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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?

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

What are the additional advantages of Point System?

- 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)

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. ☺