

List of top-tier institutions under COMPASS Criterion 2 (Qualifications)

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Employment Pass (EP) candidates will earn 20 points on COMPASS Criterion 2 for bachelor’s degree and above qualifications earned from the following top-tier institutions.

- For Group A institutions, 20 points are awarded for degrees from all faculties
- For Group B institutions, 20 points are awarded only for degrees from specific faculties

If your candidate has a qualification from one of these institutions, please select the relevant institution name and faculty under “Qualification” and “Faculty” respectively in the drop-down menu of the EP application form.

Group A institutions: 20 points for all faculties

Institution name	Country/region
Brown University	United States of America
California Institute of Technology	United States of America
Carnegie Mellon University	United States of America
Chulalongkorn University	Thailand
City University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
Columbia University	United States of America
Cornell University	United States of America
Duke University	United States of America
Ecole Polytechnique Federale De Lausanne (EPFL)(Swiss Federal Institute Of Technology Lausanne)	Switzerland
Eidgenossische Technische Hochschule Zurich (ETH Zurich) (Swiss Federal Institute Of Technology Zurich)	Switzerland
Fudan University	China
Georgia Institute of Technology	United States of America
Harvard University	United States of America
Imperial College London	United Kingdom
Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	India
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	India
Institut Polytechnique de Paris (Polytechnic Institute of Paris)	France
Johns Hopkins University	United States of America
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven)	Belgium
King's College London	United Kingdom
Kobenhavns Universitet (University of Copenhagen)	Denmark

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)	South Korea
Korea University	South Korea
Kungliga Tekniska Hogskolan (KTH Royal Institute Of Technology)	Sweden
Kyoto University	Japan
Lasalle College of the Arts	Singapore
Lomonosov Moscow State University	Russia
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitat Munchen	Germany
Lund University	Sweden
Mahidol University	Thailand
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States of America
McGill University	Canada
Monash University	Australia
Nanyang Academy Of Fine Arts (NAFA)	Singapore
Nanyang Technological University (NTU)	Singapore
National Cheng Kung University	Taiwan
National Taiwan University	Taiwan
National Tsing Hua University	Taiwan
National University Of Singapore (NUS)	Singapore
New York University	United States of America
Northwestern University	United States of America
Osaka University	Japan
Peking University	China
Pohang University of Science and Technology	South Korea
Princeton University	United States of America
Rice University	United States of America
Ruprecht-Karls-Universitat Heidelberg (Heidelberg University)	Germany
Seoul National University	South Korea
Shanghai Jiao Tong University	China
Singapore Institute Of Technology (SIT)	Singapore
Singapore Management University (SMU)	Singapore
Singapore University Of Social Sciences (SUSS)	Singapore
Singapore University Of Technology And Design (SUTD)	Singapore
Sorbonne Universite (Sorbonne University)	France
Sungkyunkwan University	South Korea
Technische Universitat Munchen (Technical University of Munich)	Germany
Technische Universiteit Delft (Delft University of Technology)	Netherlands
The Australian National University	Australia
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Hong Kong
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Hong Kong

Leland Stanford Junior University (Stanford University)	United States of America
The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)	United Kingdom
The Pennsylvania State University	United States of America
University of California, Berkeley	United States of America
University of California, Los Angeles	United States of America
University of California, San Diego	United States of America
University of Chicago	United States of America
The University of Edinburgh	United Kingdom
The University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
University of Illinois, Urbana - Champaign	United States of America
The University of Leeds	United Kingdom
The University of Manchester	United Kingdom
The University of Melbourne	Australia
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	United States of America
The University of New South Wales (UNSW Sydney)	Australia
The University of Queensland	Australia
The University of Sheffield	United Kingdom
The University of Sydney	Australia
The University of Texas at Austin	United States of America
The University of Tokyo	Japan
The University of Warwick	United Kingdom
The University of Western Australia	Australia
Tohoku University	Japan
Tokyo Institute of Technology	Japan
Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin	Ireland
Dai Hoc Duy Tan (Duy Tan University)	Vietnam
Tsinghua University	China
Universidad de Buenos Aires (University of Buenos Aires)	Argentina
Universitas Indonesia (University of Indonesia)	Indonesia
Universitat Zurich (University of Zurich)	Switzerland
Universite Paris Sciences et Lettres (Universite PSL)	France
Universite Paris-Saclay	France
Universiteit van Amsterdam (University of Amsterdam)	Netherlands
Universiti Brunei Darussalam	Brunei
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)	Malaysia
Universiti Malaya (The University of Malaya)	Malaysia
Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)	Malaysia
Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)	Malaysia
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM)	Malaysia
University College London (UCL)	United Kingdom

University of Auckland	New Zealand
University of Birmingham	United Kingdom
University of Bristol	United Kingdom
University of British Columbia	Canada
University of Cambridge	United Kingdom
University of Durham	United Kingdom
University of Glasgow	United Kingdom
University of Oxford	United Kingdom
University of Pennsylvania	United States of America
University of Science and Technology of China	China
University of Southampton	United Kingdom
University of St Andrews	United Kingdom
University of the Philippines	Philippines
University of Toronto	Canada
University of Washington	United States of America
University of Wisconsin-Madison	United States of America
Yale University	United States of America
Yonsei University	South Korea
Zhejiang University	China

Group B institutions: 20 points for specific faculties only

Institution name	Country/ region	Faculty
Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (HEC Paris)	France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Administration (<i>for MBAs – master’s degrees</i>)
Instituto De Empresa (IE Business School) (of IE University)	Spain	
INSEAD (Institut Europeen d’Administration des Affaires)	France	
IESE Business School (of University of Navarra)	Spain	
London Business School (of University of London)	United Kingdom	
Wageningen Universiteit (Wageningen University & Research)	Netherlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Science and Technology
Ecole Hoteliere De Lausanne (EHL Hospitality Business School)	Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culinary Skills • Hospitality Management • Hotel Management • Pastry & Baking • Tourism Management • Tourism Studies

Rhode Island School of Design	United States of America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furniture Design
University of the Arts, London	United Kingdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fashion Studies
Royal Veterinary College (of University of London)	United Kingdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biological Sciences • Veterinary Medicine • Veterinary Science/Studies • Wild Animal Health
Universitas Gadjah Mada (Gadjah Mada University)	Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science • Information Technology • Programming & Systems Analysis • Science (Computer Studies)
Dai Hoc Quoc Gia Thanh Pho Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City)	Vietnam	
Dai Hoc Quoc Gia Ha Noi (Vietnam National University, Hanoi)	Vietnam	
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	India	
Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati	India	
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur	India	
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur	India	
Indian Institute of Technology Madras	India	
Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee	India	