

Standard Examination Directions for the Issuance of Platinum International Talent Cards

Article 1 The Ministry of Economic Affairs (hereinafter referred to as “the Ministry”) has formulated this Standard Examination Directions for the Issuance of Platinum International Talent Cards (hereinafter referred to as “the Directions”) for the purpose of issuing Platinum International Talent Cards to managerial and other high-level international personnel who have made important contributions to the development of Taiwan’s economy.

Article 2 The managerial and other high-level international personnel referred to in these Directions, in addition to being involved in one of the Ten Key Industries--Industry 4.0, Advanced Manufacturing Equipment, Advanced Electronics (including IC Design and Semiconductor Manufacturing), Integrated Application of Smart Systems (including Big Data, Internet of Things, and Cloud Services), 5G & Advanced Communications, Biomedicine & Medical Devices, Renewable Energy, Design of Innovative Products & User Experience, Advanced Technologies & Innovations, and International Financial Services—or key-technology products and R&D, marketing, and customer management, and having obtained work permits, must comply with one of the following conditions:

1. Having at least five years of work experience in his or her field, with outstanding accomplishments in industrial technology, or having made contributions to Taiwan’s industry or economy, having developed industrial technology that enables substantive industrial upgrading in the Taiwan area.
2. Having won award(s) in major domestic or overseas entrepreneurship or design competition(s), or holding an Entrepreneur Visa.

Persons who meet the conditions of the preceding paragraph should apply for the Card with recommendation by a chamber of commerce, industry association, juridical body, or government agency, which shall apply on the persons’ behalf. Those not involved in the Ten Key Industries, or the three other

industries listed above, must be recommended by competent agencies for target industries of the Central Government.

Article 3 Applications for the Card should be submitted to the Center with the following documents:

1. Card application form
2. Photocopy of valid passport and Alien Resident Certificate (or work permit)
3. Recommendation letter from a chamber of commerce, industry associations, juridical body, or government agency
4. Certificate of employment issued by the applicant's employer
5. One two-inch color passport photograph of the applicant taken within the past six months.

The format of the application form shall be prescribed by the Ministry.

Article 4 In case the application documents or the contents thereof are incomplete, the Center shall notify the applicant to make up the deficiency and resubmit the documents within 10 days; if the applicant fails to resubmit before expiration of the time limit or the documentation haven't be completed, the application shall be rejected.

Article 5 Examination procedures for the issuance of Platinum International Talent Cards include preliminary examination and review.

Article 6 The preliminary examination is a documentary review carried out by the InvesTaiwan Service Center (hereinafter referred to as "the Center").

Article 7 After an application passes preliminary examination, the Center shall submit the application documents to the Industrial Development Bureau (hereinafter referred to as "the Bureau") for review. The Bureau shall then review the eligibility of the applicant based on Article 2 and report the result of the review to the Ministry.

Article 8 Once an application passes preliminary examination and review, the Ministry will issue a Platinum Card valid from the date of issuance to Dec. 31, 2017.

A cardholder may apply to the Center for reissuance of a Card within its period of validity if:

1. There is a change in the cardholder's passport number, or
2. The Card is lost or destroyed.

The period of validity of the replacement Card will be the same as that of the original.

If the cardholder's passport expires or is revoked, his or her Card will lose its validity.

Article 9 Cardholders are eligible to use the Speedy Immigration Counter designated by the National Immigration Agency at international airports and seaports for the purpose of clearing immigration, along with spouses and/or lineal relatives traveling with them.

Article 10 The Speedy Immigration eligibility is effective for one year from the date of the logging of the applicant's file with the National Immigration Agency. For a cardholder who holds Taiwan residency, the period of validity is the same as that of his or her Platinum International Talent Card.

Article 11 Applications for Platinum International Talent Cards are accepted beginning effective date of the directions.