

NCHU Regulations on Direct Applications from Overseas Chinese, Hong Kong, and Macao Students

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- I. National Chung Hsing University (hereinafter referred to as NCHU) has established NCHU Regulations on Direct Applications from Overseas Chinese, Hong Kong, and Macao Students (hereinafter referred to as Regulations) in compliance with the Article 6.1 of the Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan and Article 8 of the Regulations Regarding Hong Kong and Macao Residents Studying in Taiwan to regulate applications, enrollment, and admissions of overseas Chinese, Hong Kong, and Macao students.
- II. NCHU has established a Student Recruitment Committee for Overseas Chinese, Hong Kong, and Macao Students (hereinafter referred to as the Student Recruiting Committee). The Student Recruiting Committee is responsible for applications, enrollment, and admissions from overseas Chinese, Hong Kong, and Macao students and shall uphold principles of fairness, equality, and transparency.

The Student Recruiting Committee shall consist of the President, one of the Vice Presidents, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Deans of colleges which are recruiting, administrators of departments (departments and degree programs) which are recruiting, section chiefs for divisions, Director of the Computer Center, Director of the Office of Accounting and Section Chiefs of the Division of Registration and the Division of Recruitment and Information under the Office of Academic Affairs. The President shall act as the Chair of the committee, and the Vice President and the Vice President for Academic Affairs shall act as the deputies.

The Student Recruiting Committee shall hold recruitment meetings to evaluate the enrollment guide, supervise recruitment process, decide the minimum admission bar, discuss extra-quota recruitment and the possible situations of recruiting less students when their scores do not meet the standards, handle disputes and violations, announce admission list, handle students' complains and any affair that is related to recruitment.

The Student Recruiting Committee meetings shall only begin if at least half of the committee members are present. The resolutions shall be made via majority voting system. When a committee member is unable to attend the

meeting for certain reasons, the Head of the member's Unit shall appoint a proxy to act on the behalf of the absent committee member.

- III. The enrollment guide shall clearly state the name of the recruiting department, study period, admission quota, application eligibility, selection method, and other related rules, and announce the above-mentioned information no later than 20 days before accepting applications.

The enrollment guide shall clearly state any matters related to examinees' interest and rights. If necessary, such matters shall be expressed in bold letters and illustrated by examples to remind examinees and avoid any misunderstanding.

- IV. The actual number of places available for overseas Chinese students to be admitted to NCHU shall, in principle, be limited to an additional ten percent above the admission quota that was approved for the institution for the previous academic year. A university or junior college applying to recruit more than an additional ten percent above the admission quota approved for that institution for the previous academic year shall submit a report of the planned increment (including associated quality control strategy and supportive measures) to the central competent education administrative authority for approval.

Universities and tertiary colleges may augment the number of places at their institution available to overseas Chinese students by the number of places that were available to local students within the admission quota that was approved for the institution for the previous academic year but were not filled.

- V. In these Regulations, the term "overseas Chinese student" refers to a student of Chinese descent who has come to Taiwan to study, who was born and lived overseas until the present time, or who has been living overseas for six or more consecutive years in the immediate past and obtained permanent or long-term residency status overseas.

In these Regulations, the term "Hong Kong and Macao students" refers to Hong Kong and Macao residents with permanent residency status in Hong Kong or Macao who has been living abroad for six or more consecutive years in the immediate past and do not have a foreign passport according to Article 4 of Laws and Regulations Regarding Hong Kong & Macao Affairs.

In Paragraph 1, the term "overseas" refers to countries or regions outside of Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macao. In Paragraph 2, the term "abroad" refers to countries or regions outside of Taiwan.

In Paragraph 1, the phrase "living overseas for six or more consecutive years" shall be defined in accordance with Articles 3 and 4 of the Regulations

Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan. In Paragraph 2, the phrase "living abroad for six or more consecutive years" shall be defined in accordance with Articles 3 and 4 of the Regulations Regarding Hong Kong and Macao Residents Studying in Taiwan.

A person's overseas Chinese student status must be validated by the Overseas Compatriots Affairs Commission (OCAC). A person's Hong Kong or Macao student status must be validated by the Ministry of Education.

An overseas Chinese student who received assistance to be assigned to an educational institution in Taiwan who studied for less than two years because they discontinued their studies for some reason or forfeited their student status may lodge another application to come to Taiwan to study, but only one such re-application is permitted. However, if the educational institution in Taiwan where the overseas Chinese student was studying considers that the student's conduct or academic performance was unsatisfactory, or if the student violated any ordinances or the regulations of the educational institution and the circumstances were serious and, as a result, the student had to discontinue their studies or forfeited their status as a registered student, the student is not permitted to re-apply to study in Taiwan, based on the provisions of this paragraph.

A Hong Kong or Macao Student who studied for less than two years in Taiwan because they voluntarily discontinued their studies may lodge another application to come to Taiwan to study, but only one such re-application is permitted. However, a Hong Kong or Macao student who has been dismissed by the educational institution that admitted the student as a result of unsatisfactory conduct or of a conviction in criminal case proceedings is not permitted to transfer into NCHU.

The Regulations do not apply to overseas Chinese students that have graduated from undocumented Chinese schools in Myanmar or Northern Thailand, overseas Chinese students in Taiwan, and overseas Chinese students that have already completed high school, one year of college in Taiwan, or NTNU's Academy of Preparatory Program.

If an overseas Chinese student of foreign nationality who is eligible for permanent residence in Hong Kong or Macao, who has never had household registration in Taiwan, and who has been living in Hong Kong, Macao, or elsewhere overseas for six years or more consecutive years in the immediate past is applying for admission to a university, their study and counseling assistance matters may be handled in accordance with the

provisions of these Regulations until any amendment to any law(s) pertaining to these matters comes into effect.

VI. Admissions Qualifications for Overseas Chinese, Hong Kong, or Macao Students:

- (1) Students that have graduated from high school (including graduating students) or have an equivalent education level may apply for NCHU's undergraduate programs; students that have received their bachelor's degrees (including graduating students) or have an equivalent education level may apply for NCHU's graduate programs; and students that have received their master's degrees (including graduating students) or have an equivalent education level may apply for NCHU's doctoral programs.
- (2) Students applying to NCHU with an equivalent education level must comply with the Standards for Recognition of Equivalent Educational Level as Qualified for Entering University set forth by the Ministry of Education.
- (3) Students applying to NCHU with a foreign diploma should comply with the Regulations Governing the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Records by Institutions of Higher Education, Regulations Governing the Assessment and Recognition of Mainland Chinese Academic Records by Institutions of Higher Education, and Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Educational Records from Hong Kong and Macao.

VII. Eligible applicants, based on the regulations hereinabove, shall submit the following documents to NCHU as part of their applications within the designated times:

- (1) Application form.
- (2) Academic credentials and transcripts:
 1. Applicants eligible to apply as overseas Chinese students shall file applications in compliance with Article 6 Paragraph 1 Subsection 2 of the Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan.
 2. Applicants eligible to apply as Hong Kong or Macao students shall file applications in compliance with Article 7 Paragraph 2 Subsection 2 of the Regulations Regarding Hong Kong and Macao Residents Studying in Taiwan.
- (3) Original documentary evidence of permanent or long-term residency overseas in compliance with Article III Paragraph 5, including passports, proof of permanent residence from Hong Kong or Macao, or proof of long-term living in Hong Kong, Macao, or overseas.

- (4) Other documents required by the department or graduate institute applicants are applying to.
- (5) Application fees.

An overseas Chinese student who submits any certificate or document that is found to be counterfeit, or contain false or misleading information, or that has been altered in some way shall have their enrollment eligibility revoked. If the student has already registered and begun classes, their registration as a current student shall be cancelled and they will not be awarded any certification whatsoever regarding their related academic undertakings. If any such forgery is first discovered after a student has already graduated, the educational institution shall revoke the former student's eligibility to graduate and shall require any degree already awarded to be returned and shall rescind it.

- VIII. NCHU will announce the list of admitted students before February 28 or after August 1 of every year. Admission decisions announced before February 28 shall be submitted to the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students within one week of the announcement. Admission decisions announced before August 1 shall be submitted to the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students for verification and announced after deleting repeated names.
- IX. Admission decisions for overseas Chinese, Hong Kong, or Macao students are based on reviewing documents submitted by applicants. When necessary, NCHU will also request in-person, telephone, or online interviews.

The interview process shall be recorded either with voice recording, video recordings, or detailed written records. The detailed written records should be produced before the Student Recruiting Committee decides on the list of admitted applicants. The committee should also provide justification when students receive especially outstanding or poor evaluation scores.
- X. The School's Student Recruiting Committee shall decide on the minimum admission standard before the results are released. Examinees with total scores above the minimum enrollment standard and fall within the admission quota shall be enrolled as admitted students, and the others shall be identified as candidates on the admission waiting list.

If the number of examinees whose total grades meet the minimum enrollment standard is less than the admission quota, a statement of reasons shall be submitted to the Student Recruiting Committee and the examinees

may be admitted upon the Committee's approval, and list no candidates for admission waiting list.

The vacancies occurred upon admitted students' completion of the registration may be filled by the candidates on the admission waiting list before the deadline prescribed in the enrollment guide according to their ranking on the list until reaching the original admission quota set.

If the last admission spot of the respective college (departments and degree programs) has two or more (candidates of) with the same score, or when the candidates on the admission waiting list have the same total scores, the method of accepting or vacancy-filling admitted students shall be clearly defined in the enrollment guide. Academic units shall not exceed the original admissions quota set.

- XI. If examinees have any question regarding exam grades, they may file a recheck application with the University's Enrollment Committee within the specified time limit defined in the enrollment guide.

All interview and scoring information shall be maintained for one year. However, in the case of grievances being filed, related files shall be kept until the end of the case.

- XII. Overseas Chinese, Hong Kong, and Macao students may not apply to study any recurrent or continuing education bachelor's program or in-service master's program or any other program which is only taught in the evening or during vacations. Overseas Chinese, Hong Kong, or Macao students who have already obtained legal resident status in Taiwan for non-study related purposes can enroll in in-service master's programs.

- XIII. An overseas Chinese student who has graduated, or has discontinued or suspended their studies for the maximum allowable period, and who is not continuing to pursue studies will lose their status as an overseas Chinese, Hong Kong, or Macao student. However, students who have just graduated from a university in Taiwan and been given approval by the Ministry of Education to do an internship through their university may extend their overseas Chinese student status for a maximum period of one year after graduation, after which time their student status will be cancelled.

[An overseas Chinese, Hong Kong, or Macao student whose student status has been cancelled will have their overseas Chinese student status reinstated if they resume their studies at a higher level, transfer to another educational institution, or resume studies that they had discontinued.](#)

- XIV. NCHU will submit a list of the new overseas Chinese, Hong Kong, and Macao students who have registered and a separate list of those who have

failed to register to the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Immigration Agency of the Ministry of the Interior, the OCAC and the Ministry of Education before November 30th of each year. NCHU shall also report overseas Chinese, Hong Kong, and Macao students who have graduated, suspended or discontinued their studies, independently made a transfer or changed their program, or who have forfeited their student status.

- XV. All staffs involved in the enrollment exam, review and interview committee members shall carefully implement every examination task. All staffs of examination tasks shall keep the tasks confidential and avoid conflict of interest.

Review and interview committee members employed shall choose recusal from the question drafting, marking, review and interview of the enrollment examination of the department when the person or the spouse of any blood relative or relative by marriage within the third degree of relationship is participating in the said examination.

Those found to be in violation of recusal requirements shall not be hired as a staff of examination or participate in the admissions testing for the next three years.

- XVI. Examinees shall submit a written appeal to the enrollment committee within ten days if they have any questions concerning enrollment affairs according to the Regulations for Handling the Appeals on Enrollment Affairs of the University. NCHU shall give an official reply within 30 days after the day of receiving the written appeal. The University shall hold the "Task force of Handling the Appeal on Enrollment Affairs" and investigate the case impartially if necessary, and inform the complainant the procedures for administrative remedies.
- XVII. NCHU shall comply with the Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan, Regulations Regarding Hong Kong and Macao Residents Studying in Taiwan, and NCHU Student Study Regulation for any matters not mentioned herein.
- XVIII. These Regulations shall be enforced upon approval of the Administrative Meeting and reported to and approved by the Ministry of Education for review. The same shall apply when these Regulations are amended.