

Regional-Type Visa Pilot — Busan's Sector-Targeted International Student and Talent Programme

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Quality score: 57/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Selected in April 2025 as one of 14 regions in Korea's Local Government Visa pilot, Busan relaxed visa rules for international students in semiconductors, batteries and future-mobility programmes; about 300 of a 1,000-student two-year target had been approved by mid-2026.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

[Busan Metropolitan City & Busan Immigration Service, with Korea's Ministry of Justice](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

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