

Guidelines on Multi-entry visas issuance for Frequent visitors

1. Background for the scheme

With the full-fledged implementation of i-Prechecking system scheduled during the first half of 2017, the new scheme is designed to help successfully support the i-Prechecking system and immigration services for the eligible foreigners in a stable way, by switching the current visa-free policy beneficiaries of frequent visits into multiple entry visa eligible persons.

2. Qualification

○ (Eligibility Requirements)

- Those who have made visits to Korea more than 4 times within the recent 2 years at the time of application or,
- Those who have visited Korea more than 10 times in total
 - ※ At least one of the visits must be within the recent 2 years.

○ (Ineligibility)

The followings are not for consideration.

- Nationals of China, Cuba, Macedonia, Kosovo, and Syria of Non visa exempt countries.
- Those who have been fined more than 5 million Korean won or have been given deportation or departure order in violation of the domestic law such as illegal stay within 3 years at the time of application.
 - ※ Those issued multiple visas under the above mentioned conditions, if found

ineligible for the requirements, will have their visas nullified.

3. Assessment standards of immigration record

- One entry and departure is counted in as one immigration record
- Visa-free entry or re-entry records of registered aliens are included
- ※ However, immigration records arising from simple labor visas such as Non-professional(E-9, E-10, seasonal worker), crew and landing permit are excluded.

4. Application Procedure

Apply at overseas Korean consulate or Embassy

- (Documentation) Application, Passport, One photo, * Visa fees are exempted.
- ※ Applicants may be required to submit additional documents if necessary.

5. Examination Criteria and visa issuance details

○ (Examination Criteria)

- Reviews on whether the applicants meet the qualifications
- Reviews on whether the requirements for immigration records are fulfilled

○ (Visa issuance details)

- Short-term-General (C-3-1) : Valid for 5 years with the maximum length of stay of 30 days

6. Enforcement date

Effective from March 1st, 2017