

Evaluation and Rating Application Types

There are four types of applications:

New

Researchers who have never applied for rating in the past or researchers who previously applied for rating, but the application had been withdrawn before it was processed.

Re-evaluation by invitation

Researchers who are currently rated A, B, C, P or Y will be invited by the NRF to submit documents for re-evaluation in the fifth year of their cycle. Their applications will be evaluated in the sixth (and final) year of this cycle while their current rating remains valid. If successful, their new rating will become valid on 1 Jan of the next year.

Re-evaluation – Researchers that have chosen not to respond to the above invitation and whose ratings have therefore lapsed (no longer valid), or researchers whose application for rating was unsuccessful three or more years ago. Applicants whose rating application had been unsuccessful must wait for three years before they apply for re-evaluation. In these cases, the onus to apply for re-evaluation rests with the applicant.

Special re-evaluation

An applicant that is currently rated may apply for a special re-evaluation sooner than the five year cycle (i.e. the year when he/she will be invited) if, since a previous evaluation, an applicant has shown such progress that, in the opinion of the relevant authority at the employing institution the existing rating is quite inconsistent with the applicant's present standing. A newly prepared application must be submitted to the NRF, together with a motivation from the appropriate authority stating the reasons why a special re-evaluation is requested. Applications in this category will be screened for validity of the claims before being processed.

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