

II. QUALIFICATIONS GUIDE

1. Requirements for Application

Applicants are advised to check the requirements for application carefully. In case of an applicant misunderstanding the requirements for application, a full refund of application fee may be impossible by failing the eligibility assessment.

An applicant should be a (prospective) high school graduate or be deemed to have equivalent educational background according to applicable laws and meet at least one of the following qualification requirements:

- ※ An applicant who has obtained a general equivalency diploma at home or abroad is not deemed to have completed appropriate educational programs. However, the diploma of North Korean defectors is accepted.

Admissions for 'restricted non-quota' (Children of ethnic Koreans abroad/Children of Korean Expatriates working abroad/Only the applicant is a foreign national) which occupy two percent of the total admissions quota has been discontinued since 2018.

Eligible Persons	Requirements
Applicants who completed all years of schooling abroad	Ethnic Koreans abroad or foreign nationals who have completed all years of elementary, middle, and high school overseas, of which curriculum deems to be equivalent to the elementary, middle and high school in Korea ※Those applicants who have completed even only one semester at a domestic school are not qualified for this category. (But if the condition of completing primary, secondary, and high school overseas is met excluding the semester of domestic school, this applicant is qualified for this category.)
Applicants and their parents are all foreign nationals	Applicants and their parents should all be foreign nationals, and applicants should graduate from a domestic or foreign high school or be deemed to have educational background equivalent to such high school.
North Korean defectors	North Korean defectors who are deemed to have graduated from middle and high school

2. Eligibility Assessment Criteria

A. Academic Requirements for Applicants for the Unrestricted Non-Quota who Completed All years of Schooling

Category	Academic Requirements	Remarks
Commonality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The academic period for elementary, middle, and high school is based on Korea's school system. - The 1st to 6th grades of a foreign school are deemed an elementary school program in Korea. - The 7th to 9th grades of a foreign school are deemed a middle school program. - The 10th to 12th grades of a foreign school are deemed a high school program. 	For applicants who have completed 12 or more years of the elementary, middle, and high school programs in more than two foreign countries, if their total enrollment period is less than one semester (six months) short due to transfers between schools, the one semester concerned is exceptionally accepted as part of the total enrollment period.

Category	Academic Requirements	Remarks
For an applicant who has completed programs in several countries with 12 year school system (except Korea) and 10-11 year school system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualified only for the applicants who have completed all 12 years of schooling overseas, despite the difference of school programs. <p>Example) If an applicant completed schooling both in a country with 11 year school system(or 10 year system) and in a country with 12 year school system, he or she cannot be qualified with the level of education completing only 10 years or 11 years. Only in case he or she has completed lacking years(a year or two years) in the university of the concerned country(the one with 10 year school system or 11 year school system), he or she is qualified.</p>	In the category of "a country with the 10 year or 11 year school system", only applicants who have completed last three years of elementary and middle schooling in the country are regarded as they have completed high schooling.
For an applicant who has completed programs in a country with different school system other than 12 year school system (except Korea)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Applicants should have completed all years of elementary, middle, and high school overseas in one country (Under same school system) 	In case of an applicant who has completed schooling in countries which do not have 12 year school system, the applicant who has completed the final year of the longer school system of relevant countries is qualified.

※Additional Criteria for Eligible Foreign Schools and Enrollment Years

- Schools should be accredited according to applicable laws of a country concerned. Preschools or kindergartens, language institutions, and foreign schools located in Korea are not qualified as foreign schools.
- Where applicants have completed two semesters without any class absence, their enrollment period is deemed to be one year. (In a country using the three semester system or the quarter system, the enrollment period of applicants who have completed three semesters or four quarters, respectively, is deemed to be one year.)
- A semester when applicants obtained pre-set credits or points is only acknowledged as an enrollment period.

B. Criteria for Nationality

Category	Qualification Requirements	Notes
Foreign Nationals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals who do not have nationality of the Republic of Korea 	Those with multiple citizenships or no citizenship are not deemed foreigners.
North Korean Defectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those subject to educational benefits according to Articles 13 and 24 of the Act on Protection and Settlement Support of North Korean Refugees 	