

Notification of Recruitment of Participants in OASIS-9

We hereby notify the following recruitment of non-Korean (pre-) startups to participate in **“2025 Overall Assistance for Startup Immigration System, OASIS-9,”** for those who wish to get Startup Visa, D-8-4, and Startup Prep Visa, D-10-2.

October 21, 2025

President of the Korea Institute of Startup and Entrepreneurship Development

※ Non-Koreans who are legally residing in Korea as of the date of the recruitment are eligible to participate and complete the program. This program is related to **“OASIS9 (early-stage commercialization support).** (Support for other OASIS programs shall not be provided.)

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Overview

- ☐ **Objective** : This program is aiming at providing support to non-Korean (pre-) startups with innovative technology and business model for their early-stage commercialization and settlement in the Korean market.
- ☐ **Target** : Non-Koreans who wish to get Startup Visa, D-8-4, and Startup Prep Visa, D-10-2, for incorporation and startup activities.
- ☐ **Contents** : Commercialization fund (Around KRW 10M) and commercialization modules

< Key Program Contents >

Commercialization Fund		Modules for accelerating and settlement support
Costs for commercialization, such as prototyping, marketing, IP application and registration, to be covered.	+	Startup modules, including BM advancement, MVP production, mentorship, to be offered.

- ☐ **Period** : November 2025 - February 2026 (Around 4 mths.)

☐ **Size** : Around 20 startups

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Eligibility

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- Non-Korean (pre-) entrepreneurs who wish to change their visa into “D-10-2 or D-8-4” visa.

* Those who already have D-8-4, D-8-4S startup visa, F-type visa are not eligible for application.

** Applicants shall not have Korean nationality.

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Contents

☐ **Period** : November 2025 - February 2026 (Around 4 mths.)

☐ **Contents** : Commercialization fund and specialized modules

- **(Fund for Commercialization)** Around KRW 10M worth of fund for prototyping, marketing, acquiring IP, BM advancement
- **(Specialized Modules)** Accelerating modules for BM advancement, MVP production, mentorship, market research, etc.
- **(Points for Startup Visa)** Participants who satisfied the completion criteria shall receive completion certificates. (It equals to 30 points of Korea's point-based startup visa scheme.)

< Program Operation (Plan) >

Category	OASIS-9 Commercialization Program
Operation Method	▪ Fund for commercialization, accelerating modules
Contents	▪ Costs for prototyping, marketing, IP application and registration to be covered ▪ Specialized modules for BM advancement, MVP production, mentorship, etc.
Scores	▪ 30 points
Completion Criteria	▪ 80%+ of the commercialization fund be executed. ▪ Faithfully participate in the accelerating modules

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Evaluation and Selection

☐ Evaluation Process

- The evaluation process is as follows, and the score of a phase shall not be considered in the next step: ①Preliminary Screening → ②Document Evaluation

① **(Preliminary Screening)** This step is to review the eligibility and exclusion, and remove the ineligible applicants or those who do not satisfy the requirements from the process.

② **(Document Evaluation)** This phase is to evaluate feasibility and growth potential on the bases of submitted program plans, and shortlist the candidates for final selection. (Around 5 candidates to be selected.)

* If necessary, additional interviews may be conducted with candidates who are shortlisted.

The Korea Institute of Startup and Entrepreneurship Development carries out preliminary screening and review similarity and redundancy between candidates` program plans all the time. Selection and agreement is to be terminated even after the selection and agreement signing if a candidate is found to not satisfying the eligibility.

☐ Evaluation Criteria

- Evaluation is to be comprehensive, taking into account a startup's

background, history, development plan during the program period, differentiation for commercialization, scale-up strategies such as profit model, competency of the representative (applicant) and the members, etc.

* In spite of the number of startups planned to be selected, an applicant shall be removed from the process if its score in each evaluation phase is lower than 60.

< Key Evaluation Criteria (Plan) >

Criteria	Key Details
Problem Recognition	• Background and rationale of the startup item development
Feasibility	• Startup item development plan and materialization plan during the program period.
Domestic Market Fit	• Domestic market fit, potential for localization, cooperative network building plan, etc.
Scale-up Strategies	• Measures for differentiation, profit model, fundraising, etc, of startup items for commercialization
Team (Corporate) Composition	• Technological competency, know-how, etc, of the representative and staff members, etc.

☐ Final Selection

- **(Final Selection)** After aggregating the evaluation result, finalists shall be selected. Final selection shall be confirmed through deliberation committee.

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Application and Registration

- ☐ **Application Period** : October 21, 2025 (Tue) ~ **18:00** November 6, 2025 (Thu)

< Note >

- ① It is recommended to access following application website two or three days before the deadline: <http://startup-korea.com>
 - * Application and registration will be closed at 18:00 KST on the last day. It is unable to make new application and registration after that time.
- ② Please make sure to press “Submit” button in the end to finalize your application.
- ③ Only online application is possible. Deletion of the contents in the program plan is not allowed after the application.

☐ **Method** : Online application through GSC Homepage(startup-korea.com)

☐ **Required Documents** : Application (either in Korean or in English), and evidential documents

< Required Documents >

Required Documents	Category	Submission
① Application and program plan (in English)	Mandatory	Online (GSC Homepage)
② Passport copy or certificate of alien registration	Mandatory	
③ Copy of residence visa	Mandatory	
④ Business registration certificate	If applicable	
⑤ Additional documents (Evidential documents) ※ Certificates of completion or participation in other OASS programs	If applicable	

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Note

☐ **Note upon Application**

◆ Startups applying for the startup program should note the following matters in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

- ① This program is a government-sponsored program that supports the necessary matters for startup activities, and if the awarded funds are used for any other purposes, falsely applied for, or fraudulently obtained, they may be subject to full disgorgement of the program costs and the entity shall be restricted from participation in any startup programs in accordance with the Criminal Act, the Act on Prohibition of False Claims for Public Funds and Recovery of Illicit Profits, the Subsidy Management Act, and the Integrated Management Guidelines for Startup Programs.
- ② If a startup fraudulently receives such funds, the one may be subject to a sanction surcharge of up to five times the amount to be recouped, including the amount used fraudulently.

- Participation of a startup in the program may be cancelled if the one is found to take part of this program for visa extension, instead of aiming at carrying out startup activities in Korea.
- If an applicant for this program fails to comply with the notification and applicable regulations, or falsifies, steals, or omits any part of the application form and/or program plan, the selection may be revoked.
- Participants shall comply with the notification, manuals provided by the Ministry of Justice and the Korea Institute of Startup and Entrepreneurship Development. Any disadvantages and responsibilities arising from non-compliance shall be borne by the startups.

□ Note after Selection

- Participants shall comply with OASIS operation manuals, and shall put every effort to successfully complete this program.
- Participants shall faithfully take part in the program. A startup may be excluded from the program, if its status of stay is not steady, or it seems difficult for the company to get a new startup visa.

- Participants shall comply with all requests for record submission, etc, for a period of five years from the year of termination of the agreement.
- Pre-startups shall finish incorporation in Korea within six months after the end of the program. If a participant fails to do so, justification is required by mentioning its effort or progress made, etc.

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Contact

☐ Contact

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Ref. 1

Requirements for Visa Issuance

☐ Requirements for Startup Visa Issuance (D-8-4)

- A person who has obtained an associate or higher degree in Korea^①, who has got a bachelor's or higher degree* overseas^②, or who has been recommended by a head of a related central administrative body

* The applicant shall have already obtained the degree. An applicant who does not yet have a degree as of now shall not be eligible for the application.

- According to the point system, an applicant shall make no less than 60 points out of 300. Please note that one or more mandatory items shall be satisfied.

<Startup Visa Point Scheme: Total 448 Ponts>

Mandatory Items and Points (180 Points) * Please note that at least one or more item shall be satisfied.									
Category	Intellectual property ownership (registration)		Intellectual property application		Co-invention of owned (registered) intellectual property rights		3-year stay on E-3 (Researcher) visa	OASIS-6, 9	KRW 100M or more of fundraising from ACVC
	Patent or Utility	Design	Patent or Utility	Design	Patent or Utility	Design			
Point	60	30	30	10	10	5	30	30 each	60
Optional Items and Points (120 Points)									
Category	OASIS-1, OASIS-2[4], OASIS-4		OASIS-5, OASIS-7, OASIS-8		Educational Background		Bachelor's or master's degree ownership in a university in Korea		
					TOPIK Lv. 5 or higher or KIIP Lv. 5 or higher	TOPIK Lv. 3 or higher or KIIP Lv. 3 or higher			
Point	10 each		15 each		20	10	10		

- A person whose corporation* is established** in Korea, and whose corporation registration and business registration have been completed.

* It refers to a corporation in a field related to any of the mandatory item stated above which the applicant has satisfied such as intellectual property ownership.

** It does not refer to acquisition of an existing company, but establishing a new corporate body.

- A person who has fulfilled all requirements but corporate establishment in Korea, provided that the one will have finished all the incorporation process within six months, is also eligible. (Six-month stay permit shall be additionally given once the corporate and business registration is completed)
- The applicant oneself shall be the founder of the said corporation. If two or more people are engaged in intellectual

property ownership (registration), patent application, co-invention, participation (selection) in OASIS-6 and OASIS-9, the points shall be divided by the number of owners to be recognized. Even if an applicant's qualification meet two or more of a single item, the recognition shall be gained only once. (Ex. Even if an applicant has three design application cases, only ten points shall be given)

☐ **Requirements for Startup Prep Visa Issuance (D-10-2)**

- A person who has obtained an associate or higher degree in Korea, who has got a bachelor's or higher degree* overseas
 - The academic background requirements above shall not be applied to the applicants who own OECD intellectual property rights, or have participated in K-Startup Grand Challenge, an event held by the Ministry of SMEs and Startups of the Republic of Korea. Recommended applicants whose excellence in technologies were recognized by Global Startup Immigration Center shall also be exempted from the requirements.
 - A person who has participated, or is participating, in any one of the OASIS program, or who satisfies one or more of the mandatory items of Startup Visa Point Scheme
- Extension of Stay: Max. one year. However, up to two years of extension shall be granted to those who have applied for intellectual property rights* or received 50 points or more in the startup visa point scheme.

* Applicable to patents, utility models and design.

Ref. 2**Industries Ineligible for the Application**

- ▶ A person (entity) which is engaging in or intends to engage in any industry set forth in Article 4 of the Enforcement Decree of the Support for Small and Medium Enterprise Establishment Act

NO.	Ineligible Industries	Taxonomy Code No.
1	General amusement and drinking places	56211
2	Dancing and drinking halls	56212
3	Other gambling and betting activities	91249
4	Other industries designated by the Ordinance of the MSS as industries that seriously violate economic order and good morals	-

* Please refer to the 10th Korean Standard Industrial Classification Code (Statistics Korea, kssc.kostat.go.kr) for the details of excluded industries.

Category	Details																						
Com- mercia- lization Fund	• KRW 10M won-worth fund for commercialization to cover prototyping, acquiring IP, BM advancement, marketing, etc. - Amount of fund to be provided to each participant may vary according to the number of participants. • Total Program Costs = 100% shall be covered by the government. (No matching fund from the participants is required.)																						
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Accelerating Modules	Category	Examples
	Administrative Support	· Consulting for startup visa acquisition, incorporation (linking to law firms), residence in Korea. education utilizing the program costs
	Networking	· Office space, participation in networking events, linking to GSC community
	Business Matching	· Matching to domestic partners, joint projects, matching to VCs
	Scale-up Support	· Mentorship from the experts, support for participating in government programs, application for IP, support for materializing startups` idea