

FOREIGN ARTISTIC TALENT SCHEME (FORARTS) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the difference between ForArts and a direct Permanent Resident (PR) application to ICA?

ForArts considers individuals primarily on their professional experience, achievements and commitment to fill a critical role in advancing the arts and cultural scene in Singapore. Applicants of ForArts must also demonstrate a track record of engagement with the local public and arts community. In contrast, the assessment of direct applications to ICA is not based on specific criteria relating to the arts and creative industries.

2. Besides the eligibility criteria, what criteria and factors will my ForArts application be assessed upon?

ForArts is a highly selective scheme. In order to be considered favourably for support under ForArts, eligible applicants will be assessed on their ability and commitment to contribute to the advancement of the local arts scene, in terms of the relevance and depth of their professional experience and achievements. This includes proven contribution to the Singapore arts and cultural scene to date, which demonstrates the positive value and possible leadership the applicant has.

In addition to these qualities, assessment of the ForArts application will also be based on their potential to meaningfully engage local communities, demonstrate good character and their ability to be a role model for their peers.

3. Why does the ForArts Assessment take up to 3 months? Can you expedite the process?

As ForArts is a highly selective scheme and given the multiple factors considered, up to three months may be required for NAC to complete the process of verifying the application details and making a holistic assessment.

4. If I'm supported under ForArts, does that mean that I am guaranteed PR Status?

ICA is the final authority for all PR applications and may still choose to reject supported ForArts applicants.

5. I have been working with an arts and cultural organization in Singapore for the past ten years. Am I eligible for ForArts?

*Track record of local engagements is one of several eligibility conditions that applicants must meet. Beyond this, an applicant must meet **all** the following minimum criteria:*

- *Possess relevant formal training/education in their field of practice*

- *Possess relevant professional experience, with outstanding achievements, in the field of Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Literary Arts, Design and/or Media*
- *Have made significant contributions to Singapore's arts and cultural scene, including a strong track record of local engagements at a leadership level*
- *Have concrete future plans to be involved in Singapore's arts and cultural sector*

If you do not meet the above minimum criteria, you can make a direct application for Permanent Residency status to the Singapore Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (www.ica.gov.sg), which adopts different assessment criteria and considerations.

6. Are professionals in the creative industries (e.g., Design, Media, Film) also eligible for support under ForArts?

Creative industry professionals can also be considered for support under ForArts, provided that they meet the ForArts's minimum criteria, beyond their commercial or professional engagements in the design and media industries. With a highly selective set of criteria, only those who have made significant contributions to Singapore's arts and culture scene through engagements at a leadership level, and have demonstrated strong commitment to be involved in the local arts and cultural scene will be considered.