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Title : Directions for Appointment of Council Member, Overseas Community Affairs Council, R.O.C. (TAIWAN) 

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Legislative : 1.Promulgated by Order of Executive Yuan (83) No.41428 dated November 7, 1994.
2.Amended Direction 4 by Order of OCAC No.05046 dated November 10, 2000.
3.Amended Directions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 by Order of OCAC No.09230203011 dated May 20, 2003.
4.Amended Directions 4 and 7 by Order of OCAC No.09630321241 dated October 5, 2007.
5.Amended Direction 4 by Order of OCAC No.09830126461 dated April 17, 2009.
6.Amended Direction 2 and 5 by Order of OCAC No.10700717361 dated February 2, 2018.
7.Amended by Order of OCAC No.11400742661 dated March 6, 2025, and took effect retroactively from January 1, 2025.

Content : 1.These Directions are set by the Overseas Community Affairs Council (hereinafter referred to as “the OCAC”) for the appointment of council members to promote overseas compatriot community affairs and related services, with the aim of enhancing the well-being of overseas compatriots.
2.The OCAC may appoint overseas compatriots who hold R.O.C. (TAIWAN) nationality and meet one of the following conditions as council members:
(1)Have made special contributions to strengthening compatriot community affairs and promoting unity and harmony within overseas compatriot communities.
(2)Have demonstrated outstanding achievements in a professional field, and have been long committed to and supportive of overseas compatriot services, with a proven record of excellence and high regard in the overseas compatriot community.
(3)Possess substantial expertise in overseas compatriot well-being, community affairs, or services, and enjoy distinguished reputation and influence within the overseas compatriot community.
(4)Have made significant contributions to overseas compatriot culture and education, or overseas compatriot student education.
(5)Have made significant contributions to public welfare in their country of residence.
3.As well as being appointed by the OCAC, persons can be recommended for appointment as council members by the R.O.C.(TAIWAN) Ministry of Foreign Affairs, embassies, representative offices and other organizations authorized by the R.O.C.(TAIWAN) Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with recommender first reviewed by the OCAC.
For council members in the previous paragraph, the OCAC will request the Executive Yuan to request his/her appointment by the President.
4.The position of OCAC council member is unpaid, and is for a term of three years which can be extended one time only.
5.In addition to attending the General Assembly of Council Members, OCAC and providing recommendations on national policies and overseas compatriot well-being, OCAC council members are expected to promote the following:
(1)Overseas compatriot community affairs and related services.

- (2)Overseas compatriot culture, education, and overseas compatriot student education.
 - (3)Public welfare in their country of residence.
- 6.The OCAC can present a certificate or medal to a council member who meets one of the following situations as reward:
- (1)Has proposed innovative reforms in compatriot community affairs or services, which have proven effective after implementation.
 - (2)Has made significant contributions to maintaining unity and harmony in overseas compatriot communities.
 - (3)Has made special contributions to improving the well-being of overseas compatriots.
 - (4)Has made special contributions to public welfare in their country of residence.
 - (5)Has demonstrated exceptional professional achievements and actively contributed to overseas compatriot services.
- 7.Persons to whom the following situations apply cannot be appointed OCAC council members:
- (1)He/she violates national policy or interests.
 - (2)He/she has poor conduct or reputation, damaging the image of the OCAC and their own.
 - (3)He/she has been sentenced to a confirmed prison sentence in the R.O.C.(TAIWAN) or overseas.
- If any of the aforementioned situations apply to an OCAC council member after he/she is appointed, the OCAC can request the Executive Yuan to submit a request to the president to remove the council member from his/her position.
- 8.If an OCAC council member moves away the overseas compatriot area they represent, the OCAC can request the Executive Yuan to submit a request to the president to remove the council member from his/her position.