

National Pingtung University of Science and Technology

Foreign Student Application Provisions

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Provision 1

1. These regulations have been established according to the Article 6 of the Ministry of Education's (MOE) Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan in order to encourage foreign students to apply for studies at the each of NPUST's departments.

Provision 2

1. An individual of foreign nationality, who has never held nationality status in the Republic of China ("R.O.C.") and who, at the time of application, does not possess an overseas Chinese student status, may apply for admission under these regulations.
2. An individual of foreign nationality, pursuant to the following requirements who has resided overseas continuously for no less than 6 years is also qualified to apply for admission under these regulations:
 - i. An individual who also is an R.O.C. National, but does not hold nor has held household registration in Taiwan.
 - ii. An individual who once was an R.O.C. National but has no R.O.C. nationality at the time of application and has annulled his/her status regarding their R.O.C. nationality with the Ministry of the Interior no less than 8 years prior to application.
 - iii. The previous 2 paragraphs apply to students who have never studied in Taiwan using an Overseas Chinese status and have not received distributions from the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese during the previous school year.
3. According to the Education Cooperation Framework Agreement, a foreign national who was selected by a foreign government, organization, or school, and did not hold a household registration from the time of his/her birth is not subject to the limitations as prescribed in the preceding 2 paragraphs after receiving approval from the authorized educational government agencies.
4. The six and eight year calculation period as prescribed in Paragraph 2 shall be calculated from the starting date of the semester (Feb. 1st or Aug. 1st) as the designated date for the time of study.
5. The term "overseas" as prescribed in Paragraph 2 is limited to countries or regions

other than Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau; the term “reside overseas continuously” means that an individual may stay in Taiwan for no more than a total of 120 days per calendar year. The only exceptions to this method of calculation are for those who fulfill one of the following requirements with written supportive proof:

- i. Attended overseas youth training courses organized by the Overseas Compatriot Affairs Council or technical training classes recognized by the Ministry of Education (the “MOE”);
 - ii. Attended a Mandarin Chinese language center at a university/college of which foreign student recruitment is approved by the MOE, and to which the total length of stay is less than 2 years;
 - iii. Studied as exchange student, where length of total exchange was less than 2 years; or
 - iv. Took part in an internship in Taiwan which has been approved by an authorized central government agency, to which the total length of stay is less than 2 years.
6. An individual, who has both foreign and R.O.C. nationalities and has applied for an annulment of their R.O.C. nationality before Feb. 1st, 2011 will be qualified to apply for admission as an international student according to the original rules and will not be subject to the limitation prescribed in Paragraph 2.
 7. Application for enrollment according to these provisions shall be based on the semester start dates set by the university.
 8. An Overseas Chinese individual who does not hold an R.O.C. nationality, based on his/her individual situation, may choose to apply for enrollment according to these provisions or the Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan. If the individual has applied for enrollment using both his/her Overseas Chinese status and foreign student status, following investigation and verification, his/her student status will be revoked or he/she will face expulsion.

Provision 3

1. An applicant of foreign nationality, concurrently holding a permanent residence status in Hong Kong or Macao, having no history of a household registration record in Taiwan who at the time of application has resided in Hong Kong, Macao, or another foreign country for no less than 6 years is qualified to apply for admission under these provisions.
2. The term “reside overseas continuously” mentioned in the preceding paragraph means an individual may stay in Taiwan for no more than a total of 120 days per

calendar year. However, such a term may be exempt if any of the conditions prescribed in Subparagraphs 1 through 4, Paragraph 5 of the previous **Provision** applies and is supported with written proof; and the said domestic length of stay shall be excluded from the overseas length of residency.

3. An applicant being a former citizen of Mainland China who holds a foreign nationality, having no history of household registration record in Taiwan, and at the time of application, has resided overseas continuously for no less than 6 years is qualified to apply for admission under these provisions.
4. The term “reside overseas continuously” means an individual may stay in Taiwan for no more than a total of 120 days per **calendar year**. However, such a term may be exempted if any of the conditions prescribed in Subparagraphs 1 through 4 of Paragraph 5 of the previous **Provision** applies and is supported with written proof; the said domestic length of stay shall be excluded from the overseas length of residency.
5. The 6 and 8 year calculation period as prescribed in Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 3 shall be calculated from the starting date of the semester (Feb.1st or Aug.1st) as the designated date for the time of study.
6. The term “overseas” as prescribed in paragraph 5 in the previous **Provision** shall apply to paragraphs 1 to 4.

Provision 4

1. International students may only apply once for a bachelor’s program according to the two previous Provisions; after completing enrollment application procedures according to these Provisions if they desire to pursue advanced studies in Taiwan, they must use the same enrollment method as local national students. However, master’s and PhD students may follow the related NPUST foreign student provisions.
2. If a foreign student faces expulsion because of poor conduct, failing academic performance or is convicted of criminal activity, he/she may not re-apply for enrollment according to these provisions. Following an investigation, if a violation of these provisions is discovered, the violator’s student status will be revoked.
3. During the course of study in Taiwan, international students who have been permitted to complete initial household registration, resident registration, naturalization or restoration of the R.O.C. nationality will lose their international student status and shall be dismissed by the school.
4. International students who transfer their studies from another school shall follow the NPUST International Student Transfer Review Provisions. However, an international student that has been dismissed by his/her school of enrollment due to

behavior issues or a conviction under the Criminal Law is not permitted to transfer to NPUST.

Provision 5

1. The quotas for international student admission allocations at NPUST shall be an "additional quota", but shall be no more than ten percent of the number of positions allocated for local students each year by the MOE and shall be reported to the MOE for approval.
2. If the quotas for admission which have been allocated for local students have not been filled, NPUST may fill the quotas with international students according to the total number of designated yearly positions.
3. The quotas for admission prescribed in Paragraph 1, do not include international students with a non-degree status.

Provision 6

1. Foreign students applying for enrollment at NPUST are separated into the Spring (Second Semester) and Fall (First Semester) recruitment groups and must submit the following documents within the recruitment period set for the school year in the admission guide:
 - i. Completed admission application form.
 - ii. Academic credentials and transcript which meet enrollment criteria. Diploma of the highest academic degree from foreign school or transcript and documents proving equivalent level of education (Copy of the translation in English or Chinese is necessary if the original diploma is neither in English nor in Chinese).
 - iii. Students expecting to graduate may use a letter of expected graduation instead of diploma (must be notarized by foreign representative office). Prior to enrollment, a diploma must be handed in.
 - iv. Two letters of recommendation.
 - v. Study plan written in Chinese or English
 - vi. A financial statement proving financial support during duration of studies or proof of full scholarship support from a government, school or private organization.
 - vii. Other documents required by NPUST.
2. The highest academic degree or proof of equivalent level of education stated in the second subparagraph of the previous paragraph include:

- i. Academic credentials from Mainland China: The Regulations Governing Accreditation of Schools in Mainland China shall apply.
- ii. Academic credentials from Hong Kong or Macao: Academic Credential Verification and Accreditation Methods adopted in Hong Kong and Macao shall apply.
- iii. Academic credentials from other areas:
 1. Academic credentials earned at overseas Taiwan schools or Taiwan schools in Mainland China shall be regarded as the same as earned in domestic schools of equivalent levels.
 2. Academic credentials referred in the preceding 2 subparagraphs shall be subject to the MOE's related regulations regarding the assessment and recognition of foreign academic credentials. However, academic credentials earned from schools or branches established in Mainland China by foreign schools shall require public notarization in Mainland China and shall be verified and examined by an institute established or appointed by the Executive Yuan, or a private agency commissioned by the Executive Yuan.
3. If the foreign student's graduation level is equivalent to that of a student who has completed the second year of senior high school in Taiwan, he/she may apply for enrolment into a bachelors program as such. However, he/she must take an additional 12 graduation credits in addition to regular curriculum; additional courses will be decided by each department.

Provision 7

1. Foreign students who have already completed a bachelors degree or higher in Taiwan, who apply to continue studies in a program of graduate level or higher, may use diplomas and transcripts from Taiwan schools to apply in accordance with the previous paragraph and will not be restricted by the provisions of paragraph 1 subparagraph 2 of the previous **Provision**.
2. Foreign students who graduate from Schools for International Residents in Taiwan or bilingual departments of Taiwan Senior High Schools may use their diplomas for enrollment according to the previous **Provision** and will not be restricted by the limitations in paragraph 1 subparagraph 2 of the previous **Provision**.
3. If any of the application documents submitted by the student for admissions are forged, fake or altered the enrollment qualifications will be revoked; if the violator has already registered, his/her student status will be cancelled and no academic certifications of any kind will be provided; if it is discovered following graduation, the

corresponding academic qualifications will be revoked by the school and the degree or certificate will be cancelled.

Provision 8

1. Foreign students may not apply to study in the Continuing Studies bachelors' programs, graduate programs or other programs strictly offered in the evenings and on weekends. However, foreign students who have already been granted Overseas Chinese status, permanent Alien Resident status or who are attending a program that is an international program approved by the MOE, will not be limited by these restrictions.

Provision 9

1. NPUST courses are offered primarily in Chinese (Mandarin) and English; applicants who wish to apply for non-English courses must have adequate Chinese listening abilities.

Provision 10

1. Foreign student applications will be collected by the Office of International Affairs and examined prior to being transferred to the respective college or department for evaluation; application will then be sent to the Foreign Student Enrollment Application Examination Committee for verification, after which they shall be sent to the University President for approval.

Provision 11

1. Members of the Foreign Student Enrollment Application Examination Committee are appointed by the University President and shall serve for one year. The Committee may call for review the preliminary decisions made by College or Department.

Provision 12

1. During each department's (faculty's) review stage, if necessary, the applicant may be notified and requested to take a Chinese Language ability test or technical test (including reading, writing, and listening).

Provision 13

1. At the time of registration, those who have been approved for enrollment must submit one English or **Chinese** copy of the graduation diploma for their highest achieved level of education at a foreign (non-Taiwan) school of study as well as an original English or **Chinese** copy of their grade which has been certified by a Taiwan Embassy, Consulate, Representative Office or other agency authorized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or an agency established or designated by the Executive Yuan or a civic association commissioned by the same.

2. If there is suspicion regarding documents approved according to the previous paragraph having not been certified by a Taiwan Embassy, Consulate, Representative Office or other agency authorized by Ministry of Foreign Affairs or agency established or designated by the Executive Yuan or civic association commissioned by the same, verification may be required; the verified person may request assistance for the verification.

Provision 14

1. At the time of registration, foreign students who have been approved for enrollment shall submit documentation to prove that they have already purchased medical and accident insurance that is valid for at least 6 months from the time of arrival in Taiwan or are registered for National Health Insurance. This provision is effective as of January 1st 2013.
2. The proof of insurance mentioned in the previous paragraph must be certified by a Taiwan foreign consulate.

Provision 15

1. The tuition and miscellaneous fees for foreign students studying for a degree or taking credits shall be handled according to the following regulations; students may also apply for scholarships according to foreign student academic scholarship regulations:
 - i. MOFA Taiwan Scholarship students who have received a letter of recommendation from a Taiwan foreign consulate to study in Taiwan and those who hold Permanent Alien Resident Cards (PARC) shall use the same tuition standard set by NPUST for local Taiwan students.
 - ii. Those admitted for enrollment according to provision 2 paragraph 3 are subject to the specified agreements.
 - iii. Foreign students not subject to the previous two subparagraphs shall pay tuition according to the standards set for foreign students by NPUST, and which shall not be lower than that of private schools of the same level.
2. Students who were admitted to study in Taiwan before the effective date of the February 1, 2011 amendment, for that stage of education, shall pay tuition according to the original regulations.

Provision 16

1. Registration, course selection and course studies for foreign students approved for enrollment shall be in accordance with each of the applicable regulations set by NPUST.

2. A foreign student who registers at NPUST at a time which is not beyond one-third of the first semester of the current school year shall register for the first semester; or at the time beyond one-third of the first semester of the current school year shall register for the second semester or the next school year, unless otherwise stipulated by the Ministry of Education.

Provision 17

1. Foreign students recruited by NPUST shall promptly register their school entrance, transfer, suspension or dismissal and any change or loss of student status into the international student data management information system designated by the Ministry of Education.
2. When foreign students at NPUST discontinue their schooling or change or lose their student status at the school, the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs Bureau of Consular Affairs and the of **Ministry of the Interior National Immigration Agency** Service Center must be notified and copies of these notifications shall be sent to the Ministry of Education.

Provision 18

1. Foreign students who have been verified to have violated the Employment Service Act must be dealt with by NPUST according to the related regulations.

Provision 19

1. Items not exhaustively addressed by these provisions shall be handled according to the Ministry of Education Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan.

Provision 20

1. These provisions, and any amendments, shall take effect once approved by Academic Affairs Committee and submitted to the MOE.