

Ministry of Justice's Announcement No. 2015 - 251

The Ministry of Justice hereby announces revised criteria (age, education, annual income, etc.) for persons who fall under Item (I) of 27. Resident (F-2) status of Table 1 of the Enforcement Decree of the Immigration Control Act. (Revised criteria of the Ministry of Justice's Announcement No. 2013-151 on April 17, 2013)

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Minister of Justice

Announcement on revised criteria (age, education, annual income, etc.) for persons who fall under Item (I) of 27. Resident (F-2) status of Table 1 of the Enforcement Decree of the Immigration Control Act

1. Applied Individuals

- The revised criteria will apply to persons with a professional occupation* who have legally stayed in the Republic of Korea for at least one year on one of the following statuses referred to in Table 1 of the Enforcement Decree of the Immigration Control Act and who do not have any grounds for disqualification**:

Professor (E-1), Foreign Language Instructor (E-2), Researcher (E-3),

Technical Instructor/Technician (E-4), Professional (E-5), Artist/Athlete (E-6), Foreign National of Special Ability (E-7), Student (D-2), Long-term News Coverage (D-5), Religious Worker (D-6), Intra-company Transferee (D-7), Corporate/Foreign Investor (D-8), International Trade (D-9), and Job Seeker (D-10)

* As for Artists/Athlete (E-6) holders, the revision does not apply to entertainers at hotels or adult entertainment establishments for tourists (E-6-2); As for Student (D-2) or Job Seeker (D-10) holders, the revision applies to the persons who have earned (or are expected to earn) a master's degree or higher from a Korean university and whose employment in a Korean company, etc. is confirmed. (Employment is confirmed when the person is eligible for one of the statuses from Professor [E-1] through Foreign National of Special Ability [E-7] and has signed an employment contract with a relevant institution, organization, company, etc. [Except for E-6-2 status])

** (1) You have been sentenced to imprisonment or heavier punishments (except when the punishment became ineffective according to the Act on the Lapse of Criminal Sentences). (2) You have been sentenced to fines or lighter punishments due to violation of domestic laws including the Immigration Control Act three times or more within two years from the date of application, or you have failed to pay the fines. (3) You have grounds for entry prohibition or you are considered to compromise national security, social order, public welfare and other national interests of the Republic of Korea. (4) You have submitted forged documents when applying for the change of sojourn status.

2. Criteria and How to Evaluate

- Criteria: Score at least 80 points from the evaluation table below.
- How to Evaluate: Combine the total points from each item (age, education, Korean language ability, current income, etc.)
- Evaluation table

Category (Points)	Standardized criteria (90)				Extra points and points deduction (30)		Total points (120)	Accept/Reject
	Age (25)	Education level (35)	Korean language ability (20)	Current income (10)	Extra points (30)	Points deduction (-5)		
Points								

Category (Age)	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-50	51 or older
Points	20	23	25	23	20	18	15
Evaluation standard	· Date of birth on passport (the applicant's age is calculated as of the date of evaluation.)						

Level of education	Doctorate degree		Master's degree		Bachelor's degree		Associate degree		High school diploma
	Science and engineering /2 Degrees or more*	Liberal arts	Science and engineering/ 2 Degrees or more*	Liberal arts	Science and engineering/ 2 Degrees or more*	Liberal arts	Science and engineering/ 2 Degrees or more*	Liberal arts	
Points	35	33	32	30	28	26	25	23	15
Evaluation standard	· Degree certificate or high school diploma (for high school graduates only) * Two degrees in liberal arts								

Korean language ability	Social communication (advanced)		Conversation on a familiar and everyday topic (intermediate)		Basic communication (basic)	
	Grade 6	Grade 5/ Level 5	Grade 4/ Level 4	Grade 3/ Level 3	Grade 2/ Level 2	Grade 1/ Level 1
Points	20	18	16	14	12	10

Evaluation standard	· The grade on Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK) report card issued by President of the National Institutes for International Education or; the level (Level 1-5) on a certificate of "training confirmation" of the Korea Immigration and Integration Program					
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Annual income (unit: million won)	100 or more	90-less than 100	80-less than 90	70-less than 80	60-less than 70	50-less than 60	40-less than 50	30-less than 40	20-less than 30	less than 20
Points	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Evaluation standard	· A photocopied receipt of earned income tax withholding which shows the applicant's total income in the latest year. The original copy must be verified by the applicant's workplace.									

Extra points criteria	Korea Immigration and Integration Program	Annual income tax payment record (unit: million won)					Study experience in Korea					Volunteer activities in Korea			Overseas professional work experience		
		5 or more	4-less than 5	3-less than 4	2-less than 3	1-less than 2	Doctorate degree	Master's degree	Bachelor's degree	Associate degree	Korean language training	3 years or more	2-less than 3 years	1-less than 2 years	3 years or more	2-less than 3 years	1-less than 2 years
Points	10	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	3	1	5	3	1

Evaluation standard	· Completion of the Korea Immigration and Integration Program: a certificate of the completion of the Korea Immigration and Integration Program issued by the head of the jurisdictional immigration office in accordance with the 'Regulations on the Operation of the Korea Immigration and Integration Program' (Please visit www.socinet.go.kr for more information.) · Record of annual income tax payment: a certificate of last year's tax payment issued by the National Tax Service · Study experience in Korea: a degree or certificate (for Korean language trainees only), Immigration Information System, International Students Information System · Volunteer activities in Korea: a certificate of volunteer activities records issued by a respective public institution or social group (Please combine all volunteer activities in the last three years. However, your volunteer activities are recognized only if the total period adds up to 50 hours or more and at least six times per year.) · Overseas professional work experience: a certificate of work experience issued by CEO of a respective foreign public institution, group, or company (A working period as a regular employee is recognized only.)																
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Points deduction	Punishment (including fines)				Illegal Stay
	Applicant			Accompanied family or invitee	You have an accompanied family member or invitee who is currently an illegal immigrant or who has departed from Korea after 3 months of illegal stay within the past two years.
	Violation of Korean laws twice or 3 million won or more in combined fines	Violation of Korean laws once (fines: 1-less than 3 million won)	Violation of Korean laws once (fines: less than 1 million won)	Violation of Korean laws twice or 3 million won or more in combined fines	
Points	- 3	- 2	- 1	- 1	- 1
Evaluation standard	· Criminal Record Check System, Immigration Information System (only applied to violations in the last two years as of the application date)				

3. Effective Date: This announcement will take effect on July 20, 2015.