

Instructions for Foreigners Applying for the Republic of China (Taiwan) Visa Service in Hong Kong

Starting from April 9th, 2012, Republic of China (Taiwan) visa applicants must fill out the visa application forms online.

Please proceed with the following 3 steps to apply for R.O.C. visas:

- 1.To access the website (<https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw>) and select the proper form.
- 2.Fill out the application form online and then print it out. 【You ought to press the “submit” key before printing.】
- 3.Submit the completed bar-coded form and other necessary documents to Taipei Economic and Cultural Office.

BUREAU OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REPUBLIC OF CHINA(TAIWAN):

<https://www.boca.gov.tw/mp-1.html>

Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Hong Kong Office)

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(Application case receiving and dispatching time)

Visa for Foreigners to Taiwan VISA FOR FOREIGNERS

Pickup time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Shipping time: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Processing time: 1 business day

(If interviews, document verification or reconfirmation of travel documents and identity documents are required, the operation time will be notified on a case-by-case basis)

Visa types and reasons

A. Short Stay VISA (applicable to stay in Taiwan within 6 months):

- 1、 Business
- 2、 Tourism 、 Visiting relatives and social visits
- 3、 Medical treatment
- 4、 Study Chinese
- 5、 accept job offer, performance, internship, training, exchange students、
- 6、 Missionary and Dharma, Tibetan Buddhism
- 7、 Domestic Helper in Hong Kong follow employer go to Taiwan : According to the laws and regulations of the Republic of China, if providing labor services in Taiwan, regardless the length of time, should apply a working permit from the Ministry of Labor enable to apply Taiwan Visa.

B. Residence visa (applicable to stay in Taiwan more than 6 months):

- 1、Work (investment, accept job offer)
- 2、Volunteers, training doctrine, missionary, Tibetan Buddhism
- 3、Studying (foreign students, overseas Chinese students), exchange students
- 4、Taiwanese spouse
- 5、Other nationality spouse legally stay in Taiwan
- 6、Under 18 years old child stay with Taiwanese parents
- 7、Under 18 years old child stay with other nationality parents which is legally stay in Taiwan
- 8、Entrepreneur

Visitor visa for Business Purpose

- 1、Completed & signed application form (Visit website <https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw/> fill out application form online and print it out.)
- 2、Two passport-size photos, colorful within 6 months (White color background)
- 3、Passport (original & photocopy) Valid for 6 months with blank pages
- 4、Evidence of business activities
 - ① Company's employed & job assigned letter
 - ② Invitation Letter
 - ③ Ongoing letters, trading records (e.g. LC, remittance receipt...etc.)
- 5、Details of the contact person in Taiwan (name, address, telephone number...etc.)
- 6、Other additional documents may be required during processing (Ticket, electronic ticket or proof of a travel agency)
- 7、Required documents from the guarantor of visa applicants from designated countries wishing to conduct commercial business in Taiwan
 - ① Original "Letter of Guarantee for Visa Application to the Republic of China", the letter of guarantee would require an official stamp from the company of the guarantor; if the guarantor is not the owner/representative of said company, then a letter of authorization is required for the person submitting the "letter of guarantee".
 - ② Letter of explanation (Explanation of how the guarantee and the guarantor met, as well as any proof of communication and the guarantee's itinerary while in the R.O.C).
 - ③ A copy of the guarantee's passport.
 - ④ Proof of commercial business exchange (Invoice(s), import/export documents, shipping orders...etc).
 - ⑤ Business registration of the company in the R.O.C, or the amendment of business registration document from the Ministry of Economic Affairs.
 - ⑥ Notice of Audit is to be submitted along with the letter of guarantee.

- ⑦ Other relevant documents may be required during processing.(Proof of employment from the guarantee).

Cable Fee: NT\$50- one page per telegraph limit. (Each extra page or extra attached file will be charged with a cable fee.)

Visitor Visa for Tourism Purpose

- 1、Completed & signed application form (Please access the website: <https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw/> to fill out application form online and print it out.)
- 2、Two passport-size photos in color within 6 months (Photos with a white color background)
- 3、Passport (original & photocopy) (Valid for 6 months with blank pages)
- 4、Evidence of funds (Bank statement)
- 5、Travel Itinerary
- 6、Return Ticket (Ticket、 electronic ticket or proof of a travel agency)
- 7、Other additional documents may be required during processing

Procedures:

1. Applicants can lodge their applications with the necessary documents and statutory fee at our overseas missions.
2. Interview may be required when necessary.
3. Please refer to the relevant instructions for instructions on the procedures for people from specific countries to apply for stay visas in Taiwan.

Delivery method

The application can be submitted by the person himself or his agent. The agent should prepare the original and photocopy of the agent's identity card when sending the application (applicant please prepare the documents, the application with insufficient documents will affect the progress of the application)

Fees

✖ Cash only, the Office does not accept HKD1,000 note for payment.

Single Entry Visitor Visa: HKD400

Multiple Entry Visitor Visa: HKD800

Single Entry Resident Visa: HKD530

Reciprocal handling fee:

Visitor / Resident Visa – HKD1,280 (for US passport holders only)

Visitor / Resident Visa – HKD1,640 (for US passport holders with Investors Status only)

Note for People Living Overseas in Mainland China who Have Obtained Foreign Citizenship and want to Apply for a Visa to Taiwan

Those who have acquired foreign nationality living overseas in mainland China and wish to apply for a visa to Taiwan must still follow the provisions of Article 7 of the "Regulations for the Implementation of the Regulations on Relations between People of the Taiwan Area and the Mainland China Area" (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations for the Implementation of the Cross-Strait Regulations"). Article 7 of the Regulations for the Implementation of the Cross-Strait Regulations

The phrase "People of the Mainland Area who reside outside the Mainland Area" as used in Article 3 of the Act shall include people who were born in foreign countries and hold passports issued by the Mainland Area, but exclude the following persons who have resided abroad for over four years and who:

- 1. have obtained citizenship of the country where they reside; or**
- 2. have obtained permanent residency status of the country where they reside and hold valid passports issued by the R.O.C.**

The four-year period of overseas residency referred to in the preceding Paragraph means a period of four years calculated from the day following the date of arrival in the foreign country concerned, provided that during such four-year period, any single stay in the Mainland Area by such persons does not exceed 30 days. Where any single stay in the Mainland Area exceeds 30 days, the year during which such stay occurred shall not be included in the calculation of the four-year period, unless one of the following situations applies:

1. The returning person is more than seven months pregnant or gives birth or has a miscarriage, and the period following the occurrence of the event does not exceed two months.
2. The returning person falls ill and leaving the Mainland Area may be life-threatening, and the period following the occurrence of the event does not exceed two months.
3. The death in the Mainland Area of a blood relation within the second degree, stepparent, parent-in-law, spouse, son-in-law or daughter-in-law and the period following the occurrence of the event does not exceed two months.
4. The occurrence of natural disasters or other unavoidable events, and the period following the occurrence of the event does not exceed one month

Procedures for Nationals of the Designated Countries Applying for Visitor Visas to the Republic of China (R.O.C.)

Nationals from the following countries applying for visitor visas to the R.O.C. must fulfill the procedure of this section :

- Afghanistan
- Algeria
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan (Nationals of Bhutan are eligible to apply for tourist visas. For nationals of Bhutan applying for business visas, the overseas missions of the R.O.C. will not request a Guarantee of Sponsorship from the applicant's sponsor in Taiwan.)
- Cameroon
- Gambia
- Ghana
- India (Identity Certificate)
- Iraq
- Nepal
- Niger
- Nigeria

- Pakistan
- Senegal
- Somalia
- Sri Lanka(Nationals of Sri Lanka are eligible to apply for tourist visas. For nationals of Sri Lanka applying for business visas, the overseas missions of the R.O.C. will not request a Guarantee of Sponsorship from the applicant's sponsor in Taiwan.)
- Syria

1. Nationals of the designated countries may apply for the R.O.C. visitor visas for the following purposes :

- Invited by the Republic of China (R.O.C.) government agencies on official missions.
- Participating in international meetings or activities for the purposes of religious, athletic, or cultural exchange, which are held by the organizations set up in the R.O.C.
- Visiting dependents with legal residence status in the R.O.C., including spouse, family members of lineal relationship, or siblings.
- Conducting economic or commercial businesses. (including accompanied spouse and children) (For nationals of Bhutan and Sri Lanka applying for business visas, the overseas missions of the R.O.C. will not request a Guarantee of Sponsorship from the applicant's sponsor in Taiwan.)
- Crew members intending to come to the R.O.C. to report for duty.
- Medical treatment.

2. Nationals from the following countries applying for visitor visas to the R.O.C. must submit their application at the designated overseas missions :

- Nepal (Only at Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in New Delhi)

- India (Identity Certificate) (Only at Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in New Delhi)
 - Nigeria (Only at the Taipei Trade Office in the Federal Republic of Nigeria)
 - Ghana (Only at the Taipei Trade Office in the Federal Republic of Nigeria)
3. As for other particular cases of visa application from the designated countries, the overseas missions of the R.O.C. might request a Guarantee from the applicant's sponsor in Taiwan if necessary.
4. For visa applicants of the designated countries who intend to come to the R.O.C. to conduct economic and commercial businesses, their sponsors in the R.O.C. may submit relevant documents(See point 7 on the Visitor Visa for Business Purpose for details.)together with a cable fee (NT\$50 paid in counter- one page per telegraph limit. Each extra page or extra attached file will be charged with a cable fee.) to this Bureau (Counter Nos.31 ~ 33, 3rd floor) . After examination, this Bureau will notify the designated R.O.C. foreign mission. The mission will then review other necessary documents submitted by the visa applicants in person, give an interview and make a final decision in the case.

Attention:

1. According to Article 12 of Statute Governing Issuance of ROC Visa in Foreign Passports, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of the R.O.C. or ROC overseas missions are not required to give any reason to a visa applicant for refusal.
2. The forms of visa application and Guarantee can be downloaded from the Bureau's website and are available free of charge at the Bureau of Consular Affairs and branch offices of MOFA.
3. In case of any change of this information, please check the website of Bureau of Consular Affairs, MOFA: www.boca.gov.tw.

Type	Visa-Exempt Entry
Foreign nationals eligible for visa-exempt entry	<p>1. Nationals of the following countries are eligible for the visa exemption program, with a duration of stay of up to <u>90</u> days: Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Eswatini*, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras*, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan*, Republic of Korea, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Island*, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia*(effective till March 31, 2025), Norway, Palau, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tuvalu*, the United Kingdom, the United States of America*, and Vatican City State.</p> <p>2. Nationals of the following countries are eligible for the visa exemption program, with a duration of stay of up to <u>30</u> days: Belize*, Malaysia, Nauru, St. Kitts and Nevis*, Saint Lucia*, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Singapore.</p> <p>3. Nationals of Nicaragua, except those holding diplomatic or official/service passports-are eligible for the visa exemption program, with a duration of stay of up to <u>90</u> days.</p>

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	<p>4. Nationals of Dominican Republic, except those holding diplomatic or official/service passports-are eligible for the visa exemption program, with a duration of stay of up to <u>30</u> days.</p> <p>5. Nationals of the kingdom of Thailand (effective till July 31, 2023), except those holding diplomatic or official/service passports-are eligible for the visa exemption program, with a duration of stay of up to <u>14</u> days.</p> <p>6. Nationals of Brunei (effective till July 31, 2023), except those holding diplomatic or official/ service passports-are eligible for the visa exemption program, with a duration of stay of up to 14 days. In addition, those holding a Brunei Certificate of Identity are eligible for the visa exemption program, with a duration of stay of up to <u>14</u> days.</p> <p>7. Nationals of Philippines (effective till July 31, 2023), except those holding diplomatic or official/service passports, are eligible for the visa exemption program, with a duration of stay of up to <u>14</u> days.</p>
Requirements	<p>1. A passport with remaining validity of at least six months as of the date of entry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Visa-exempt entry only applies to foreign visitors holding formal passports (i.e., ordinary, official/service and diplomatic passports). Those holding emergency, temporary, or other informal passports or travel documents are ineligible, with the exception of those holding a Brunei Certificate of Identity. ◦ Holders of Belizean, Eswatini, Nauru, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucian and Tuvalu Passports with place of birth

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	<p>recorded on the passport data page as : Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, the People's Republic of China, Syria and Yemen are ineligible for the visa exemption. Holders of Honduran passport with "place of birth" recorded on the passport data page as the People's Republic of China are also ineligible for the visa exemption.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ A national of the Republic of the Marshall Islands” shall mean any person who holds the nationality of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and is confined to the following categories : (1) a person who acquires the citizenship of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands at birth before the effective date of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and has become and remains a citizen of the Republic of the Marshall Islands; or (2) a person who acquires the citizenship of the Republic of the Marshall Islands at birth, on or after the effective date of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.◦ USA nationals who possess a,including emergency passports,valid for the intended period of stay are eligible for visa-exempt entry.◦ Japan nationals who possess a passport valid for the intended period of stay are eligible for visa-exempt entry.◦ Holder of emergency or temporary passport (except those from the United States of America) should apply for a visa at an ROC overseas mission, or a landing visa after arriving in the ROC.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A confirmed return air/sea ticket or air/sea ticket and a visa for the next destination, and a confirmed seat reservation for departure flight. 3. Not determined by immigration officers at ports of entry in the ROC to be otherwise ineligible. 4. Holders of Brunei, Philippines and Thailand passports must have: A proof of accommodation (hotel) booking, host / sponsor's contact information and sufficient travel funds. 5. Brunei, the Philippines and Thailand vessel/aircraft crew members or service personnel intending to board to report for duty are ineligible for the visa-free entry.
Duration of stay	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The duration of stay starts from the day after arrival and is not extendable. Foreign visitors must depart by the end of the said duration. Please click here for information on penalties for overstay. 2. Visa-exempt entry cannot be converted to visa-based stay, unless any of the following applies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the event of situations that prevent them from leaving the ROC, such as severe acute illness, natural disaster, or other force majeure reason. 2. White-collar professionals who have obtained (i) a work permit granted for a period under 6 months within their permitted duration of stay, or (ii) a work permit for fulfilling contract purpose issued before or within 30 days of their entry (Brunei, Philippines and Thailand are not included) may apply for a work visa.

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	<p>*All applications shall be submitted within 8 working days before their permitted duration of stay expire.</p> <p>*For others who obtains work permits (exclude fulfilling contract purpose) granted for a period over 6 months, shall apply for their residency directly to the National Immigration Agency according to the “Act for the Recruitment and Employment of Foreign Professionals.”</p> <p>3. Canadian and UK passport holders are eligible for the visa exemption program with a duration of stay of 90 days which is extendable up to 180 days, please refer to the Notice for British & Canadian Passport Holders Who Enter Taiwan Visa-Free and Apply for an Extension of Stay.</p> <p>3. Visa exempt trial program for nationals of Russia expired (effective till July 31, 2022). (Extension of the trial program is under evaluation.).</p>
Ports of entry	<p>Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, Taipei Songshan Airport, Taichung International Airport, Chiayi Airport, Tainan Airport, Kaohsiung International Airport, Taitung Airport, Hualien Airport, Kinmen Airport, Magong Airport, Keelung Harbor, Taipei Harbor, Taichung Harbor, Kaohsiung Harbor, Hualien Harbor, Shuitou Harbor, and Fushu Harbor.</p>

Remarks:

- Those who have entered Taiwan visa-free for purposes that do not require a permit—such as engaging in tourism, visiting friends or relatives, attending social events, conducting business, attending exhibitions, and engaging in fact-finding

missions or international exchanges—who then intend to engage in activities that, according to the laws and regulations of relevant agencies, do require a permit must still obtain such a permit. Those who intend to enter Taiwan for purposes that require qualifications, such as religious work, must obtain a visa from an ROC overseas mission before entering Taiwan.

2. According to Article 14 of the Regulations for Exit of Draftees, a draftee who has maintained his household registration in Taiwan must enter into and depart from Taiwan with his ROC passport; a person who is subject to conscription and enters into Taiwan with a foreign passport will be restricted from departing Taiwan.
3. Before arriving in Taiwan, please complete an [online immigration arrival card](#) on the website of the National Immigration Agency.
4. In accordance with World Health Organization recommendations, travelers seeking to enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan) must submit proof of having been administered the oral polio vaccine (OPV) or inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) within the past year if they have resided in or visited countries at high risk of polio outbreaks (namely, Afghanistan, Malawi, Mozambique, Pakistan, Madagascar, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Israel) for four weeks or longer within the past year. Such travelers must provide their International Certificates of Vaccination or Prophylaxis (Yellow Book) issued by a hospital or healthcare professional with their polio vaccinations recorded therein as proof.

For conscription law, please visit the following

website: <http://www.immigration.gov.tw> (<http://www.immigration.gov.tw>)

外國護照簽證規費收費數額

Standard Fees for Republic of China (Taiwan) Visas in Foreign Passports

一、適用對象：持美國護照以外所有國家護照者

Applicable to: passport holders of all countries except U.S.

收費別/簽證種類 Category/Visa types		新臺幣 NT Dollars	美元 US Dollars	速件處理費 Rush handling fees		備註 Remark
				新臺幣 NT Dollars	美元 US Dollars	
停留簽證費 Visitor visa fees	單次 Single	NT\$1,600	US\$50	NT\$800	US\$25	
	多次 Multiple	NT\$3,200	US\$100	NT\$1,600	US\$50	
居留簽證費 Resident visa fees	單次 Single	NT\$2,200	US\$66	NT\$1,100	US\$33	
	多次 Multiple	NT\$4,400	US\$132	NT\$2,200	US\$66	

二、適用對象：持美國護照者

Applicable to: U.S. passport holders

收費別 Category	簽證種類 Visa types	新臺幣 NT Dollars	美元 US Dollars	速件處理費 Rush handling fees		備註 Remark
				新臺幣 NT Dollars	美元 US Dollars	
相對處理費 Reciprocal handling fees	一般簽證事由之單次停留簽證 Single-entry visitor visa for general purposes	NT\$4,960	US\$160	NT\$800	US\$25	112年3月2日起生效 in force starting from March 2, 2023
	一般簽證事由之多次停留簽證 Multiple-entry visitor visa for general purposes	NT\$4,960	US\$160	NT\$1,600	US\$50	
	一般簽證事由之單次居留簽證 Single-entry resident visa for general purposes	NT\$4,960	US\$160	NT\$1,100	US\$33	
	投資事由之多次停留簽證 Multiple-entry visitor visa for investment purpose	NT\$6,355	US\$205	NT\$1,600	US\$50	
	投資事由之單次居留簽證 Single-entry resident visa for investment purpose	NT\$6,355	US\$205	NT\$1,100	US\$33	

三、適用對象：包括持美國護照之所有國家護照者

Applicable to: passport holders of all countries including U.S.

收費別 Category	新臺幣 NT Dollars	美元 US Dollars
特別手續費 *於抵我國時申請簽證，或於國內改換簽證時加收之費用 Special handling fees * Visa fees for applications submitted upon arrival at ports of entry into Taiwan, or submitted for converting to other visas inside Taiwan.	NT\$800	US\$24

四、適用對象：簽證申請案件須拍發電報者，預收之電報規費收費數額如下：

Applicable to: Standard fee for visa application which requires a cable fee

地 區 Area	電報費(來回雙程) Cable fee (round way)		電報費(單程) Cable fee (one way)	
			由本局發電 Cable by BOCA	由外館發電 Cable by oversea mission
	新臺幣 NT Dollars	美元 US Dollars	新臺幣 NT Dollars	美元 US Dollars
亞太地區 Asia 歐洲地區 Europe	NT\$130	US\$4	NT\$50	US\$2.5
亞西地區 West Asia 非洲地區 Africa	NT\$150	US\$4.5	NT\$50	US\$3
北美地區 North America 港澳地區 Hong Kong and Macao	NT\$100	US\$3	NT\$50	US\$1.5
中南美地區 Latin America	NT\$160	US\$5	NT\$50	US\$3.5
附註：電報以 1 頁為限，倘超過 1 頁或附有附件，則每頁依上列數額加收費用。 Note: One page per telegraph limit. Each extra page or extra attached file will be charged with a cable fee.				

備註：在中華民國境內請以新臺幣繳費；在中華民國境外請依駐外館處公告之幣別繳費。

Remark: Payment must be made in NT dollars inside the R.O.C.

If the application is submitted abroad, payment would be made in the local currency designated by the R.O.C. overseas missions.