(a) natural persons who travel to India temporarily for short periods of stay up to 12 months with permission for extending for a maximum of three months or the duration of the contract, whichever is less, in order to perform a service pursuant to a contract(s) between them and a client(s) located in India for which they possess the necessary academic credentials and qualifications and has obtained, wherever necessary, registration with the professional body and remuneration is to be paid solely to the natural person; and

(b) natural persons who travel to India temporarily for short periods of stay up to 12 months in order to fulfil qualification and licensing requirements where presence in India is an essential condition for the fulfilment of these requirements.

2. Entry granted in accordance with subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 1 has to be obtained in one of the sectors listed below and subject to additional conditions mentioned in relation to the sector or the relevant sub-sector in India's Schedule of Specific Commitments in Annex 6:

(a) Accounting and Book-keeping services;

(b) Engineering Services;

(c) Integrated Engineering Services;

(d) Architectural Services;

(e) Urban Planning and Landscape Architectural Services;

(f) Computer and Related Services;

(g) R & D Services;

(h) Management Consulting Services (excluding all services relating to legal consultancy);

(i) Services related to Management consulting (excluding all services relating to legal consultancy);

(j) Hotel and Restaurant services;

(k) Travel Agency and Tour Operator Services; or

(l) Tourist Guides Services.

3. Access of independent professionals to India under the category of paragraph 2 shall be available only in the specific service sector in which contract has been entered into and employees should have appropriate educational and professional qualifications relevant to the services to be provided.

4. Entry and temporary stay of independent professionals shall be granted for an initial period of up to one year or the period of contract, whichever is less provided all immigration measures applicable are complied with.

5. Further, entry and temporary stay under this Section is subject to a requirement of: requisite visa; the conditions attached to entry and temporary stay under such a visa; and fulfilment of specific requirements regarding information in support of the application such as required documentation including a proof of contract and possession of requisite educational and professional qualifications relevant to the service to be provided including work experience. Entry and temporary stay under this Section is also subject to any other condition prescribed under India's immigration regulations.