

Regulations for Individual Recruitment of Overseas Chinese, Hong Kong and Macao Students

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Article 1 These regulations are formulated in accordance with Paragraph 1, Article 6 of *Regulations for Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan*, Article 8 of *Regulations for Hong Kong and Macao Residents Studying in Taiwan*, *Notes on Handling Independent Admission for Overseas Chinese Students* and *Notes on Handling Independent Admission for Hong Kong and Macao Students* to handle the application for admission of overseas Chinese, Hong Kong and Macao students.

Article 2 The Admission Committee for undergraduate and graduate programs shall handle affairs related to the application for admission of overseas Chinese, Hong Kong and Macao students in a fair, impartial and open manner. Meetings for the Admission Committee shall be convened when at least half of the members are present and resolutions shall be reached by the majority.

Article 3 The admission information brochure should specify the following: recruiting departments/institutes, the period of studies, admission quota, application qualification, selection measures, exam dates, registration procedure, scoring criteria, acceptance criteria, procedure for handling applicants with the same scores, applying for double-check of scores, enrollment procedure, replacement policy, procedure for handling disputes, and other related policies. The brochure shall be available at least twenty days before the application starts.

Article 4 The actual admission quota for overseas Chinese students and students from Hong Kong and Macau at this university shall, in principle, be based on an additional 10% of the approved enrollment quota from the previous academic year. If the requested admission quota for overseas Chinese students and students from Hong Kong and Macau exceeds this 10% increase, an expansion plan (including quality control strategies and supporting measures) must be submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval.

Within the total approved enrollment quota of the previous academic year, if there are unfilled spots for local students, they may be allocated to overseas Chinese students and students from Hong Kong and Macau, subject to approval by the Ministry of Education.

The quota allocated to the Overseas Joint Admission Program by each department for the current academic year shall not be lower than the number of students assigned to that department through the Overseas Joint Admission Program in the previous academic year. Additional admission quotas must be designated accordingly.

Article 5 The “overseas Chinese students” stipulated herein refer to those who with Chinese heritage and have continuously resided overseas since birth or at least in the past six years with a local permanent or long-term resident certificate.

The “Hong Kong and Macao students” stipulated herein refer to those who hold a Hong Kong or Macao permanent resident certificate, have continuously resided overseas for at least six

years, and have no foreign passports in accordance with Article 4 of *Laws and Regulations Regarding Hong Kong & Macao Affairs*.

The “overseas” stipulated in Paragraph 1 refers to countries/regions other than China, Hong Kong and Macao, while in the previous Paragraph it refers to countries/regions other than Taiwan.

The “continuous overseas residency” stipulated in Paragraphs 1 regarding overseas Chinese students shall be handle in accordance with Article 3 and 4 of the *Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan*, while in Paragraph 2 regarding Hong Kong and Macao students shall be handle in accordance with Articles 3 and 4 of the *Regulations for Hong Kong and Macao Residents Studying in Taiwan*, respectively. Students from Hong Kong and Macau who voluntarily withdraw from their studies in Taiwan and have resided in Taiwan for less than two years may reapply for admission to study in Taiwan, limited to one instance. Individuals who are expelled due to failing conduct grades or as a result of a final conviction in a criminal case shall be ineligible for reapplication under this regulation, nor shall they be permitted to transfer to another institution.

Status as an overseas Chinese student should be validated by the Overseas Community Affairs Council; status as a Hong Kong or Macao student should be validated by the Ministry of Education.

Overseas Chinese students who, after receiving guidance to study in Taiwan, have resided in Taiwan for less than two years and subsequently withdraw or lose their student status may reapply for admission to study in Taiwan, subject to a one-time limit. However, those who are expelled or lose their student status due to failing conduct or academic grades, violations of laws, or severe infractions of school regulations shall not be eligible for reapplication under this provision.

This regulation shall not apply to overseas Chinese students who have graduated from unregistered Chinese-language high schools in Myanmar or Northern Thailand.

Students of Chinese descent, who possess foreign citizenship as well as Hong Kong or Macao permanent residency status, have never had household registration in Taiwan and have been living in Hong Kong, Macao or overseas for at least six consecutive years in the immediate past, are eligible to apply for admission under these regulations, given that the relevant laws remain unchanged.

Article 6

Applicants shall meet one of the following conditions:

- I. those with a senior high school, bachelor’s degree or master’s degree diploma (or equivalent certificates, respectively) shall apply for the bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral program respectively.
- II. those with equivalent degree certificate shall meet the Ministry of Education’s *Standards for Recognition of Equivalent Educational Levels for University Admission*;
- III. Applicants with education level equivalents must meet the Ministry of Education’s *Standards for Recognition of Equivalent Educational Levels for University Admission*.
- IV. those with overseas degree certificate shall be handled in accordance with the *Regulations Governing the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Records by Institutions of Higher Education*, *Regulations Governing the Assessment and Recognition of Academic Credentials for Mainland Area*, or *Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Educational Records from Hong Kong and Macao*.

Article 7 Applicants in pursuant to the provisions of Article 6 shall apply by submitting the following documents before the deadline:

- I. an application form.
- II. a degree diploma and transcript,
 - a. Overseas Chinese applicants shall follow the provisions stipulated in Subparagraph 2, Paragraph 1, Article 6 of *Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan*.
 - b. Hong Kong or Macao applicants shall follow the provisions stipulated in Subparagraph 2, Paragraph 2, Article 7 of *Regulations for Hong Kong and Macao Residents Studying in Taiwan*.
- III. any documentation to prove their status as stipulated in Article 5, such as an overseas permanent or long-term resident certificate, a Hong Kong or Macao passport, Hong Kong or Macao permanent resident certificate, a proof of overseas continuous residency, and original documentary proof of continuous residence abroad.
- IV. other documentation required by individual departments/institutes,
- V. an application fees.

If any submitted documentation is found forged, borrowed, or altered, the admission shall be canceled, or the enrolled student to be expelled without any certificate issued. The graduation qualification and diploma shall be revoked if the instance is discovered after graduation.

Article 8 Applications for admission through this channel are received each semester and shall be processed as follows:

- I. The unit in charge of receiving the applications shall carefully check the applicants' qualification and the completeness of documentation. Applicants whose submitted documentation is incomplete or incorrect shall be notified to resubmit within the application deadline. Applications with incomplete documentation shall not be accepted and the application materials shall be returned to the applicants except the application fee.
- II. All accepted applications shall be compiled and forwarded to the recruiting units (department/institute/degree program/college) for evaluation. If the recruiting unit's evaluation items include interview, performance, or practical work, the process shall be recorded in audios, videos, or detailed writing and the written records must be completed before the unit's admission committee meets to decide the preliminarily selected list. Any particularly high or low scores shall be corroborated with concrete facts on the evaluation form.
- III. Individual recruiting units shall submit the preliminary selected list to the Admission Committee for review and the President's approval. The unit in charge of receiving applications shall send a notification of admission to those who are admitted. Those rejected shall be notified as well without returning their submitted documentation and the application fee.

Article 9 The process for admission through this channel is as follows:

- I. Individual recruiting unit's admission threshold shall be submitted to the Admission Committee for approval. Applicants meeting the threshold and the number of whom is within the admission quota shall be admitted with the rest on a wait list. When the number of applicants meeting the threshold is less than the admission quota, the recruiting unit may leave the admission quota unfilled with no wait list after the Admission Committee's approval.

- II. The vacancy from admitted students failing to report to the University shall be filled by students on the wait list until the admission quota is reached, or until the first day of class of the semester as stipulated in the academic calendar.
- III. The admission information brochure shall specify the procedure for handing applicants with the same scores in either the situation when only one last place is available on the admitted list, or when only one on the wait list is allowed to move up to the admitted list. The recruiting unit's admission committee shall meet to determine the admission order without increasing the quota.

The announcement schedule for this admission process is limited to before February 28 or after August 1 each year. If the admission results are announced before February 28, the list of admitted students must be submitted to the Overseas Joint Admissions Committee within one week of the announcement. The Overseas Joint Admissions Committee will not reassign overseas Chinese students and Hong Kong/Macao students who have already been admitted through individual admissions.

- Article 10 The Overseas Community Affairs Council and Ministry of Education shall verify the eligibility of overseas Chinese, Hong Kong & Macao applicants, respectively. The individual recruiting units shall submit their preliminary selected list to the Admission Committee for approval as the admitted list before the University issues the admission notification.
- Article 11 Overseas Chinese, Hong Kong, and Macao students shall not apply for in-service undergraduate or master's programs, or any programs whose courses are taught only in the evening, on weekends, or during holidays.
- Article 12 Matters concerning their enrollment deferral, university transfer, program transfer, suspension, dismissal, studies, and other issues related to student status, studies, and conduct assessments shall be handled in accordance with the University's Academic Regulations and relevant regulations.
- Article 13 Overseas Chinese, Hong Kong and Macao students who are graduated, dismissed, or suspended and do not continue their studies shall lose their qualification as students. Up to one year extension of student status shall be granted to the graduates who start their internship approved by the MOE. Those whose qualification is cancelled shall regain the qualification if they continue for further studies, transfer, or resume their studies.
- Article 14 The University shall compile two separate lists of those enrolled and those who aren't by November 30th each year, and submit the lists to the Bureau of Consular Affairs (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Ministry of the Interior National Immigration Agency, Overseas Community Affairs Council and Ministry of Education. Matters regarding overseas Chinese, Hong Kong & Macao students' graduation, suspension, dismissal, transfer, or any change of status or revocation of student status shall be reported accordingly.
- Article 15 The University shall handle the exam affairs with due diligence. The exam staff have the obligation of keeping all tasks confidential, and shall recuse themselves under one of the following conditions:
 - I. the applicant is their spouse, a relative by blood within the third degree, or a current or once relative by marriage within the third degree;
 - II. they are involved with the applicant in financial or other matters which may affect fair grading.
 - III. they teach concurrently in cram school

Applicants' review/interview documentation shall be kept for one year. When an applicant files an appeal against the evaluation result in accordance with relevant regulations, the corresponding documentation shall be retained until the settlement of the appeal.

Article 16 Applicants having objections to the admission results should document the following information in writing, and appeal to the Admissions Committee within the time period stipulated in the admissions information brochure:

- I. applicant's name, gender, registered group/division of department/ institute, address, contact number, date of appeal;
- II. a document specifying reasons and evidence regarding the objections.

Regarding the objections stipulated in preceding Paragraph, the Admissions Committee or units in charge shall notify the applicant of the deliberated decision within one month after receiving the appeal, and inform this appeal case is settled. When the situation dictates, an ad hoc team shall be formed to investigate impartially.

Article 17 Matters not covered herein shall be handled in accordance with *Notes on Handing Independent Admission for Hong Kong and Macau Students*, *Notes on Handing Independent Admission for Overseas Chinese Students*, *Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan*, *Regulations for Hong Kong and Macao Residents Studying in Taiwan*, *the University's Academic Regulations* and regulations for handling various admission affairs and other relevant regulations.

Article 18 These regulations are approved by the Admissions Committee and the Ministry of Education in succession within the stipulated time before implementation. Any amendments to these regulations shall follow the same procedure.