

General Information

Money

Cash: US\$ 1 \approx HK\$ 7.8. There are money exchanges in the airport and downtown.

Credit card: Accepted in many shops, restaurants, supermarkets, hotels.

Octopus card: A stored value smart card for making electronic payments, **widely used** for public transport (metro, bus, ferry but **not** taxi), convenience stores, supermarkets, pharmacies and fast-food restaurants in Hong Kong. Octopus card is sold at MTR customer service centres of *all* stations. (MTR is the metro/subway system of Hong Kong.) The price is HK\$150 (with an initial stored value of HK\$100 and a deposit of HK\$50). Usually not more than HK\$500 is stored in Octopus. Money can be credited to the card at most shops accepting the card, and also at customer service centres in the MTR stations. You may return and obtain a refund of the deposit for a normally functioning Octopus at any Customer Service Centre, but a refund handling fee of HK\$9 is required.

