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1. Introduction

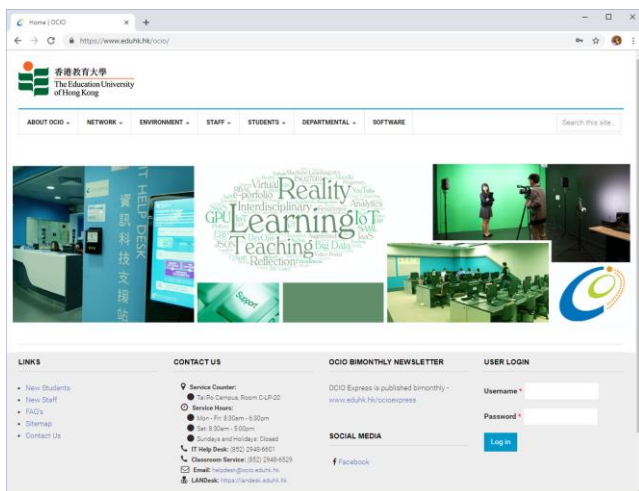
The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) provides Information Communications Technology (ICT) services and solutions to support and enhance learning, teaching, research and administration of the University. It designs and maintains the computing environment of the University, and provides application development to achieve the missions of OCIO.

We are responsible for the network and server infrastructure, email services, eLearning platforms, telephone services, smartcard infrastructure, classroom support, office automation and frontline support. We are committed to delivering innovative, effective and friendly ICT services to all members of the University.

Our services are underpinned by a sophisticated campus network and best available technologies. The Portal provides a one-stop shop for self-service information and support for all members of the University. We manage central computer rooms and classrooms at the Tai Po campus and the Tseung Kwan O Study Centre to meet learning and teaching needs. We also provide one-stop services at the IT Help Desk at the Tai Po campus, where support services and equipment loans are available.

For more updated information about our services, please visit the OCIO website.

 **OCIO website - www.eduhk.hk/ocio**



2. Opening Hours

2.1 Central Computer Rooms

	C-LP-21, Tai Po Campus	Other Computer Rooms, Tai Po Campus	Computer Rooms, Tseung Kwan O Study Centre
Mon – Fri	24 hours	8:30 am – 9:30 pm	8:30 am – 9:45 pm
Sat	24 hours	8:30 am – 9:30 pm	9:00 am – 5:45 pm
Sundays and Holidays	24 hours	Closed	Closed

2.2 IT Help Desk

	C-LP-20, Tai Po Campus (Tel: 2948 6601)	Room G01*, Tseung Kwan O Study Centre (Tel: 2190 8581)
Mon – Fri	8:30 am – 6:30 pm	8:30 am – 9:30 pm
Sat	8:30 am – 5:00 pm	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sundays and Holidays	Closed	Closed

*The IT support service at the Tseung Kwan O Study Centre will be provided through the reception counter at room G01, ground floor.

3. Campus Network

3.1 Network Infrastructure

The campus network is connected by a 40-Gigabit Ethernet backbone covering the academic, administrative buildings and staff and student residences. End users in offices are equipped with a 1-Gigabit connectivity to the campus backbone. The University is a member of the HARNET (Hong Kong Academic and Research Network under the auspices of the Joint Universities Computer Centre), which connects eight local universities via 10Gbps high speed links. This allows member institutions to exploit the facility to collaborate in research by resource sharing and resilience support.


3.2 Student Hostel Network

Ethernet network connections are provided to the residents of the student hostels. Hostel residents can connect their computers to the data points in the hostel rooms and access the Internet, email and other network services in their rooms. For details on how to get connected, please refer to the OCIO website.

 [OCIO > Network > Hostels & Quarters Network](#)

3.3 Wireless Network

Besides the wired campus network, users can also gain Internet access via wireless network service within the University, which covers all offices, teaching venues, student hostels, staff quarters and many public areas at the Tai Po campus and Tseung Kwan O Study Centre. As a member of “eduroam” (www.eduroam.org), members of the University can enjoy Wi-Fi at other member institutions for free worldwide. For more details about the wireless network service, please visit the OCIO website.

 [OCIO > Network > Wireless Network](#)

3.4 VPN Service

With Virtual Private Network (VPN), students can make secure connection from their home computers or mobile devices to the campus network over the Internet. Data transmitted via VPN connection are encrypted. For details, please visit the OCIO website.

 [OCIO > Network > VPN Service](#)

4. Computer Accounts and EdU Cards

4.1 Username & Password

Most of the EdUHK network services are provided to members of the University only, and students are required to login with a network account and password. We also provide each student with a Google account mainly for email communication and an Office 365 account for using the Office 365 services.

For the EdUHK network account, the format of the username is 's' + first 7 digits of Student ID number (e.g. s1012345). The initial passwords are the first 6 digits of your EdUHK student number + last 4 digits of your HKID number (including the check digit) or last 4 digits of your Mainland ID number (內地身份證號碼) (for Mainland students)/ passport number (for overseas students).

Computer accounts will normally be created automatically in one hour after programme registration is completed. For security reasons, students are recommended to change the account passwords when they get the accounts. It is the University's policy that users should change their passwords every year. To change the passwords, please visit The Portal.


4.2 Network Account

Students need the EdUHK network account for accessing network services, including the followings:

- Logging in the PC in computer rooms;
- Printing on network printers in computer rooms;
- Using application software on network servers;
- Accessing network storage such as N: drive;
- Accessing The Portal (University Portal) & the eLearning system; and
- Using the campus wireless network and the VPN gateway.

4.3 Single Sign-On System

The Single Sign-On system (SSO) enables users to use most University's web applications with only one login using their network account and password. Once you have logged in a web application covered by SSO, you will be able to use all the other services that you have access to, without the need to login again. For more information about SSO, please visit the OCIO website.


 [OCIO > Environment > Single Sign-On System](#)

4.4 Google Account

Each student is provided with a Google account for accessing the Google Webmail system. It is a service provided by Google, and the system comes as part of the Google Apps for Education, a collection of web-based programmes including Google Gmail, Google Calendar, Google Docs and Google Sites. To access the Google system, please visit webmail.eduhk.hk and login with the Internet email address which is of the format 'sxxxxxxx@s.eduhk.hk' (e.g. s1012345@s.eduhk.hk).

4.5 UNIX Account


Each student can apply for an account on the UNIX server to publish personal web pages. UNIX account is not created automatically. Once created, students can use the same EdUHK network account and password to login the UNIX servers. For details on how to get a UNIX account and create personal web pages, please visit the OCIO website.

 [OCIO > Students > Others > Personal Web Pages](#)

4.6 Office 365 Account

Students can log in Office 365 with the Internet email address as username to enjoy the following services:

- OneDrive – a cloud-based storage
- Skype for Business – an instant messaging tool with video and collaboration tools
- Student Advantage – a free service for students to use Office 365 ProPlus (a full version of Office)

 [OCIO > Students > Computing Services > Office 365 \(for Students\)](#)

4.7 Disk Quotas

Students are allowed to save files on the EdUHK servers. Information stored on the servers can be accessed through any network-connected PCs. To ensure a fair use of resources, there are storage quotas for different network services, as shown in the following table.

Network N: Drive	Email Mailbox*	Office 365 OneDrive**	UNIX File Storage
50MB	Unlimited	1TB	10MB

*Student email service, i.e. Google Apps for Education, is provided by Google.

**Office 365 OneDrive service is provided by Microsoft.

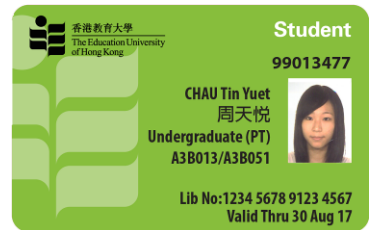
4.8 Expiry of Accounts

All EdUHK computer accounts and Office 365 accounts will be terminated when one ceases to be a student of the University, and all data files will be deleted. It is the users' responsibilities to backup their own data prior to the termination of their accounts.

For the Google account, students could continue to use it after graduation.

4.9 EdU Cards

To provide convenient and cost effective services at the campus, all students are provided with EdU Cards to access various facilities, including the Library, hostels, shuttle bus services and etc. OCIO is responsible for the support of EdU Cards. However, any loss of the Card should be reported to the Registry immediately.



5. OCIO Services

5.1 Central Computer Rooms

OCIO manages a number of computer rooms at the Tai Po campus and the Tseung Kwan O Study Centre to support learning and teaching. The following table shows the locations of these rooms.



Campus	Room No.	Type	No. of PC
Tai Po	B1-LP-01	Teaching	60
	B1-LP-02	Teaching	48
	B2-LP-01	Teaching	40
	E-1/F-07	Teaching	40
	C-LP-21 & Open Access Area	Self-access	50
	Learning Technologies Corner, Learning Commons	Self-access	18 (iMac)
	Learning Commons	Print-N-Go	15
	G/F, MMW Library	Print-N-Go	6
Tseung Kwan O Study Centre	305	Teaching	48
	306	Teaching	48
	G06	Print-N-Go	1
	Learning Commons 1	Self-access	20
	Learning Commons 2	Self-access	6



Most of the computer rooms are designed for teaching purposes while C-LP-21 at the Tai Po campus is an open access computer room for students. To facilitate students' learning, C-LP-21 is open 24 hours every day, including Sundays and holidays.

5.2 Printing Facilities

A number of network printers are installed in central computer rooms. Students are required to sign in the network with their network accounts to use the network printers. To facilitate printing, a number of Print-N-Go stations are setup in the Learning Commons and the Library.



At the beginning of the school year, each student is given a print quota of HK\$120 per annum. Students can use the stored value for black-and-white (b/w) and color laser printing through the network printers in the computer rooms. At HK\$0.3 per b/w A4 page and HK\$1.5 per color A4 page, each student can print up to 400 pages per year. If students need to print more, they can purchase additional print quota using the Octopus Payment Machines in the campus. For more details about network printing and print quota, please refer to the OCIO website.

[OCIO > Students > Teaching and Learning > Printing](#)

5.3 Photo and Video Studio

To facilitate the production of multimedia materials for learning and teaching, OCIO operates a Photo and Video Studio in C-LP-23 at the Tai Po campus. Students can:

- Take Quality Photos
 - with plain white/ grey/ black backdrop
- Take Videos
 - with Chroma key backdrop
 - with quality audio capture



5.4 Loan Services

We manage a loan counter at the Tai Po IT Help Desk to provide loan services of audio-visual equipment and notebook (one-day loan) to students. Please bring your EdU Card when you need to borrow the available items. Borrowers are required to comply with the “Loan Service Policy” available on the OCIO website.

[OCIO > Students > Others > Loan Services](#)

5.5 Octopus Payment Machines

The Octopus payment Machines (OPM) can be used for buying print quota for network printing and payment of Students’ Union Membership Fees, hall activities fees and others. Besides Octopus, many popular payment methods, like Visa payWave, Mastercard contactless, UnionPay QuickPass and etc are also accepted.

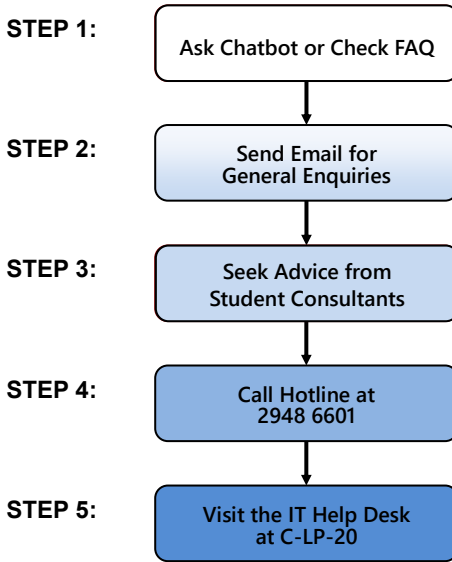


[OCIO > Environment > Octopus Payment Machine](#)

5.6 Email, The Portal and MyEdUHK App

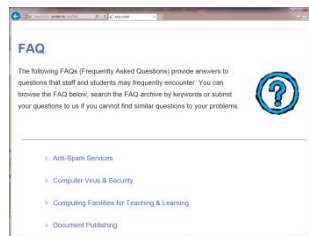
OCIO supports various communication channels at the University. Students should check their EdUHK email accounts (i.e. the Google account provided by EdUHK) and announcements on The Portal regularly. They can also access different self-service systems via The Portal. MyEdUHK App provides useful information and links to students and staff. The mobile app features major functions on personal timetables, account balance for students and campus navigation in the first phase of the launch. Development of other phases with more functions is underway. It is available on Play Store for Android and Apple App Store for iOS devices.

6. Getting Help



6.1 Ask Chatbot or Check FAQ

Students who have any enquiries or problems with OCIO services can ask Chatbot on the OCIO website or check the FAQ (www.eduhk.hk/ocio/faqs), where answers to most of the commonly-asked questions can be found.



6.2 Email – helpdesk@ocio.eduhk.hk

Email is a convenient means for general enquiry, reporting problems, requesting non-urgent services and seeking technical assistance. If you cannot find the answer to your question from FAQ, you can send your enquiries anytime to the IT Help Desk via email. Users are encouraged to use this channel as far as possible. Students are reminded to provide detailed information on the problem such as date and time when the problem occurred, and the error message. Email enquiries are usually answered within one working day.

6.3 Student Consultants

OCIO recruits fellow students as Student Consultants at the Tai Po campus to provide general and operational support to students. They will supplement our support staff in providing quality services. The Student Consultants counter is located in the Learning Commons and you are welcome to consult the Student Consultants for minor problems. For more complicated problems, please contact our staff at the IT Help Desk.



6.4 Hotline – 2948 6601

For urgent problems where users need advice from a duty officer, or in case where a computer is not able to send emails, users can call the IT Help Desk Hotline. The Hotline will be answered by our staff during opening hours. Interactive Voice Response System will be activated to record the calls if the line is busy or when the IT Help Desk is closed. As the Hotline is a valuable resource for handling emergency and critical problems, please use it wisely to avoid abuse.

6.5 Visit the IT Help Desk, Room C-LP-20 of the Tai Po Campus

For problems that cannot be easily explained or demonstrated via phone or email, users can visit the IT Help Desk at Room C-LP-20 of the Tai Po campus. The IT Help Desk is equipped with typical hardware and software equipment for demonstration purposes.



7. Feedback & Suggestions


8. Useful Links

OCIO website	:	www.eduhk.hk/ocio
The Portal	:	portal.eduhk.hk
Webmail	:	webmail.eduhk.hk

9. Computing Policies & Regulations

Students should use the computing, network infrastructure and voice communications services of the University in a responsible, ethical and legal manner. They are to observe all relevant regulations, guidelines and legislations on the use of such services, in particular the University's Information Security and related policies (<https://www.eduhk.hk/infosec>), as well as those on the use and management of software asset. Offenders of related legislations may be liable to criminal prosecution.

Please visit the OCIO website for details.

 [OCIO > About OCIO > Policies and Guidelines](#)

