATF) member / comparable jurisdiction acceptable to HSBC; or
  - Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries (HKICS) member; or
  - HSBC branch officer.
- ✓ **Recommended Format: Certifier must sign and date the copy document (printing his/her name clearly in capitals underneath) and clearly indicate his/her position on it. Certifier must state that it is a true copy of the original (or words to similar effect) and the number of pages to be recorded.**
- ✓ **The Directors and ALL of the Authorised Signatories must be present for the account opening.**
- ✓ **For sample of the required documents, please refer to the below website:  
[http://www.commercial.hsbc.com.hk/1/2/sampledoc\\_e](http://www.commercial.hsbc.com.hk/1/2/sampledoc_e)**

**A. Company Registration Documents**

1.  A Letter from Inland Revenue Department as a proof of tax exemption and charitable institution status, if applicable
2.  ^Certificate of Incorporation (CI) and subsequent Certificate of change of name, if applicable
3.  Latest Notification of Change of Secretary and Director (Appointment / Cessation) (Form D2A/ND2A), if applicable
4.  Company Search Report / Company Particulars Search issued within 6 months
5. **For newly established company**
  - i. #Director Declaration (DD) or comparable documents
  - ii. Notification of First Secretary and Director (Form D1)
6. **For company established over 1 year**
  - i. Latest Annual Return (Form AR1/NAR1)
  - ii. Return of Allotments (Form SC1/NSC1) and/or instrument of transfer, if applicable
7.  Approval document e.g. official license/permit/registration to operate as relevant type of Charitable Organisation, if applicable
8.  Constitution

**B. Document Required from two Key Controllers, ALL Authorised Signatories, ALL \*Beneficial Owners and ALL ~~X~~Persons Purporting to Act**

1.  Identification document and nationality (country/region) proof

**C. Documents Required for Special Companies**

1. **Corporate Shareholders**
  - Organisation chart showing % shareholding, the country/region of incorporation and the country/region of business address of each intermediate company up to the \*Beneficial Owners of the company certified by director
2. **If \*Beneficial Owners of your company is a trust**
  - i. Trust Deed or by reference to an appropriate register in the relevant country/region of establishment or, a written confirmation (HSBC template is available upon request) from a trustee acting in a professional capacity or, a written confirmation from a lawyer who has reviewed the relevant instrument with the following details
    - a) name of the trust
    - b) date of establishment/settlement
    - c) jurisdiction whose laws govern the arrangement, as set out in the trust instrument
    - d) identification number (if any) granted by any applicable official bodies (e.g. tax identification number or registered charity or non-profit organisation number)
    - e) identification information (Full name, Date of birth, Nationality (Country/Region) and Identification document type and number) of trustee(s)
    - f) identification information of settlor(s) and any protector(s) or enforcer(s)
    - g) identification information of known beneficiaries
  - ii. Identification proof of trustee(s) and \*Beneficial Owners in relation to a trust
  - iii. Information Required from settlor/grantor and known beneficiaries in relation to the trust:  
Individual: jurisdiction of tax residence

## D. Information Required for ALL Beneficial Owners

1.  Jurisdiction of Tax Residence

## E. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) Documents

1.  Applicable HSBC declaration form and/or IRS W form to establish your tax status under FATCA. For document templates and more information about FATCA, please refer to the HSBC website at [www.fatca.hsbc.com/en/cmb/hongkong](http://www.fatca.hsbc.com/en/cmb/hongkong) or IRS website at [www.irs.gov/FATCA](http://www.irs.gov/FATCA)

## F. Common Reporting Standard (CRS) Documents

1.  Applicable CRS Self Certification Form to establish your tax status under CRS. For document templates and more information about CRS, please refer to the HSBC website at <http://www.crs.hsbc.com/en/cmb/hongkong> or HKIRD website at [http://www.ird.gov.hk/eng/tax/dta\\_aeoi.htm](http://www.ird.gov.hk/eng/tax/dta_aeoi.htm)

## G. Payments and Forms for Account Opening

1.  HKD cheque of **HKD10,000** for initial deposit, account application fee and special company account opening charges, where applicable. (Please refer to the latest commercial tariff - <http://www.commercial.hsbc.com.hk/1/2/commercial>)
2.  Mandate, account opening form and signature cards

### **Important Note:**

- (a) If certified documents are not in English or Chinese, an English translation of the same should be provided.
- (b) ^The document required is determined by how the charitable organisation is registered. (If it is registered as a limited company, the documents required are the same as that for a limited company.)
- (c) 1. \*Beneficial Owners in relation to a corporation (if fulfils any of the following criteria): means an individual who,
- owns or controls, directly or indirectly, including through a trust or bearer share holding, not less than 10% of the issued share capital of the corporation; or
  - is directly or indirectly, entitled to exercise or control the exercise of not less than 10% of the voting rights at general meetings of the corporation; or
  - exercises ultimate control over the management of corporation; or
  - if the corporation is acting on behalf of another person, means the other persons.
2. \*Beneficial Owners in relation to a partnership (if fulfils any of the following criteria): means an individual who,
- is entitled to or controls, directly or indirectly, not less than 10% share of the capital or profits of the partnership; or
  - is directly or indirectly, entitled to exercise or control the exercise of not less than 10% of the voting rights in the partnership; or
  - exercises ultimate control over the management of corporation; or
  - if the partnership is acting on behalf of another person, means the other person.
3. \*Beneficial Owners in relation to a trust (if fulfils any of the following criteria): means an individual who,
- is entitled to a vested interest in not less than 10% of the capital of the trust property, whether the interest is in possession or in the remainder or reversion and whether it is defeasible or not; or
  - the settler of the trust; or
  - a protector or enforcer of the trust; or
  - an individual who has ultimate control over the trust.
4. \*Beneficial Owners in relation to a person other than (1) to (3) (if fulfils any of the following criteria): means an individual who,
- ultimately owns or controls the persons; or
  - if the person is acting on behalf of another person, mean the other person.
- (d) ^Person Purporting to Act on behalf of the Customer is a person appointed to act on behalf of the entity to establish banking relationships, or may be authorised to give instructions to conduct various activities through the account or the business relationship established. Examples of PPTA include:
- Person who act on behalf of the entity to establish business relationships with the Bank
  - Authorised Signatories (AS) with sole authority over an account or with unlimited authority in moving funds in and out to third party accounts
- (e) #Certification Letter (from a certified public accountant / lawyer of a FATF member / comparable jurisdiction acceptable to HSBC) certifying that information contained in the DD or comparable documents is accurate, is required upon the Bank's request.
- (f) It is optional to provide ^minutes of meeting during the account opening.
- (g) The bank may request you and/or connected parties to provide further account opening details and documents when necessary, such as address proof.
- (h) **Documents submitted will be subject to the review and approval of the Bank. The Bank has the sole and absolute discretion in deciding whether to accept your account opening application and is not obliged to provide any reason for its decision. Documents submitted will not be returned irrespective of whether the account is eventually opened.**

**Thank you for choosing HSBC**

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