

The Standard for Evaluation of National Research and Development Agencies

("The Standard for Evaluation of Incorporated Administrative Agencies under the Jurisdiction of MEXT" (Decided by the Minister of MEXT on June 30, 2015))

- The evaluation consists of five grades, S, A, B, C and D (B is the standard).
- R&D related management and operation are evaluated as shown below.

Based on the national R&D agencies' **aims, tasks and mid to long-term objectives, etc.**, these agencies are subject to a comprehensive evaluation on their achievements and activities with various factors in mind and ranked according to their contribution to "maximization of R&D achievements" under the adequate, efficient and effective management as shown below.

S	<p>Creation of especially considerable achievements and anticipated creation of special achievements in the future are recognized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the evaluation criteria for "scientific significance of achievements and approaches (originality, innovativeness, leading-edge property, expansibility, etc.), those which have especially considerable significance include "the world's first achievements or achievements that demolish conventional concepts and brought a breakthrough or groundbreaking result" and "the world's highest level of achievements." • With the evaluation criteria for "contribution to the vitalization and upgrading of industrial and economic activities," an especially considerable contribution includes "substantial advance in commercialization by suggesting a definitive way for the commercialization of the world's first achievements in this field." • With the evaluation criteria for "contribution to the creation of social value (safe and secure society, etc.)," an especially considerable contribution includes "noteworthy contribution of new insights obtained from research outcomes and reflected in regulations and policies of national and public agencies to enhancing social life." • With the evaluation criteria for "management" and "human resources development," an especially considerable contribution includes "contribution of new types of collaboration between universities, R&D agencies and private business operators, etc. in Japan and abroad to creating distinguished research outcomes" and "efforts to promote the development and recruitment of a large number of researchers and engineers in the areas which are politically important for Japan but have a shortage of qualified personnel."
A	<p>Creation of considerable achievements and anticipated creation of achievements in the future are recognized. (Falling short of grade S, but an appreciable extent of significance, outcome or contribution results from the results discovered.)</p>
B (Standard)	<p>Creation of achievements and anticipated creation of achievements in the future are recognized, and management is stable.</p>
C	<p>Further innovations and improvements are to be expected.</p>
D	<p>Particular innovations and improvements, including a radical revision, are required.</p>