

# Foreign Special Professionals Possessing Special Expertise in Science & Technology

Subject: Announcing the amendment of the qualifying criteria for Foreign Special Professionals Possessing Special Expertise in Science & Technology, to take effect from the date of the announcement.

Basis: Article 4 Subparagraph 2 of the Act for the Recruitment and Employment of Foreign Professionals

Notice:

Foreign Special Professionals Possessing Special Expertise in Science & Technology (FSPPSEST) must meet one of the following conditions:

1. Previously or currently holding a position in a technology industry or field in a foreign state or in the Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as “Taiwan”) with a most recent monthly salary of at least NTD160,000.
2. Possessing unique skills, outstanding R&D design, or solid achievement in starting a business in a cutting-edge area of technology such as software applications, software technology, nanotechnology, MEMS technology, optoelectronics, ICT, communication transmission technology, automation systems integration technology, materials application technology, high-precision sensing technology, biotechnology, resources development or energy saving, frontier basic research, national defense, and military strategy.
3. Possessing unique skills, outstanding R&D design, or solid achievement in starting a business in a forward-looking area of technology such as AI, IoT, AR, blockchain, VR, robots, and additive manufacturing.
4. Having been awarded a Nobel Prize, Tang Prize, Wolf Prize, Fields Medal, or other equivalent international award.
5. An academician of a national science academy or a scholar at the level of

national academician.

6. Currently or previously holding a position as a chair professor, professor or associate professor in a university, or as a researcher or associate researcher in a research institution, and having important academic contributions or important specialist works, or having published internationally respected research results within the last three years.
7. After receiving a doctoral degree, having spent at least four years continuing to engage in a specialized occupation or to perform research work in a research institution or to conduct R&D or management in a science and technology institution.
8. Possessing distinctive ability, highly uncommon both in Taiwan and abroad, in a special technology or in R&D or management in a science and technology institution.
9. Holding a doctoral degree and possessing special expertise that is lacking in Taiwan.
10. Having been a senior executive or core member of an R&D team with experience in the successful IPO of an overseas startup.
11. Having been a senior executive or core member of an R&D team with experience in an overseas startup being successfully acquired by or merged with another company.
12. Serving as a senior executive of a venture capital firm or fund with solid achievement of investing in overseas startups or startups under programs of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC).
13. Possessing other potential to contribute to a technology industry in Taiwan.

# Eligibility and required documents for “Foreign Special Professionals Possessing Special Expertise in Science & Technology”

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1. Previously or currently holding a position in a technology industry or field in a foreign state or in the Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as “Taiwan”) with a most recent monthly salary of at least NTD160,000.	<p>Please provide both of the following documents:</p> <p>(1) Proof of salary or tax payment for relevant work in a technology industry or field.</p> <p>(2) Personal CV and proof of relevant domestic or overseas work in a technology industry or field.</p>	<p>Please submit documentary proof of salary or tax payment for relevant work in a technology industry or field.</p>
2. Possessing unique skills, outstanding R&D design, or solid achievement in starting a business in a cutting-edge area of technology such as software applications, software technology, nanotechnology, MEMS technology, optoelectronics, ICT, communication transmission technology, automation systems integration technology, materials application technology, high-precision sensing technology, biotechnology, resources development or energy saving, frontier basic research, national defense, and military strategy.	<p>Please select either A or B and provide all of the documents specified for it:</p> <p><b>A:</b> Please provide all of the following:</p> <p>(1) Domestic or foreign academic certificate(s).</p> <p>(2) Proof of domestic or overseas employment with three or more years of work experience in related fields.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>(i) Proof of employment must be certification of service or departure from service issued by the entity in which the applicant is/was serving. An offering</p>	<p>It is not necessary to re-upload the required documents listed in the left column. The Foreign Professionals Online Application Platform will automatically incorporate the required supporting documents that were approved during the previous application.</p>

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<p>3. Possessing unique skills, outstanding R&amp;D design, or solid achievement in starting a business in a forward-looking area of technology such as AI, IoT, AR, blockchain, VR, robots, and additive manufacturing.</p>	<p>Please select either A or B and provide all of the documents specified for it:</p> <p><b>A:</b> Please provide all of the following:</p> <p>(1) Domestic or foreign academic certificate(s).</p> <p>(2) Proof of domestic or overseas employment with three or more years of work experience in related fields.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>(i) Proof of employment must be certification of service or departure from service issued by the entity in which the</p>	<p>It is not necessary to re-upload the required documents listed in the left column. The Foreign Professionals Online Application Platform will automatically incorporate the required supporting documents that were approved during the previous application.</p>

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4. Having been awarded a Nobel Prize, Tang Prize, Wolf Prize, Fields Medal, or other equivalent international award.	Please provide documentary proof of the receipt of an important international award in Taiwan or overseas.	It is not necessary to re-upload the required documents listed in the left column. The Foreign Professionals Online Application Platform will automatically incorporate the required supporting documents that were approved during the previous application.
5. An academician of a national science academy or a scholar at the level of national academician.	<p>Please provide documentary proof of status as an academician or equivalent in Taiwan or overseas.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>(i) Domestic and foreign national science</p>	It is not necessary to re-upload the required documents listed in the left column. The Foreign Professionals Online Application Platform will automatically incorporate the required supporting

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	<p>academies in all fields are included.</p> <p>(ii) “Academician” refers to a nation's highest academic title in various fields of science and technology, and is a lifelong honor.</p>	documents that were approved during the previous application.
<p>6. Currently or previously holding a position as a chair professor, professor or associate professor in a university, or as a researcher or associate researcher in a research institution, and having important academic contributions or important specialist works, or having published internationally respected research results within the last three years.</p>	<p>Please select either A or B and provide all of the documents specified for it:</p> <p><b>A:</b> Please provide all of the following:</p> <p>(1) Proof of possessing a domestic or foreign doctoral degree.</p> <p>(2) Proof of domestic or overseas employment with three or more years of work experience in related fields.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>(i) Proof of employment must be certification of service or departure from service issued by the entity in which the applicant is/was serving. An offering letter is not accepted as a formal proof of employment.</p> <p>(ii) When the applicant has proof of both</p>	It is not necessary to re-upload the required documents listed in the left column. The Foreign Professionals Online Application Platform will automatically incorporate the required supporting documents that were approved during the previous application.



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<p>7. After receiving a doctoral degree, having spent at least four years continuing to engage in a specialized occupation or to perform research work in a research institution or to conduct R&amp;D or management in a science and technology institution.</p>	<p>Please select either A or B and provide all of the documents specified for it:</p> <p><b>A:</b> Please provide all of the following:</p> <p>(1) Proof of possessing a domestic or foreign doctoral degree.</p> <p>(2) Proof of domestic or overseas employment with four or more years of work experience in related fields.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>(i) Proof of employment must be certification of service or departure from service issued by the entity in which the applicant is/was serving. An offering letter is not accepted as a formal proof of employment.</p>	<p>It is not necessary to re-upload the required documents listed in the left column. The Foreign Professionals Online Application Platform will automatically incorporate the required supporting documents that were approved during the previous application.</p>

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9. Holding a doctoral degree and possessing special expertise that is lacking in Taiwan.	<p>Please provide all of the following documents:</p> <p>(1) Proof of possessing a domestic or foreign doctoral degree.</p> <p>(2) Proof of domestic or overseas employment with three years or more of work experience in related fields.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>(i) Proof of employment must be certification of service or departure from</p>	It is not necessary to re-upload the required documents listed in the left column. The Foreign Professionals Online Application Platform will automatically incorporate the required supporting documents that were approved during the previous application.

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10. Having been a senior executive or core member of an R&D team with experience in the successful IPO of an overseas startup.	<p>Please provide both of the following documents:</p> <p>(1) Media coverage or other supporting documentation of the startup company being successfully listed on a foreign stock exchange.</p> <p>(2) Documentary proof of the applicant as a senior</p>	It is not necessary to re-upload the required documents listed in the left column. The Foreign Professionals Online Application Platform will automatically incorporate the required supporting documents that were approved during the previous application.

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<p>11. Having been a senior executive or core member of an R&amp;D team with experience in an overseas startup being successfully acquired by or merged with another company.</p>	<p>Please provide both of the following documents:</p> <p>(1) Media coverage or other supporting documentation of the startup company having been merged with or acquired by another company at a transaction value of at least 5 million USD.</p> <p>(2) Documentary proof of the applicant as a senior executive serving or having left service as a unit supervisor or above of said company; or documentary proof of the applicant serving or having left service as a core member of an R&amp;D team in the R&amp;D unit of said company.</p>	<p>It is not necessary to re-upload the required documents listed in the left column. The Foreign Professionals Online Application Platform will automatically incorporate the required supporting documents that were approved during the previous application.</p>
<p>12. Serving as a senior executive of a venture capital firm or fund with solid achievement of investing in overseas startups or startups under programs of the National Science and Technology Council</p>	<p>Please provide both of the following documents:</p> <p>(1) Documentary proof of serving as a senior executive of a venture capital firm or fund, and having led investments amounting to at</p>	<p>It is not necessary to re-upload the required documents listed in the left column. The Foreign Professionals Online Application Platform will automatically incorporate the required supporting</p>



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(NSTC).	<p>least 5 million USD in overseas startups or enterprises, or having led investments amounting to at least 1 million USD in startups under programs of the NSTC (if both of the above are applicable, documentation can be combined)</p> <p>(2) Documentary proof of serving or having left service as a senior executive as described above.</p>	documents that were approved during the previous application.
13. Possessing other potential to contribute to a technology industry in Taiwan.	Please provide documents that demonstrate the applicant's expertise or experience (e.g. domestic or foreign academic certificates, proof of employment, information about academic research, documentary evidence of technology, proof of technology transfer, and documents verifying receipt of awards).	It is not necessary to re-upload the required documents listed in the left column. The Foreign Professionals Online Application Platform will automatically incorporate the required supporting documents that were approved during the previous application.