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# Point System

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### What is Point System?

Under the Point System, \*professionals lawfully residing in Korea for 1 year or over become eligible for the residence status (F-2) if they acquire certain points based on their qualifications. The criteria for assessing their qualifications include age, academic career, and income among others. (implemented from Feb. 1, 2010)

\*professionals : who have the status of professor (E-1), foreign language instructor (E-2), researcher (E-3), technology expert (E-4), professional (E-5), artist and entertainer (E-6), those involved in special activity (E-7), international student (D-2), press (D-5), religious practitioner (D-6), intra-company transferee (D-7), business investor (D-8), trade company manager (D-9), job seeker (D-10) under the Attached Table 1 of the Enforcement Decree of the Immigration Control Act

\* Those qualified for artist and entertainer status (E-6) exclude those who are working for Hotels and entertainment establishment with E-6-2 visa.

Those qualified for the status of international student (D-2) or job seeker (D-10) are limited to those earned master's degree or higher in domestic universities (graduate-to-be included) and confirmed to be hired in domestic companies.

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## What differences the Point System for granting F-2 status make for professionals?

- O If professionals acquire residence status (F-2) through Point System, their spouse and child can obtain residence status as well.
- O Residence status allows the visa holders to engage in a wider range of employment activities.
- O The maximum period of stay may be up to three years.

## What are the additional advantages of Point System?

O If a person reside in Korea for 3 years after obtaining residence status (F-2) through Point System, he/she will be eligible to apply for changing his/her status into permanent residence status (F-5)

\* Currently F-2 visa holders are required to reside in Korea for 5 years to get F-5 status.

### Point System Criteria

- General Criteria: age·academic career·Korean language proficiency·income, etc.
- O Weighted Criteria:
- Whether the applicant has completed the social integration program;
- Whether the applicant has an experience of studying in Korea;
- Whether the applicant has a working experience in professional areas outside Korea;
- Whether the applicant and his/her dependents have violated immigration laws and regulations in Korea.
- \*\* assessment criterion, method, required points will be announced on official gazette on Jan. 27, 2010. (see the next page "「Point System」 Evaluation Table")

#### 「Point System」 Evaluation Table

(amended on Sep. 1, 2011)

Classification		General items (90)								Weighted items(30)					
Classification (allotted points)		age (25)		academic career (35)		rean guage skill 20)					disadvantage point (-5)		Total (120)		
Points															
Age (allotted points) 18~24			25~29 (23)			~34 25)	35~39 (23)		40~44 (20)		45~50 (18)			51 or older (15)	
Points															
Academic Career (allotted points) two or m doctoral degrees (35)		ctorate grees	one doctorate degree (33)		ma deg	or more ster's grees 32)	one master's degree (30)		two or more bacholer's degrees (28)		one bacholer's degree (26)		j	graduated junior college (25)	
Points															
Korean L Profic (allotted			social	enoug activiti 20)		familia		enough for ar topics (15)		basic		enough for dialog (0)			
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Yearly Income (alloted points) 3:		35milli	less than 35million won ~50 (5)			ion n won	50million~ million wo (7)				n won   wo		on o	100million on or more (10)	
Points															
	Participa		Study	/ in K	orea(10	))	Volur	ntee	eer work(5)		Experience			nal Working ce Outside ea(5)	
Items (alloted In	tion of Social ntegrati on Program (10)	langu age scho ol certifi cate (3)	juni or coll ege deg ree( 5)	bacho ler's degr ee (7)	master's degree (9)	doctorat e degree (10)	less than 1 year(1)	t 1 y	ess han 1~2 ears (3)	2 years or over(5)	less t than 1 1 year(1) year		less than 1~2 rears (3)	2 years or over(5)	
Points															
Violation of Immigration Control Act and etc. (allotted points)			Dependents(-2)						Invi			ees(-3)			
		ille	gal s	stay(-1)		notic Iispositi etc.(	on and		illegal stay(-		-1)	disp	ositic	otice of osition and etc.(-2)	
Points															

If you gain 80 points or more(of the total 120 points) against the evaluation table above, you can visit the Immigration Office in your local area and apply for the change of status into residence status(F-2) through Point System. ©