

Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) – India

Frequently Asked Questions (Q&A)

(Accurate as of 2026; subject to change according to future regulations)

The Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) supports foreigners to study Mandarin in Taiwan. Below is a Q&A for frequently asked questions. Please note that the information provided below is accurate as of 2026 and may be subject to change in accordance with future regulatory changes. If you have questions or concerns, it is best to contact us at: India@mail.moe.gov.tw

APPLICATIONS

Q – Does selecting longer scholarship periods (e.g. 9 months or a year) preclude me from being considered for shorter scholarship period (e.g. 3 or 6 months)?

A – Yes.

For Indian applicants, the available scholarship durations are only 3 months and 6 months. The 9-month and a year option is not available under the India HES scheme.

If you apply for a 6-month period, you may still be considered for a 3-month award if the committee deems it more appropriate. As with all HES schemes, longer durations are generally more competitive.

Q – Do I need to authenticate my highest degree and transcript?

A – All academic certificates and transcripts must be submitted in English.

If your documents are issued by an Indian institution and are already in English, no additional authentication is normally required at the time of application.

If your documents were issued outside India, you may be required to have them authenticated by the relevant Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECC) responsible for the country of issuance.

Final authentication requirements, if any, will be communicated to successful candidates during the post-selection process.

Q – Do I need to provide test results of my Mandarin proficiency to be considered for the HES?

A – Yes.

Unlike some other regions, Indian applicants must provide language proficiency proof in either Mandarin or English.

You may submit:

Mandarin proficiency:

- TOCFL Level 1 certificate

OR

English proficiency:

- IELTS 5.0 or above
- TOEFL iBT 35–45 or above / pBT 450–477 or above
- OR an official transcript showing a minimum score of 90/100 in an English-taught program

Preference is given to applicants with stronger language proficiency (e.g., TOCFL A1 or IELTS 5.5 and above).

Q – What makes a good application? How can I boost my chances of selection?

A – There are generally three key areas where the committee assesses applications:

1. Study Plan

The study plan section is the applicant's opportunity to explain their motivation for studying Mandarin in Taiwan and how they plan to use their time effectively.

Strong applications:

- Clearly explain why Taiwan is chosen
- Demonstrate commitment to Mandarin learning
- Show awareness of Taiwanese society and culture
- Present realistic and structured study goals

2. Academic and Professional Performance

Applicants are assessed based on:

- Academic background
- Employment or extracurricular involvement
- Reference letters
- Academic transcripts

Strong applicants demonstrate:

- Consistent academic effort
- Professional or extracurricular achievements
- Cross-cultural engagement (especially with Taiwan or Chinese-speaking contexts)

3. Value and Purpose

The HES is a publicly funded program. The committee looks for candidates who show how their study in Taiwan will:

- Benefit their personal and professional development
- Increase understanding of Taiwanese culture and society
- Strengthen people-to-people ties between India and Taiwan

Applicants who convincingly articulate this broader impact tend to perform strongest.

VISAS

Q – Taiwan has visa-free entry for some nationalities. Do I still need to apply for a visa? What visa should I apply for?

A – Indian recipients should apply for a Student Visa for Studying Mandarin in Taiwan, issued by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center (TECC)- New Delhi, Mumbai or Chennai. You should not enter Taiwan on a tourist or visa-free basis to study Mandarin.

For the visa to Taiwan, you can apply from any of the three offices.

All visa-related inquiries should be directed to TECC India via

ind@mofa.gov.tw

bom@mofa.gov.tw

Jurisdiction of TECC Offices for Document Processing

If document verification is required, applicants should approach the Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre (TECC) office according to the state or Union Territory from which their documents originate.

1. TECC Chennai

Applicants whose documents originate from the following states must approach TECC Chennai:

- Andhra Pradesh
- Karnataka
- Kerala
- Tamil Nadu
- Telangana

2. TECC Mumbai

Applicants whose documents originate from the following states and Union Territories must approach TECC Mumbai:

- Maharashtra
- Gujarat
- Madhya Pradesh
- Goa
- Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu

3. TECC New Delhi

Applicants whose documents originate from all remaining States and Union Territories of India must approach TECC New Delhi.

Q – Can I still apply for a visa if I am overseas (outside of India)?

A – Yes.

If you are residing outside India, you should apply at the nearest TECO/TECC office in the country you are currently living in.

You do not need to be physically present in India to apply for a Taiwan visa, provided you apply at the appropriate TECO/TECC office.

STUDYING IN TAIWAN

Q – I wasn't awarded my desired number of months, is there any way for me to extend the duration of my scholarship?

A – Yes

Under the India HES scheme, only 3-month and 6-month awards are available. Extensions beyond the awarded duration are not guaranteed and generally not supported.

Students may be granted an extension of the scholarship on a case-by-case basis. Generally, the key factors we consider include the student's academic performance, a Letter of Recommendation from their teacher in Taiwan, active participation during the program, and supporting evidence such as social media sharing, reports or photographs from their stay in Taiwan.

Q – Can I study outside of the eligible scholarship period?

A – No.

For Indian recipients, the eligible study period runs from 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027.

If recipients fail to arrive and enroll within the designated period, they will forfeit their scholarship.

Study with HES outside this window is not permitted.

Q – Can I change my language school?

A – No.

Recipients under the India HES scheme are not allowed to transfer to another Mandarin Language Center after confirmation.

You must remain enrolled at the language center stated in your approved admission letter.

Q – Can I change my time of study?

A – Changes to your study start date or period are generally not encouraged and must remain strictly within the eligible scholarship window.

Any request for changes must be reported immediately to TECC India. Approval is not guaranteed and depends on administrative feasibility.

Q – Do I need to maintain a grade average while studying in Taiwan?

A – Yes.

Your scholarship may be terminated if your:

- Academic performance
- Attendance
- Conduct

do not meet the standards of your Mandarin Language Center.

If you are awarded a 6 month HES award, you will need to maintain a mark average of 80% or above, as calculated at the end of each term.

If you fail to maintain a 80% or above mark average, one month of your scholarship funding will be suspended in the following term.

Q – Do I need to submit reports?

A – Yes.

Recipients are required to submit reports (with photos) to TECC India via india@mail.moe.gov.tw describing your learning