

Appendix

Qualification Requirement	Documents to be Submitted	Agencies Participating in Review
<p style="text-align: center;">Single individual, <u>Team or Group (that has not yet established a business enterprise in Taiwan)</u></p> <p>1.1 The applicant has secured investment from a domestic or overseas venture capital firm, secured investment from the Executive Yuan National Development Fund Startup Angel Project, or obtained funding of at least NT\$2 million in investment (fund-raising) from a government-approved domestic, foreign, or international startup fund-raising platform.</p>	<p><u>Submit one of the following 1 to 5 :</u></p> <p><u>1. Yet-to-be-established startup :</u></p> <p>(1) An investment commitment letter or similar documentary evidence signed by the promoter and the domestic or overseas venture capital firm(s).</p> <p>(2) A photocopy of the corporate registration document (or the legal certification document issued by the authority), or document confirming amendment of the corporate registration document, of the domestic or overseas venture capital firm(s).</p> <p>2. From the legal representative of a newly-established startup (in existence for less than one year) in which a domestic venture capital firm(s) has invested:</p> <p>(1) A detailed breakdown of share subscriptions paid by shareholders issued no more than two months prior to the date of submission of application (the “Shareholders” field must give the name of the investing domestic venture capital firm).</p> <p>(2) A photocopy of the corporate registration document (or equivalent written evidence of lawful establishment), or document confirming amendment of the corporate registration document, of the domestic venture capital firm.</p> <p>3. From the legal representative of a newly-established startup (in existence for less than one year) in which an overseas venture capital firm(s) has invested:</p> <p>(1) A detailed breakdown of share subscriptions paid by shareholders issued no more than two months prior to the date of submission of application (the “Shareholders” field must give the name of the investing overseas venture capital firm, such as “XXX Venture Partners” or “XXX Venture Capital”).</p> <p>(2) A photocopy of a document issued by an overseas competent authority (or agency commissioned to issue such documents by an overseas competent authority) authorizing the overseas venture capital firm to undertake investment activity (the areas in which the firm is permitted to invest much include the business area of the start-up being invested in).</p>	<p>Ministry of Economic Affairs (Industrial Development Bureau, Department of Commerce, and Investment Commission); National Development Council; National Development Fund Management Committee, Executive Yuan.</p>

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	<p>4. Acquired documentary evidence verifying the securing of funding from a government-approved domestic, foreign, or international startup fund-raising platform.</p> <p>5. Documentary evidence of receiving investments from the Executive Yuan National Development Fund Startup Angel Project.</p>	
<p>1.2 The applicant that has been physically stationed within one year, or is physically stationing in, the following parks or startup incubators, and has been recommended by such parks or startup incubators:</p> <p><u>(i). International start-up parks and projects approved by the central or local governments in Taiwan.</u></p> <p><u>(ii). The central or local government-operated startup incubators in Taiwan, or those registered in the MOEA international startup incubators and approved and announced by the MOEA.</u></p> <p><u>(iii). Foreign startup incubators recognized by the central or local governments in Taiwan.</u></p>	<p>1. <u>A photocopy of the collaboration documents, such as cooperation contract, MoU, or plan signed by the applicant and the park or incubator.</u></p> <p>2. <u>A recommendation letter of the park or startup incubator.</u></p> <p>3. <u>A startup proposal that must state the innovation and entrepreneurship plan content, objectives, feasibility etc.</u></p>	<p>National Development Council; Ministry of Economic Affairs (Small and Medium Enterprise Administration); <u>Ministry of Science and Technology</u>; and the relevant central or local government authorities</p>
<p>1.3 The applicant has been awarded an invention patent in a foreign country or domestic invention or design patents, or can demonstrate other evidence of professional expertise.</p>	<p><u>Submit one of the following :</u></p> <p>1. A photocopy of a patent certificate issued by Taiwan's Intellectual Property Office, MOEA.</p> <p>2. A photocopy of a patent certificate issued by a patent issuing agency in a foreign country.</p> <p>3. Other evidence of professional expertise.</p>	<p>Ministry of Economic Affairs (Intellectual Property Office, Small and Medium Enterprise Administration, Industrial Development Bureau, Department of Commerce, and</p>

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		Department of Industrial Technology); and other central industry competent authorities
1.4 <u>The applicant has obtained plant variety rights, or animal name registration in Taiwan, but does not include those implemented by rights assignment or authorization.</u>	<u>The documents of certification issued by Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan.</u>	<u>Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan</u>
1.5 The applicant has won an award in a leading domestic or overseas business start-up or design competition, or has had an application approved to participate in a government project to encourage overseas entrepreneurs to invest in Taiwan.	<u>Submit one of the following :</u> 1. A photocopy of a Ministry of Science and Technology Innovation & Startups Award of Excellence certificate. 2. A photocopy of a Small and Medium Enterprise Administration (MOEA) Taiwan Innovation Competition (TIC) award certificate. 3. A photocopy of a DEMO God Awards award certificate. 4. A photocopy of a Red Dot Awards award certificate. 5. A photocopy of an iF Design Awards award certificate. 6. A photocopy of a Good Design Awards (G-Mark awards) award certificate. 7. A photocopy of an IDEA award certificate. 8. A proposal for an entrepreneur venture in Taiwan that has been approved by the Taiwanese government. 9. Documentary evidence of another award of a type approved by the central industry competent authority.	Ministry of Science and Technology; Ministry of Economic Affairs (Small and Medium Enterprise Administration, Industrial Development Bureau, Department of Commerce and Department of Industrial Technology); National Development Council; and other central industry competent authorities
1.6 <u>The applicant has been shortlisted or awarded in indicative domestic/international fashion shows, film festivals, international style awards.</u>	The documents of shortlisted or awarded certification issued by the film authorities.	Ministry of Culture
1.7 The applicant possesses such other innovation capability as may be specified or recommended by the central competent	Such documentary evidence as may be specified by the central industry competent authority.	The relevant central industry competent authorities.

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2. <u>Single individual</u> , Team or Group (that has already established a business enterprise in Taiwan)	<p>The applicant has established an enterprise in Taiwan that has been in existence for less than five years shall meet one of the following:</p> <p><u>1. The Single individual applicant who is serving as the legal representative, manager, or director of the enterprise, and has invested at least NT\$1 million in the enterprise.</u></p> <p>2. The Team applicant that members of the team are serving as the legal representative, manager, or director of the enterprise, and the members of the team have invested a combined total of at least NT\$1 million in the enterprise.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An investment authorization letter, and a letter confirming the amount of investment, issued by the government agency responsible for approving foreign investment (or another agency commissioned with authority). 2. The corporate registration document (or document confirming amendment thereof) or permit allowing establishment of a foreign-owned company (or document confirming amendment thereof). 3. Documentary evidence of the applicant team members' employment in the Taiwan-based enterprise. 	Ministry of Economic Affairs (Department of Commerce, and Investment Commission)
	<p><u>2.1</u> The applicant has secured investment from a domestic or overseas venture capital firm, meets the requirements in Article 23-2 of the Statute for Industrial Innovation, secured investment from the Executive Yuan National Development Fund Startup Angel Project, or obtained funding of at least NT\$2 million in investment (fund-raising) from a government-approved domestic, foreign, or international startup fund-raising platform.</p>	<p><u>Submit one of the following 1 to 4 :</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where the start-up has received investment from a domestic venture capital firm (and the start-up is structured as a corporation limited by shares or as a limited corporation): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A detailed breakdown of share subscriptions paid by shareholders issued no more than two months prior to the date of submission of application (the "Shareholders" field must give the name of the investing domestic venture capital firm). (2) A photocopy of the corporate registration document (or equivalent written evidence of lawful establishment), or document confirming amendment of the corporate registration document, of the domestic venture capital firm. 2. Where the start-up has received investment from an overseas venture capital firm (and the start-up is structured as a corporation limited by shares or as a limited corporation): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A detailed breakdown of share subscriptions paid by shareholders issued no more than two months prior to the 	Ministry of Economic Affairs (Industrial Development Bureau, Department of Commerce, and Investment Commission); National Development Council; National Development Fund Management Committee, Executive Yuan.

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<p><u>2.2</u> The enterprise is already listed on the Go Incubation Board for Startup and Acceleration Firms (GISA), Taipei Exchange.</p>	<p>A photocopy of the letter issued by the Taipei Exchange agreeing to the listing of the enterprise on the Go Incubation Board for Startup and Acceleration Firms (GISA).</p>	<p>Financial Supervisory Commission.</p>
<p><u>2.3</u> The enterprise has been awarded an invention or design patent in Taiwan, or the holder of a Taiwanese invention or design patent has transferred or licensed its patent rights to the enterprise and this has been registered with the Intellectual Property Office, MOEA.</p>	<p><u>Submit one of the following :</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A photocopy of the patent certificate issued by the Intellectual Property Office, MOEA. 2. A photocopy of a patent certificate issued by a patent issuing agency in a foreign country. 	<p>Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of Economic Affairs</p>
<p><u>2.4</u> The applicant has obtained plant variety rights, or animal name registration in Taiwan, but <u>does not</u> include those implemented by <u>rights assignment or authorization.</u></p>	<p><u>The documents of certification issued by Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan.</u></p>	<p><u>Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan</u></p>
<p><u>2.5</u> The applicant that has been <u>physically</u></p>	<p>1. <u>A photocopy of the collaboration documents, such as cooperation contract,</u></p>	<p>National Development</p>

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<p>stationed within one year, or is physically stationing in, the following parks or startup incubators, and has been recommended by such parks or startup incubators:</p> <p><u>(i).International start-up parks and projects approved by the central or local governments in Taiwan.</u></p> <p><u>(ii).The central or local government-operated startup incubators in Taiwan, or those registered in the MOEA international startup incubators and approved and announced by the MOEA.</u></p> <p><u>(iii).Foreign startup incubators recognized by the central or local governments in Taiwan.</u></p>	<p><u>MoU, or plan signed by the applicant and the park or incubator.</u></p> <p><u>2. A recommendation letter of the park or startup incubator.</u></p> <p><u>3. A startup proposal that must state the innovation and entrepreneurship plan content, objectives, feasibility etc.</u></p>	<p>Council; Ministry of Economic Affairs (Small and Medium Enterprise Administration); <u>Ministry of Science and Technology</u>; and the relevant central or local government authorities</p>
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	<p><u>2.8</u> The enterprise conforms to such other requirement as may be specified by the central competent authority.</p>	Such documentary evidence as may be specified by the central competent authority.	The relevant central industry competent authorities.
3. Extension of period of residence (for an enterprise in Taiwan)	<p><u>3.1</u> The sales revenue of the applicant's enterprise for the most recent year, or the average for the most recent three years, is at least NT\$3 million.</p>	The Profit-seeking Enterprise Annual Income Tax Return or Declaration of Sales and Business Tax by a Business Entity for either the most recent year or the most recent three years.	Ministry of Economic Affairs (Investment Commission); other relevant industry competent authorities
	<p><u>3.2</u> The operating expenses of the applicant's enterprise for the most recent year, or the average for the most recent three years, is at least NT\$1 million.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Profit-seeking Enterprise Annual Income Tax Return or Declaration of Sales and Business Tax by a Business Entity for either the most recent year or the most recent three years. 2. A detailed breakdown of expenditure on R&D, and supporting documentary evidence. 	
	<p><u>3.3</u> The applicant's enterprise employs at least three full-time Taiwanese nationality employees.</p>	A register of employees, and documentary evidence of employees' Labor Insurance and National Health Insurance coverage.	
	<p><u>3.4</u> The applicant's enterprise can demonstrate some other category of operational performance that leads the industry competent authority to determine that the enterprise is making a positive contribution to Taiwan's economic development.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documentary evidence of the enterprise's annual purchasing in Taiwan, sales in Taiwan, or imports into or exports from Taiwan, etc. 2. Such other documents as may be required by the industry competent authority. 	