Guide to 2018 Korea Immigration & Integration Program (KIIP)

(KIIP : Korea Immigration and Integration Program)

(Immigration & Social Integration Network: www.socinet.go.kr, ☎ 1345)

☐ Korea Immigration & Integration Program (KIIP)

◯ Education program developed to help immigrants acquire basic knowledge and information about life in Korea (Korean Language and Culture, Understanding Korean Society, and etc.) so that they can adapt to and become self-reliant members of Korean society

☐ Eligible Participants

◯ Foreign residents and naturalized Koreans who hold an alien registration card or domestic residence card
  - Naturalized Koreans who have acquired Korean nationality 3 years ago can take the level test and audit classes after gaining approval from the head of immigration office
  ※ **Foreign national Koreans applying for permanent residency (F57) must complete the 'KIIP level 5 basic course'**

☐ Benefits

A. When applying for naturalization : exemption from naturalization written test and interview, reduced waiting time for naturalization evaluation **(only applied to those who completed the intensive course)**

B. When applying for status of sojourn
  ◯ **Additional points**
    - Those applying for points system based residential status (F27) (maximum 28 points)
  ◯ **Exemption from proving Korean fluency**
    - Long-term foreign residents applying for permanent residency (F51)
    - Spouse of Korean citizen (F6) applying for permanent residency (F52)
    - Underage children (foreigner) of Korean citizens (F22) applying for permanent residency (F53)
    - Working visit (H2) visa holders applying for permanent residency (F514)
    - Long-term foreign residents (D1, D5~D9, F1, F3, E1~E5, E7, etc.) applying for residential status (F299)
    - Non-professional employment (E9), vessel crew (E10), working visit (H-2) visa holders applying for residential status (F26) or specially designated activities (E71)

☐ Curriculum

Course Classification	Korean Language and Culture					Understanding Korean Society	
Level	Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5*	
Course	Basic	Elementary 1	Elementary 2	Intermediate 1	Intermediate 2	Basic	Intensive
Total Hours	15 hours	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	50 hours	20 hours
Standard Level Test	Oral test: less than 3 (written test irrelevant)	3~20 points	21~40 points	41~60 points	61~80 points	over 81 points	-
Standard TOPIK	-	-	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4~6	-

◯ In principle, applicants can start at the assigned level based on their test scores (points) of the level test (administered by the Ministry of Justice) and TOPIK (administered by the National Institute for International Education)

◯ Applicants who did not take the level test or TOPIK can start from level 0

* Applicants must first take the level 5 basic course (50 hours) in order to apply for the intensive

course (20 hours)

☐ Registration (Level Test Registration Period) and Class Registration

Semester Period	1st Semester	2nd Semester	3rd Semester	4th Semester
Semester Schedule	'18. 1. 1 ~ '18. 5. 12.	'18. 5. 13. ~ '18. 8. 25.	'18. 8. 26. ~ '18. 12. 21.	'19 1st semester
Registration Period	'17. 9. 4. ~ '18. 1. 5.	'18. 1. 22. ~ '18. 4. 10.	'18. 5. 7. ~ '18. 7. 24.	'18. 8. 20. ~ '18. 10. 23.

※ **Applicants can apply for the "KIIP" and "level test" only during the registration period**

[Registration and Assigning Level According to Level Test]

- ① **sign up** on the SociNet webpage (www.socinet.go.kr) → apply on the ② **'Apply for KIIP'** menu bar → apply for the level test on the ③ **'Apply for Level Test'** menu bar* → ④ print the level test application form on the 'My Page' menu bar → ⑤ **check the location on 'My Page' or Announcement 3 days before** the test → ⑥ take the level test at the designated date and location → ⑦ level is assigned according to test result → ⑧ **register for classes (enroll in classes)** at assigned level (first come, first served basis) during the registration period

* You can apply for the level test while on the 'Apply for KIIP' menu bar (select "YES" for the question "do you want to take the level test?"). If you select "NO", you can apply for the level test separately on the 'Apply for Evaluation' menu bar

- If you select "NO" for the level test, you will automatically be assigned level 0

[How to Apply for the Level Test]

- Go to the SociNet webpage (www.socinet.go.kr), check the **education center, schedule, registration period, number of applicants**, and register for classes

※ If you can not find such information on the「Class Registration」menu bar, it means that there are no available classes for you to register

※ **Questions about specific schedule (classes) and assigned levels: please contact the education centers** (education center contact number : www.socinet.go.kr -「KIIP」-「Status of Education Centers Nationwide」)

※ You can register for classes during the registration period starting from **00:00** (applicants can register only during the registration period)

[Guide to Class Registration]

- When to Register : during the registration period starting from 00:00
- How to Register : check class information by clicking on "name of education center", and click the "register" button at the bottom
- Information on Registration
  1) **Before Registration Period** : You can not register before the registration period starts (you can register only during the registration period)
  2) **Registration** : You can register since there are still vacant seats for classes
  3) **Waiting** : If the class is full, 3 people (maximum) can be on the waiting list for each class
  - Before class starts : if there is an available seat, you will be registered automatically according to your waiting number
  - During class : you can register before 20% of class time has passed, and the class you missed will be considered an absence
  ※ **Note : Being on the waiting list does not mean you registered for that class**
  4) **Registration Closed** : you can not register as both class registration and waiting are closed
- Confirmation : you can check status of class registration, waiting, and assigned level on "My Page"
- Cancellation : click on the classes you registered (or the waiting list), and click the "cancellation" button

❍ **Curriculum (Class) Schedule**

※ Notice related to schedule and class registration is posted on www.socinet.go.kr -「Announcement」-「Office Announcement」 bulletin board

- **Dates on posting schedules and registering classes may differ according to Immigration Offices**

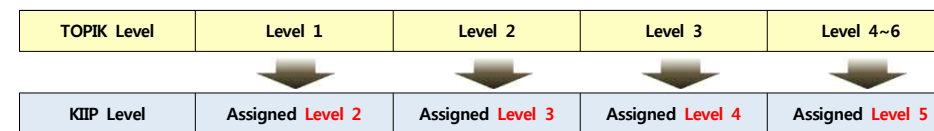❍ **Online Class (Real-Time Video Class)**

- Education Center : Korea Immigration Service Foundation
- Eligible participants : ① pregnancy, childbirth, long distance, restricted mobility ② class cancelled ③ applicant who can not attend class due to unavoidable circumstances such as a job (proof required)
- ※ Applicants can register for online classes on a first come, first served basis during the registration period. The education center will contact the applicant for documents (pregnancy confirmation, family relation certificate, employment certificate), and make deliberations before assigning a class.

■ 2018 Test Schedule

No.	Level Test (4th)			Midterm Evaluation (4th)			Comprehensive Evaluation (10th)		
	Registration Period	Evaluation Day	Result	Registration Period	Evaluation Day	Result	Registration Period	Evaluation Day	Result
1st	'17.9.4~18.1.5.	**1.13.(Sat)**	1.19.(Fri)	1. 22.~4.29.	**5. 5.(Sat)**	5.11.(Fri)	1. 22.~3.25.	**3.31.(Sat)**	4. 6.(Fri)
2nd	1. 22.~4. 10.	**4.21.(Sat)**	5. 4.(Fri)	5. 14.~6.24.	**6.30.(Sat)**	7. 6.(Fri)	4. 9.~4.22.	**4.28.(Sat)**	5. 4.(Fri)
3rd	5. 7.~7. 24.	**8. 4.(Sat)**	8.17.(Fri)	7. 9.~8.12.	**8.18.(Sat)**	8.24.(Fri)	5. 7.~5.20.	**5.26.(Sat)**	6. 1.(Fri)
4th	8. 20.~10.23.	**11. 3.(Sat)**	11. 9.(Fri)	8.27.~12. 2.	**12. 8.(Sat)**	12.14.(Fri)	6. 4.~6.17.	**6.23.(Sat)**	6. 29.(Fri)
5th							7. 2.~7. 8.	**7.14.(Sat)**	7. 20.(Fri)
6th							7. 23.~8. 5.	**8.11.(Sat)**	8.17.(Fri)
7th							8. 20.~9. 9.	**9.15.(Sat)**	9.21.(Fri)
8th							9. 26.~10.21.	**10.27.(Sat)**	11. 2.(Fri)
9th							11. 5.~11.11.	**11.17.(Sat)**	11.23.(Fri)
10th							11. 26~12. 9.	**12.15.(Sat)**	12.21.(Fri)
Noti-ce	○ Information on test location and results is available on the SociNet webpage (My Page) ○ All applicants must **arrive at test location by 12:30** 　※ Applicants should bring their registration confirmation, valid identification (ID), writing materials (computer marking pen, correction tape, etc.)								
Relat-ed	○ If you select 'start from level 0 (Basic Korean)' on the SociNet webpage, the level test will be exempted ○ Comprehensive evaluation is divided into evaluation for permanent residency and naturalization, and it								

Info.	will be carried out simultaneously (you can not register or take both) ○ Certificate - If you complete Korean Language and Culture (level 4) and pass the midterm evaluation, you will receive the "Korean Language and Culture Test (KLCT)" certificate - If you complete the basic course for Understanding Korean Society and pass the comprehensive evaluation for naturalization, you will receive the "Permanent Residence Test (KIPRAT)" certificate - If you complete the intensive course for Understanding Korean Society and pass the comprehensive evaluation for naturalization, you will receive the "Naturalization Test (KINAT)" certificate

■ Level Assigned in Connection to TOPIK ("Connected Evaluation") : Level Assigned Without Level Test

TOPIK Level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4~6
KIIP Level	Assigned Level 2	Assigned Level 3	Assigned Level 4	Assigned Level 5

❍ Required Documents and Registration

- Required Documents : **Alien Registration Card or passport, application form for KIIP connected evaluation, TOPIK certificate**
- Location : Immigration and Integration Center of **Immigration Office that has jurisdiction over the place of your stay**, and **education centers nationwide**
 (education center address & contact number : SociNet -「KIIP」-「Status of Education Centers Nationwide」)
- ※ Applicants living in Seoul, Seoul Nambu, Sejong-ro (regardless of jurisdiction) can only register at the Seoul Immigration Office Immigration and Integration Center (7th floor)
- ※ **TOPIK Certificate** : should have **application number**, and **valid date** (certificate is printable from www.topik.go.kr)
- ※ In principle, the applicant should register first hand. If someone else (substitute) submits for the applicant, he/she should bring an **authorization letter (custom format)** and identification (ID) of the applicant and substitute
- ※ **If you did not sign up as a member on the SociNet webpage, please first sign up to submit the application form**