



I-SHOU UNIVERSITY  
Admission Guidelines  
2014  
School of Medicine for  
International Students

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## Admissions Timetable

Item	Date
Application deadline	March 15, 2014
Written exam	April 23, 2014 (provisionally scheduled)
Oral interview	April 29-30, 2014 (provisionally scheduled)
Review results released on ISU's website and a notification sent to applicants (a full registration package will be sent as well)	May 20, 2014
A waiting list announced	June 4, 2014
Airport pick-up and orientation	Early September 2014
Semester start date	Mid-September 2014

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## **Introduction**

The School of Medicine for International Students is a newly established M.D. program (in English) in compliance with the R.O.C. government's policy that aims to cultivate passionate and devoted international medical professionals for countries that have diplomatic relations with Taiwan.

As one of the leading universities in southern Taiwan, ISU provides students with innovative ideas and excellent teaching resources in order to foster them to be well-trained and qualified health professionals. The Program will be carried out in a close partnership with E-Da Hospital, a well-recognized teaching hospital affiliated to E United Group, which has received a full accreditation from the Joint Commission International (JCI), a U.S.-based independent and nonprofit organization and the first Collaborating Center designated by the World Health Organization (WHO). Students will be able to not only learn from distinguished professors, doctors, and specialists, but also have direct access to state-of-the-art medical facilities so that basic medical sciences and clinical training can be fully integrated.

To successfully assist international students studying in Taiwan, the Program has received the endorsement from the Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (Taiwan ICDF), providing full scholarships to admitted students during their 4-year study at ISU. After graduation, students will need to go back to serve their homeland so as to devote what they have learned from the Program to the people of their respective countries.

### **Mission**

The Mission of the School of Medicine for International Students is to nurture internationally accredited doctors dedicated to humanitarian and healthcare service globally.

## **I. Legal Basis**

The admission affairs are conducted pursuant to the Program of Assisting Countries with Diplomatic Relations in Cultivating Medical Talents proposed by the Ministry of Education, the *MOE Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan* (see Appendix 1), the *MOE Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education* (see Appendix 2), the *Regulations for International Student Admission to I-Shou University*, the *Academic Rules of I-Shou University*, and other relevant regulations.

## **II. Students to Be Recruited**

1. Priority will be given to students who are from countries with diplomatic relations with Taiwan (R.O.C.) and recommended by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, R.O.C. This Program is intended to recruit 40 students from those countries. If more than 40 students from the aforesaid countries are recruited, the total number of students recruited shall not exceed 50.
2. Recruitment priority: Students from countries with diplomatic relations with Taiwan shall be given preference.

## **III. Prescribed Years of Study**

Four academic years (a total of 8 semesters), and the prescribed years of study does not include internship.

Students must return to their home countries after graduation and completion of the clinical internship, and they are not allowed to take the medical licensing examination or to conduct medical practice in Taiwan.

## **IV. Qualifications for Application**

1. Applicants who possess a bachelor's degree or above conferred by a foreign university recognized by the R.O.C. Ministry of Education, or applicants who have completed studies at the School of Medicine, Dentistry or Chinese Medicine for four years or more may apply with equivalent credentials. Applicants with degrees received from foreign universities/colleges shall have the degree diploma notarized by the local R.O.C. overseas office, or a certificate of degree (enclosed) shall be presented by the foreign university/college from which the applicant graduated. An English translation shall be provided if the certificate is written in a language other than English.
2. According to Paragraph 1 of Article 2 in the *MOE Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan*, applicants who have a foreign nationality, have never held nationality status of the Republic of China\* ("R.O.C."), and do not possess an overseas compatriot student status,

a Chinese nationality or the citizenship of Hong Kong or Macau at the time of application may apply for admission.

3. Affairs not mentioned herein shall be conducted pursuant to the MOE Program of Assisting Countries with Diplomatic Relations in Cultivating Medical Talents, the *MOE Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan*, and the *MOE Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education*.

\*Note :

According to Article 2 of the Nationality Act, a person shall have the nationality of the Republic of China under any of the conditions provided by the following subparagraphs:

1. His/her father or mother was a national of the Republic of China when he/she was born.
2. He/she was born after the death of his/her father or mother, and his/her father or mother was a national of the Republic of China at the time of death.
3. He/she was born in the territory of the Republic of China, and his/her parents can't be ascertained or both were stateless persons.
4. He/she has undergone the nationalization process.

Subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the preceding paragraph shall also apply to the persons who were minors at the time of the amendment and promulgation of this Act.

## V. Regulations for Admissions and Required Documents

Admission Criteria/Percentage	Paper-based Review (40%) Oral Interview (40%) Written Exam (20%)
Documents Required for Application Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Application Form for International Student Admissions to I-Shou University (including the Affidavit for International Student Admission Application)</li> <li>2. A photocopy of the applicant's passport</li> <li>3. A certificate of a bachelor's degree or above or a certificate at the equivalent education level (e.g. studying at the School of Medicine, Dentistry or Chinese Medicine for four years or more), and the academic transcript. The aforesaid certificates and documents shall be notarized by a local R.O.C. embassy, overseas office or representative office. (A notarized English translation shall be provided if the certificate is written in languages other than English.)</li> <li>4. A certificate of completing at least 6 credits of courses relevant to biology, chemistry or life sciences</li> <li>5. A certificate of English proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS or other English proficiency tests recognized globally or by the local governments taken within the most recent 2 years)</li> <li>6. An English autobiography</li> <li>7. Three recommendation letters</li> </ol>

	8. Other supplementary documents: (1) A transcript of the medical school admission test (MCAT, BMAT or GAMSAT) taken within the most recent 3 years (2) Practical experiences in medical practice and laboratories (3) Experiences in volunteer service
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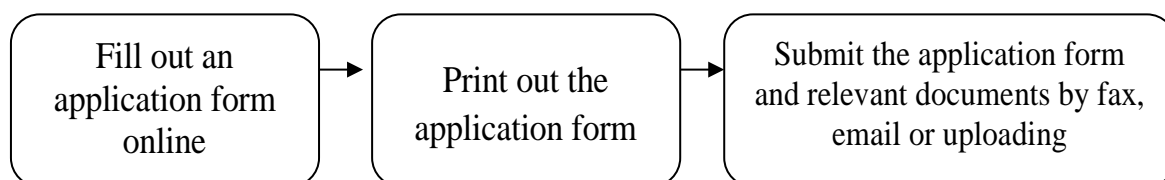
\* Please keep an extra copy of all documents submitted for application as ISU will not return the originals to applicants.

## VI. Application Fee

No application fee is required for applying for admission to the Program.

## VII. How and When to Apply

- Applicants shall submit an application by March 15, 2014. Applicants are required to fill out the application form online (<http://enroll.isu.edu.tw/enroll/dp/>) and print it out. **The application form and required documents shall be submitted to ISU by the aforesaid deadline.**



- Applicants can submit the application package via any of the following methods:
  - By fax: +886-7-6155910 or +886-7-6577478
  - By email: [smis@isu.edu.tw](mailto:smis@isu.edu.tw)
  - By uploading.
- Applicants who want to apply for the Taiwan ICDF Scholarship shall apply on their own account on Taiwan ICDF's website (<http://www.icdf.org.tw/TSP/Welcome.aspx>).

Late applications, unqualified applications or incomplete submission of data shall not be accepted by ISU. Please keep an extra copy of all documents submitted for application as ISU will not return the originals to applicants.

### **VIII. Subjects of the Written Exam**

1. The subjects for the written exam are English, biology and chemistry. The written exam is provisionally scheduled on April 23, 2014. Applicants must pay attention to the announcements released by local R.O.C. embassies.
2. The oral interview is provisionally scheduled on April 29-30, 2014. Please contact local R.O.C. embassies or refer to the information released by ISU regarding the exact time of the oral interview.

### **IX. Admissions Standards**

1. The Admissions Committee of ISU has the right to decide the criterion of acceptance.
2. Applicants are admitted based on the sequence of the total scores, and the number of applicants admitted shall be subject to the approved number as stipulated in this Admissions Guidelines. Applicants who receive a score more than the criterion of acceptance but are not considered to be admitted applicants shall be put on a waiting list. Applicants with scores below the criterion of acceptance shall not be listed on the waiting list or be allowed to fill in for any vacancies.
3. Applicants from countries with diplomatic relations with Taiwan may enjoy priority admissions status. Self-sponsored applicants from countries with no diplomatic relations with Taiwan may be called upon to fill the admission vacancies.
4. Applicants receiving the same scores shall be listed according to the deliberate order, and the Admissions Committee shall decide the sequence of applicants if they receive same scores for respective item.

### **X. Notification of Review Results**

The review results will be announced and applicants will be notified via individual notification letter and email, and the results will also be released on ISU's admissions website at <http://www.isu.edu.tw/medicine>.

### **XI. Registration**

Both accepted and waitlisted applicants must satisfy both of the following requirements to complete the registration procedure.

1. Accepted applicants from countries with diplomatic relations with Taiwan shall send the Taiwan Scholarship Terms of Agreement and an agreement of returning to the home country after graduation to the local R.O.C. overseas office to confirm the admission status.
2. Both accepted and waitlisted applicants must complete the registration procedure between May 21 and 30, 2014. **Please print out and complete the Letter of Intent to Accept Admission provided by ISU, and then return the Letter via fax (+886-7-6155910 or +886-7-6577478) or email ([smis@isu.edu.tw](mailto:smis@isu.edu.tw)).** In case of failure to return the Letter before the



deadline, an accepted applicant will be considered giving up the admission, while a waitlisted applicant will be considered giving up his or her position on the waiting list and the vacancy will be filled sequentially by a waitlisted applicant who has completed the registration procedure.

## **XII. Enrollment**

A full registration package will be sent to accepted applicants along with a formal notification. Accepted applicants shall follow the instructions to complete the necessary registration procedure. Failure to complete the registration procedure will constitute an automatic denial for enrollment at ISU. Accepted applicants shall submit the following documents upon registration:

1. A photocopy of the passport;
2. A bachelor's degree diploma and the official transcript of all semesters in English (or official Chinese translation) affixed with the seal of the local R.O.C. embassy or overseas office; and
3. A health certificate (including HIV test, positive measles and rubella antibodies or certification of prophylaxis inoculation) issued by a qualified hospital. Accepted applicants shall receive a group physical examination for freshmen arranged by ISU.

## **XIII. Tuition & Other Required Fees, Taiwan ICDF Scholarship, Accommodation Fees and Other Expenses**

The estimated amount of each item is subject to change. The actual amount of the tuition and other required fees for Academic Year 2014 will be announced by the Office of Accounting.

### **1. Tuition & Other Required Fees, Accommodation Fees, Textbooks and Other Expenses**

The tuition and other required fees shall be paid pursuant to the scholarship granted by Taiwan ICDF (Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund).

### **2. Taiwan ICDF Scholarship**

Only applicants from countries with diplomatic relations with Taiwan are allowed to apply for the Taiwan ICDF Scholarship. Applicants shall apply for the scholarship to a local R.O.C. embassy or overseas office on their own account. Please take the application deadline into consideration in order not to affect the rights and benefits.

Please apply online at Taiwan ICDF's website (<http://www.icdf.org.tw/TSP/Welcome.aspx>), and print out and send the application form to a local R.O.C. embassy or overseas office. Please DO

NOT send the application form to ISU in order not to affect the review procedure of the scholarship.

### 3. Other Expenses

Item	Approximate Fees	Description
Group Insurance Premium	US\$100 (approx.)	Pay for the first 6 months for the first semester after enrolling at ISU (September to February of the following year). The premium is approximately US\$20 per month.
National Health Insurance (NHI) Premium (pay in each semester)	US\$150 (approx.)	<p>Students shall pay a six-month premium from the second semester. The NHI premium is approximately US\$25 per month.</p> <p>Note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Foreign nationals who have had the ARC for six months and left Taiwan only once (the departure must be less than 30 days) are eligible for participation in Taiwan's NHI program.</li> <li>2. Students who are not eligible for the NHI program in the second semester shall take out the group insurance, and ISU will return the fees after deducting the premium.</li> </ol> <p>* The tuition and other required fees paid by students shall include the aforesaid premiums. ISU will collect six-month premiums and apply for the insurance for students. Please visit the website (<a href="http://www.nhi.gov.tw/">http://www.nhi.gov.tw/</a>) in case of any further questions or concerns about the NHI program.</p>
Health Examination Fee	US\$20 (approx.)/each	Only once

Item	Approximate Fees	Description
ARC Application Fee	US\$70 per year	ISU will help students apply for the ARC (Applicants may need to pay approximately US\$12 for taking photos if the photo submitted is not accepted).

#### 4. Other Miscellaneous Expenses after Admission to ISU

Item	Approximate Fees
Opening a bank account and seal engraving	US\$4 (approx.)
Prepaid phone card	US\$10/each

5. Upon registration, newly-admitted students shall submit a proof of health and personal injury insurance valid for at least six months from the date of arrival in Taiwan (the proof issued by a foreign insurance company shall be certified by a local R.O.C. embassy or overseas office). Students who have stayed in Taiwan for six full months shall participate in the National Health Insurance program valid during their stay in Taiwan. The Office of International Affairs at I-Shou University will help students apply for the National Health Insurance program.

### **XIV. Other Regulations and Rules Relevant to Studies**

1. The School of Medicine for International Students will offer Chinese language courses to enhance students' Chinese proficiency for their daily needs and learning, and these courses also provide students a chance to learn Taiwanese culture.
2. Students are required to take Chinese language courses offered in the first two academic years and pass the Chinese language speaking test organized by ISU before taking the clinical internship courses offered in the junior and senior years.
3. **The Program aims to cultivate international medical talents and solve the problem of insufficient medical resources. According to relevant laws and regulations, students shall return to their home countries after graduation and completion of the clinical internship; they are not allowed to take the medical licensing examination or to conduct medical practice in Taiwan.**

### **XV. Notices**

1. All the courses offered by the Program are taught in English.
2. Any applicant shall be disqualified if he or she is not qualified for the

application, or if any deception, concealment, violation or forgery of certificates/documents submitted is founded. In such a case, those who have registered at ISU shall be denied enrollment, and those who graduated shall have their diploma revoked. Violators shall be referred to the judicial authorities depending on the severity of the violation.

3. Matters related to course registration, application for leave of absence, the handling of absence without a proper reason or withdrawal from ISU shall be dealt with pursuant to ISU's Academic Rules.
4. Accepted applicants shall not apply for a deferral of admission to the following academic year.
5. ISU shall handle applicants' personal information pursuant to the Personal Information Protection Act enforced by the R.O.C. government, and applicants' personal information shall be used only for the purposes of student recruitment (including announcements and information on student status) and statistical analysis.
6. Students are conferred only an English diploma upon graduation.
7. Affairs not mentioned herein shall be conducted pursuant to the Program of Assisting Countries with Diplomatic Relations in Cultivating Medical Talents proposed by the Ministry of Education, other relevant regulations stipulated by the R.O.C. government or decisions made by ISU's Admissions Committee.

## MOE Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan

Amended on August 23, 2013

Article 1 This regulation is promulgated according to Article 25 of the University Act, Article 26 of the Junior College Act, Article 4-1 of the Vocational School Act, Article 3-1 of the Senior High School Act, and Article 6, Paragraph 3 of the Compulsory Education Act.

Article 2 An individual of foreign nationality, who has never held nationality status from the Republic of China (“R.O.C.”) and who does not possess an overseas Chinese student status at the time of their application, is qualified to apply for admission under this regulation.

An individual of foreign nationality, pursuant to the following requirements and who has resided overseas continuously for no less than 6 years is also qualified to apply for admission under this regulation. However, an individual who plans to apply for study at a department of medicine, dentistry or Chinese medicine must have resided overseas continuously for no less than 8 years.

1. An individual who also is a national of the R.O.C., but does not hold or has had a household registration in Taiwan.
2. An individual who also was a national of the R.O.C. but has no R.O.C. nationality at the time of their application shall have an annulled status regarding their R.O.C. nationality for no less than 8 years after an annulment of R.O.C. nationality by the Ministry of the Interior.
3. Regarding individuals mentioned in the preceding 2 subparagraphs, they must not have studied in Taiwan as an overseas Chinese student nor received placement permission during the same year of the application by the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students.

According to the Education Cooperation Framework Agreement, a foreign national who was selected by a foreign government, organization, or school, and does not hold a household registration from the time of their birth is not subject to the limitations as prescribed in the preceding 2 paragraphs after receiving the approval from the authorized educational government agencies. If the calculated calendar year is not one complete calendar year, their stay in Taiwan should not exceed 120 days within the calculated calendar year period.

The six and eight year calculation period as prescribed in Paragraph 2 shall be calculated from the starting date of the semester (February 1st

or August 1st) as the designated due date for the time of study.

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 supported proof:

1. Attended overseas youth training courses organized by the Overseas Compatriot Affairs Council or technique training classes accredited by the Ministry of Education (the “Ministry”);
2. Attended a Mandarin Chinese language center at a university/college of which foreign student recruitment is approved by the Ministry, and to which the total length of stay is less than 2 years;
3. Exchange students, whose length of total exchange is less than 2 years; or
4. 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.

An individual, who has both foreign and R.O.C. nationalities and has applied for an annulment of their R.O.C. nationality before February 1, 2011, the effective date of this amendment, will then be qualified to apply for admission as an international student under the amendment effective before February 1, 2011 and will not be subject to the limitation as prescribed in Paragraph 2.

Article 3 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 and, 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 regulations. However, an individual who plans to apply for study at a department of medicine, dentistry, or Chinese medicine must reside overseas continuously for no less than 8 years.

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 Article applies and is supported with written proof, and the said domestic length of stay shall be excluded from the overseas length of residency.

An applicant being a former citizen of Mainland China and 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 regulations. However, an individual who plans to apply for study at a department of medicine, dentistry, or Chinese medicine must reside overseas continuously for no less than 8 years.

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 Article, applies and is supported with written proof, and the said domestic length of stay shall be excluded from the overseas length of residency.

The six and eight years calculation period as prescribed in Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 3 shall be calculated from the starting date of the semester (February 1st or August 1st) as the designated due date for the time of study.

The term overseas as prescribed in paragraph 5 in previous article shall apply to paragraphs 1 to 4.

Article 4 International students applying for schools in Taiwan in accordance with the two previous articles shall be limited to one application only. Upon completion of the course of study, at a school in Taiwan, to which an international student has applied, the student's admission to another school's academic level shall be handled in a manner identical to the admission procedures for local students. An exception is that an application for a master's degree or higher levels of graduate studies can be processed under the procedures of each individual school.

Article 5 The quotas for admission allocated for international students at universities/colleges, two-year junior colleges, five-year junior colleges, junior colleges affiliated to universities, elementary schools through senior high schools should be additional quotas but be no more than ten percent of the number of positions allocated for these schools for local students each year. The number should be calculated into the total number of positions at each school, yearly and reported to the authorized educational government agencies for ratification.

If the quotas for admission, which have been allocated for local students, have not been filled, a university/college may fill the quotas with international students according to the total number of designated yearly positions.

The quotas for admission prescribed in Paragraph 1, do not include international students with a non-degree status.

Article 6 Universities/colleges are responsible for establishing international student recruitment guidelines and must get approval from the Ministry. Universities/colleges shall set up accordingly a set of entrance procedures that outline the degree programs offered, the duration of study, quotas for admission, qualifications and requirements, reviewing or screening methods, along with other related information.

Article 7 International students applying for admission to universities/colleges shall submit their applications directly to the schools of their choice during the schools' designated application periods. Those applicants that qualify through the review or screening process will be granted admission by the school. The following application documents need to be submitted:

1. Application form

2. Academic credentials:

- (1) Academic credentials from Mainland China: The Regulations Governing the Accreditation of Schools in Mainland China shall apply.

- (2) Academic credentials from Hong Kong or Macao: Academic Credential Verification and Accreditation Methods adopted in Hong Kong and Macao shall apply.

- (3) Academic credentials from other areas:

- A. Academic credentials earned at overseas Taiwan schools or Taiwan schools in Mainland China shall be regarded as the same as those at domestic schools with equivalent levels.

- B. Academic credentials referred to the preceding 2 Items shall be subject to the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education. However, academic credentials earned from institutes or branches established in Mainland China by foreign schools shall require public notarization in Mainland China and be verified and examined by an institute established or appointed by, or through a private agency commissioned by the Executive Yuan.

3. Financial proof that shows financial sustainability for study in Taiwan, or proof of full scholarship provided by a government agency, university, college, or private organization.

4. Others as required by the respective schools.

A school that reviews the application documents without verification by overseas consulates, representative offices, agencies of the country or other bodies authorized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (hereinafter referred to as 'Overseas Agencies') or institutes established or appointed



by, or a private agency commissioned by the Executive Yuan as prescribed in subparagraphs 2 and 4 of the preceding paragraph may request for verification by an Overseas Agencies. If the said documents have been verified, the school may request examination of the documents.

Article 7-1 An international student submitting forged, fabricated, or altered papers for the purpose of the their school application shall be subject to enrollment qualification cancellation; or a revocation of enrollment and denial to the request of any certificate pertaining to study, if the said student is already enrolled; or revocation of graduation qualifications and cancellation of the diploma by the student's school, if the said student has been already graduated.

Article 8 An international student who has completed a bachelor's degree or a higher degree in Taiwan and applies for a master's program shall be exempt from the rules listed in Article 7, Paragraph 1, Item 2, provided that a graduation certification and transcript for each consecutive semester issued from the educational institutions in Taiwan shall be enclosed.

International students who have graduated from private high schools, lower grade schools for International Residents in Taiwan, or from bilingual programs affiliated with senior high schools, or from a foreign curriculum department and classes at private senior high schools or below must submit credentials and transcripts for each academic semester to apply for admission under Article 7, and are exempt from the rules listed in Article 4, Paragraph1, Subparagraph 2, of the preceding Article.

Article 9 Universities/colleges offering admission to international students shall promptly register into the international student data management information system designated by the Ministry the following: school entrance, transfer, suspension or dismissal and any change or loss of student status.

Article 10 International students may not apply for Extension Programs at universities/colleges designed for returning education students, part-time, in-service courses of Master programs, or other programs, which are restricted to night classes and classes during holidays. International students who have obtained legal resident status of Taiwan, or are enrolled in a program ratified by this Ministry, are exempted from this Article.

Article 11 An international student reporting to a university, college, 5-year junior college, junior colleges affiliated with universities, elementary schools

through senior high schools for registration at the time 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 authorized educational government agencies.

Article 12 An international student who has been approved for an internship after their graduation from a university in Taiwan may have his or her international student status may be extended for one year at most after graduation.

During the course of study in Taiwan, international students, who have undertaken 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.

International students who are dismissed from university/college after admission due to behavior issues, poor academic performance or a conviction under the Criminal Law may thereafter not apply for admission under this regulation.

A university or college shall integrate the procedures regarding how to accept international students transferring into its international recruitment guidelines, which will be subject to the Ministry's approval. However, an international student that has been dismissed by a school that accepts the said student, due to behavior issues or a conviction under the Criminal Law may not transfer to another university or college.

Article 13 Universities/ colleges may sign education cooperation agreements with foreign schools and recruit international exchange students. Universities/ colleges may apply this regulation to accept international students as non-degree seeking students with the condition that it will not compromise normal teaching routines.

With approval from the authorized educational government agencies, elementary schools through senior high schools may recruit international students for short-term periods of study of less than one year in Taiwan.

Article 14 Schools of all levels establishing special international student programs under international academic cooperation programs or special circumstances shall comply with their respective total quantity development scale and follow the regulations governing resource conditions, in addition to filing an application with the authorized educational government agencies which will be subject to approval from

the Ministry.

Article 15 In order to grant support to outstanding international students at universities/colleges, the Ministry may set up or subsidize universities/college to set up international student scholarships.

Universities/colleges shall provide funds for setting up scholarships or financial aid to encourage international students that are studying in Taiwan.

Article 16 Universities/colleges shall designate units or personnel to handle international student applications, consultation, liaison, and other related matters. In addition, these units or personnel shall reinforce the arrangement of home stay lodging for international students, and assist them to learn Mandarin Chinese and Taiwan culture in order to better enhance their understanding about Taiwan.

Universities/colleges shall host activities to foster international exchange, globalization on campus, or other events helpful to interactions between international and local students, during each school year.

Article 17 5-year junior colleges, junior colleges affiliated with universities, elementary schools through senior high schools offering admission to international students shall, in addition to complying with Article 20 which concerns recruitment of international students with legitimate resident status in Taiwan shall prepare their respective international student recruitment plan and submit the said plan to the authorized educational government agencies for approval no later than November 30th of each year before their respective recruitment begins. The authorized educational government agencies at the respective municipality, county, and city shall submit their respective approved lists of schools to the Ministry for review no later than December 31th of each year.

The plan mentioned in the preceding Paragraph shall include the establishment of the dedicated units responsible for international students, curriculum with emphasis on our language and culture learning, and measures regarding accommodation for international students.

The countries and quota for international student recruitment pertaining to Paragraph 1 may be stipulated by the Ministry after consulting with the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, if necessary.

Article 18 Unless otherwise specified in Article 20, international students applying for admission to schools under the level of senior high schools shall

submit the following papers and directly apply for admission to the respective school during the period designated by the respective school. Admission letters will be issued if the review or examination finds the applicant qualified after submitting:

1. Application form.

2. Academic credentials:

(1) Academic credentials from Mainland China: The Regulations Governing Accreditation of Institutes in Mainland China shall apply.

(2) Academic credentials from Hong Kong or Macao: Academic Credential Verification and Accreditation Methods adopted in Hong Kong and Macao shall apply.

(3) Academic credentials from other areas:

A. 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.

B. Academic credentials referred in the preceding 2 Items shall be subject to the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education. However, academic credentials earned from institutes or branches established in Mainland China by foreign schools shall require public notarization in Mainland China and be verified and examined by an institute established or appointed by, or a private agency commissioned by the Executive Yuan.

3. Financial proof of applicant's sufficient funds to support them while studying in Taiwan.

4. Documents of the eligibility of a legal guardian in Taiwan.

5. Power of Attorney by student's parents or any other legal representative to the guardian in Taiwan, which must also be verified by overseas agencies.

6. Letter of Agreement from a legal guardian in Taiwan, which must be notarized.

7. Additional documents, as required by respective schools.

Academic credentials stipulated in Subparagraph 2 of the preceding Paragraph may be exempted if the enrollment application is filed for the first semester for the first grade of elementary school.

A school reviewing the application documents without verification as prescribed in Subparagraphs 2, 3, and 7 of Paragraph 1 for verification by 'Overseas Agencies'. If the said documents have been verified, the school may request examination of the documents.

Article 19 The legal guardian in Taiwan referred in the preceding Article shall mean a R.O.C. citizen who has passed a police criminal record check and who has a tax report for the latest fiscal year issued by a tax administration office showing a general annual income more than TWD 900,000.

A person that qualifies in accordance to the prescribed qualifications in the preceding Paragraph 1 will be able to serve as a guardian in Taiwan for one international student.

Article 20 International students who have acquired legitimate resident status in Taiwan and are applying to study at an elementary school, junior high school and senior high school may directly apply to a school near his or her residency by submitting the following papers. The school which approves the said application shall submit a roster to the authorized educational government agencies as a reference:

1. An enrollment application form;
2. A photocopy of a legitimate resident certificate;
3. Academic credentials:

(1) Academic credentials from Mainland China: The Regulations Governing Accreditation of Institutes in Mainland China shall apply.

(2) Academic credentials from Hong Kong or Macao: Academic Credential Verification and Accreditation Methods adopted in Hong Kong and Macao shall apply.

(3) Academic credentials from other areas:

A. Academic credentials earned at overseas Taiwan schools or Taiwan schools in Mainland China shall be regarded as the same as earned at domestic schools of equivalent levels.

B. Academic credentials referred in the preceding 2 Items shall be subject to the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education. However, academic credentials earned from institutes or branches established in Mainland China by foreign schools shall require public notarization in Mainland China and be verified and examined by an institute established or appointed by, or a private agency commissioned by the Executive Yuan.

Academic credentials stipulated in Subparagraph 3 of the preceding Paragraph may be exempt if the enrollment application is filed for the first semester of first grade of elementary school.

A school reviewing the application documents without verification as prescribed in Subparagraphs 3 of Paragraph 1 may request verification

by 'Overseas Agencies'. If the said documents have been verified, the school may request examination of the documents.

An international student as mentioned in Paragraph 1 being denied enrollment due to the selected school's filled recruitment quota may apply for assistance from the authorized educational government agencies to enroll in a school with available recruitment quotas. Elementary through senior high schools may arrange the said international student to an appropriate grade level or to have an audit student according to the examination results of the applicant referred in Paragraph 1. The said audit student shall be limited to no longer than one year; the respective student's enrollment status will be recognized if the student successfully passes the examination.

Article 20-1 Special consideration for an international student's application to junior high school may be granted if the foreign school to which the said student is attending becomes inoperable due to war, major disaster, or major epidemic, of which these outbreaks are documented by our government's consulate office or the student's country's consulate office or authorized institute in our country with sufficient and adequate data for evaluation, followed by the recognition by our central competent authority governing education administration, jointly with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the National Immigration Agency of the Ministry of the Interior.

It is a principle that the additional student admission quota under special consideration mentioned above shall be one percent of the total student recruitment quota approved for the respective schools.

Article 21 Fees that are to be paid by international students in Taiwan should be calculated by using the following:

1. Students who are admitted to study in Taiwan pursuant to the previous 2 articles, or are recipients of MOFA Taiwan Scholarships, under the recommendation of the designated overseas agencies, or holders of the status of permanent residents in our country shall pay their tuition and other fees in accordance with the same standards that apply to Taiwan nationals.
2. Students admitted to educational institutions in Taiwan in accordance with an education cooperation agreement shall pay their tuition and other fees that are specified in the agreement.
3. A school that accepts an international student who does not qualify to the preceding 2 Subparagraphs may apply its own tuition and other fees standard to the said student, and the said standard may not be lower than the standard adopted by other private schools at the same level.

Students that were admitted to study in Taiwan before the effective date of the February 1, 2011 amendment shall pay for their own tuition and other fees in accordance with the previous standards.

Article 22 At the time of registration a new international student shall present proof of a medical and injury insurance policy which is valid for at least 6 months from the date the student enters Taiwan. Current student shall present written proof that they have joined Taiwan's the National Health Insurance Plan.

The abovementioned written proof of insurance issued in foreign country shall be verified by the 'Overseas Agencies'.

Article 23 If international students violate the Employment Services Act, Schools or authorized authorities shall immediately handle the cases in accordance with the related regulations after investigation.

Article 24 If international students discontinue their schooling or because of any other reason that causes them to change or lose their student status at the school, the school must notify the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs, the Service Center of National Immigration Agency, the Ministry of the Interior, and send copies of these notifications to the Ministry of Education.

Article 25 The authorized educational government agencies may, if necessary, visit schools that admit international students. Any institutions found in violation of the regulations herein shall be subject to penalty, pursuant to the pertinent laws and regulations. The authorized educational government agencies may adjust schools' enrollment quotas for international students, as conditions require, if schools are not pursuant to Article 23.

Article 26 Subparagraphs 1, 3, and 4 of Paragraph 4 of Article 7, Articles 9, 15, 16, 22, and 24 shall apply to the application procedures, scholarships or subsidies, discipline and guidance, absence for more than one fourth of total class hours of a semester, and reporting of change or loss of student status regarding international students that are attending Mandarin Chinese language centers at a university/college in Taiwan.

Article 27 The format of the forms referred to in Subparagraph 1, of Paragraph 1 of Article 7, Subparagraph 1, Paragraph 1 of Article 18, and Subparagraph 1, of Paragraph 1 of Article 20 shall be defined by the respective schools. The format of the forms referred in Subparagraphs 5 and 6, of Paragraph 1 of Article 18 shall be defined by the Ministry of Education.

Article 28 The Regulations shall take effect on August 1, 2012.

The Articles of this Regulation amended on December 24, 2012 take effect on January 1, 2013.

The Regulations are amended on August 23, 2013 and shall be implemented since September 1, 2013.



Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign  
Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education

**Amended on April 3, 2012**

- Article 1     These Regulations are enacted in accordance with Paragraph 2, Article 28 of the University Act.
- Article 2     The assessment and recognition of foreign academic credentials for institutions of higher education shall be transacted in accordance with these regulations.
- Article 3     Terms herein are defined as follows:
1. Assessment and Recognition: means the course of verification, examination and recognition of foreign academic credentials.
  2. Reference list: means the list of names and addresses of foreign academic institutions accredited by the foreign government concerned or foreign accreditation agencies.
  3. Verification: means to ascertain the authenticity of any foreign graduation certificates, diplomas, certificates of study etc. validated by overseas consulates, representative offices, agencies of the country or other bodies authorized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (hereinafter referred to as overseas agencies) as well as the certificate of entry and exit dates and other related certificates issued by the authority of entry and exit.
  4. Examination: means to examine and prove whether or not the school is accredited in its home country in accordance with foreign graduation certificates, diplomas, certificates of study etc. as well as matters concerning their admission requirements, term of study and curriculum etc..
  5. Recognition: means to confirm that the documents relating to the academic credentials after verification and examination to be equivalent to domestic academic credentials for academic institutions of the same kind.
- Article 4     To apply for Assessment and Recognition of foreign academic credentials, the applicant shall submit the following documents to each institution of higher education:
1. a photocopy of proof of foreign academic credentials and transcripts for all academic years authenticated by an overseas agency of the Republic of China;
  2. a certificate of entry and exit dates, issued by the designated immigration authority. However, foreign citizens or overseas Chinese are exempt from this requirement;

3. Other relevant documents.

The authentication of the documents referred to in Subparagraph 1 in the preceding paragraph may be substituted with an inquiry made by the processing institution to the foreign school where the applicant graduated. The documents referred to in Subparagraph 2 above shall encompass the period of the applicant's study abroad.

Article 5 To transact the assessment and recognition of foreign academic credentials, institutions of higher education shall follow the following procedure:

1. Verifications and recognition for academic credentials of foreign institutions of higher education listed in the reference list or of foreign high schools shall be transacted in accordance with these Regulations; in case of any doubt, the recognition shall be carried out after examination in accordance with Article 6 and Article 7; if necessary, explanation for the doubt shall be submitted to the Ministry of Education along with related supporting documents as aids for the recognition.

2. Verifications and recognition for academic credentials of foreign institutions of higher education not listed in the reference list or of art qualifications shall be carried out after examination in accordance with Article 6 and Article 7; if necessary, explanation for the doubt shall be submitted to the Ministry of Education along with related supporting documents as aids for the recognition.

Article 6 Applicants shall submit the Letter of Consent in English on the authorization of examination and related documents to institutions of higher education for examination of foreign academic credentials. The institutions of higher education shall apply to overseas agencies of Republic of China for examination assistance.

For countries in which the Republic of China does not have any overseas representative agency, applicant seeking verification or recognition of academic credentials shall apply to the overseas school from which they graduated for English documentation regarding the conditions of study, information about whether or not the school is accredited in its home country, and transcripts. These documents shall send by applicant directly to institutions of higher education for examination.

Article 7 Items in foreign academic credentials that institutions of higher education apply to the overseas agencies for examination assistance are as follows:

1. admission requirements.
2. Term of study.

3. Curriculum.

4. Whether or not the school is recognized by the competent educational authority or by a relevant accreditation agency in the home country.

5. Other necessary items.

Article 8 Terms and conditions for recognition of academic credentials awarded in foreign countries:

1. The diploma shall be awarded by an academic institution listed in the ROC Ministry of Education's reference list. Those not listed in the reference list shall be accredited by the foreign government concerned or foreign accreditation agencies.

2. The term of study and curriculum shall be the same as those prescribed by the equivalent ROC academic institutions.

Article 9 The period of study as referred to in Subparagraph 2 in the preceding article shall mean the period when the applicant studied at the local school. The relevant rules are as follows:

1. The accumulated period of study in respect to a high school graduate shall be in conformity with the local academic system.

2. The accumulated period of study in respect to an applicant with a bachelor's degree shall be at least 32 months.

3. The accumulated period of study in respect to an applicant with a master's degree shall be at least 8 months.

4. The accumulated period of study in respect to an applicant with a doctor's degree shall be at least 16 months.

5. The accumulated period of study in respect to an applicant with both a master's and a doctor's degree concurrently conferred by the same school/department shall be at least 24 months.

6. The accumulated period of study in respect to an applicant, who is a college graduate or equivalent, pursuing a bachelor's degree shall be at least 16 months.

With regard to the period of study referred to in the preceding paragraph, each institution of higher education shall compare the domestic and foreign academic systems and make a comprehensive judgment based on the local academic system where the applicant obtained the degree, the school calendar during the period of study as well as the entry-exit records. Where the period of study is not consistent with the regular academic system or the school calendar, such period of study shall not be recognized.

The period of study of an applicant with outstanding performance during their study of a bachelor's degree may be reduced by the processing institution based on the academic system of each foreign institution of higher education and actual circumstances.

In respect of a person with disabilities under the Special Education Act, the period of study may be reduced by the processing institution based on the academic system of each foreign institution of higher education, the extent of disabilities and other actual circumstances.

Where the applicant concurrently studied at domestic and foreign universities under an international academic collaboration program, the applicant shall not complete the study entirely at the domestic university. The period of study at both universities may be accumulated concurrently and subject to the following rules instead of those set forth in Paragraph 1 hereof:

1. The accumulated period of study in respect to an applicant with a bachelor's degree shall be at least 32 months.
2. The accumulated period of study in respect to an applicant with a master's degree shall be at least 12 months.
3. The accumulated period of study in respect to an applicant with a doctor's degree shall be at least 24 months.

Course credits taken by the applicant at a domestic university set forth in the preceding paragraph shall be no less than one-third of the total course credits required for the conferral of the underlying degree.

Article 10 With regard to the courses set forth in Article 8, Subparagraph 2, if the degree conferred by a foreign college or higher is obtained through courses carried out via distance learning programs, the courses shall be taken with a school that is in compliance with Article 8, Subparagraph 1 hereof or with a domestic university under an international academic collaboration program; provided that, the amount of credits taken shall comply with relevant domestic regulations governing distance learning programs.

Article 11 The following are ineligible for recognition of academic credentials awarded in foreign countries:

1. Diploma of correspondence programs.
2. Certificate of attendance for programs such as training courses, seminars, and so forth.
3. Obtaining the candidate status for a Doctor's degree while not completing the Doctor's degree shall be accredited as the Master's degree.
4. Doctor's degree conferred after the basic completion of a dissertation, without either enrollment or completion of courses
5. Honorary degrees.
6. Diploma programs administered in non-Mandarin speaking region, with Mandarin serving as the language of instruction, excluding High School diploma.

7. Diploma programs administered by branches of foreign academic institutions not accredited by the Ministry of Education or Diplomas obtained from agencies in the name of foreign academic institutions recruiting students in ROC.

8. High school diploma obtained via distance learning programs; unless otherwise provided by law.

Article 12 If any documents provided by an applicant are found to be forged or falsified in any way, the accreditation for the diploma of the applicant shall be cancelled, in case of any criminal responsibility; the applicant shall be transferred to the prosecuting authority for legal treatment.

Article 13 These Regulations shall be effective as of the date of promulgation.