

Octopus Card

The Octopus Card: What is it?



The Octopus Card is a Prepaid Stored-Value card that is widely used in Hong Kong. The card can be purchased in any of Hong Kong's Mass Transit Railway (MTR) stations.

Octopus Cards are used mainly in Hong Kong as a method of paying for transportation. The card is accepted in MTR stations, buses, ferries and trams and is therefore a very convenient means of paying for transport. Besides paying for transportation, Octopus Cards may be used as a method of purchasing goods in certain stores. To check whether or not a store accepts Octopus card, just search for the Octopus Card symbol (seen right).



As the Octopus Card is a store-value card, when the stored value of the card reaches zero (or goes negative) it is necessary to recharge it (add more money to it). This can be done in any of Hong Kong's convenience stores, McDonalds, 7/11, or Circle K. Instructions are below:

1. Hand the amount you wish to add (minimum \$100) to the store clerk and ask him/her to 'top up' the octopus card.
2. Place your octopus card on the octopus card icon on the machine (seen above)
3. Once the money has been added (after a beep) the clerk will hand you the receipt showing how much you have added and the new value in the octopus card

Purchasing Octopus Cards

It is possible to purchase Octopus Cards in any of Hong Kong's MTR stations. The adult Octopus Card has a \$50 deposit and a \$100 initial store value. Also a minimum of \$50 is required per each charge and then multiples of \$100 may be added.

1. Search for the customer service booth in your current MTR station (including the airport express station)
2. Upon reaching the booth, ask to purchase your own octopus card
3. NOTE please place your octopus card AWAY from magnetic devices

In the MTR stations, the Octopus Card is touched on the Octopus Card sign of the machine and entry is accepted. Also it is crucial to touch your Octopus Card again when the destination is arrived in order to complete the transaction.



- 1) When entering, place your Octopus card on the yellow area/octopus icon as seen left before entering/crossing the barrier
- 2) When leaving the terminal, place your octopus card again on the yellow area/octopus icon before leaving/crossing the barrier

As the Octopus Card will be required to and from the hotel that each delegate will be located at, it is recommended that the Octopus Card is purchased on the day of arrival.

Should you have any questions regarding the Octopus card, please feel free to contact me, Chester Tsa at ctsa04@kgv.hk