## Information for Visitor Visa to Taiwan

People who are eligible to apply for a Visitor Visa

Foreign nationals, who hold ordinary passports or other legal travel documents and who intend to stay in the Republic of China for less than six months for the purpose of transit, tourism, visiting relatives, attending a training course, receiving medical treatment or engaging in business or other permissible activities.

Basic Required

Documents

The following documents are required for all applicants. Visitors who have any affiliations with people living in Taiwan (including foreign nationals holding an Alien Resident Certificate) may be required to supply information or documents in "Additional Requirement B" as well as in "Additional Requirement A".

- A passport valid for at least six months before entry to Taiwan.
   Non-New Zealand passport holders must have a valid permit to stay in New Zealand.
- 2. A completed and signed online application form <a href="https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw">https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw</a>
- 3. Two passport-sized photos. White or very pale background. The size of face image must comply with the following size 2.5cm from top to chin, 2.2cm wide from left cheek to right cheek.
- 4. Travel itinerary or a copy of applicant's electronic ticket with inbound flight into and outbound flight from Taiwan.
- The most recent financial statement for the current account possessed under the name of the applicant. The financial statement must be issued by a recognized bank.
- Self-addressed prepaid courier bag (or a postal bag with tracking facility) if you do not wish to collect the passport from TECO Office. For security reason please do not enclose normal post, self-stamped envelope.
- 7. Visa Application Fee. The office CANNOT receive Credit Card

	payments or process EFPOS transactions. Please make the payment either in cash (if paying in person) or in a bank cheque made out to Taipei Economic and Cultural Office.  8. Other relevant documents.
Visa Application Fee	Single Entry: NZ\$74.00 per applicant  Multiple Entry and U.S. Citizens: Please contact TECO for visa application fee.
Additional Requirement A	<ul> <li>Applying for visitor visa for tourism purpose</li> <li>Proof of financial funds – ie. The most recent financial statement for the current account possessed under the name of the applicant. The financial statement must be issued by a recognized bank.</li> <li>Travel plan</li> <li>Applying for visitor visa for the purpose of employment (lead to Residency)</li> <li>Original confirmation letter of the job offer issued by the employer (organization/company letterhead required).</li> <li>Approval letter issued by Council of Labor Affairs, Executive Yuan, Taiwan (CLA) (Employers must apply for the work permit from CLA for employees), or proof that the employer has lodged the application for the work permit to the Council of Labor Affairs.</li> <li>Applying for visitor visa for the purpose of undergoing internshp</li> <li>Approval letter issued by the related government agency (e.g. Permit issued by Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Health and Welfare)</li> <li>Applying for visitor visa for the purpose of studying Chinese Language in Taiwan</li> <li>Original Acceptance letter issued by the institute/school where you will be enrolling. A copy of the letter must also be enclosed with</li> </ul>

- the original.
- A letter describing your motive and plan for studying Chinese in Taiwan
- Other copied material documents issued by the institute/school

Apply for the visitor visa for joining immediate family members, including spouse or parents (with the possibility of leading to Residency) Joining family does not include the purpose of joining a de facto partner. For a genuine visit combining the holiday, please see "Additional Document B"

- Proof of family relationship ie. A copy of marriage certificate if
  joining spouse; or the birth certificates of children who wish to join
  parents; or household registration issued within the last 3 months
- Proof of relative's residence in Taiwan ie. Household registration issued within the last 3 months, a copy of the passport front page or National ID Card or Alien Residence Certificate/Permanent Residence Certificate signed by the person who holds the supplied ID document (spouse and within 3 generation only)
- A letter to the visa officer, explaining the purpose of joining family.

Applying for the visitor visa for business visit, attending conference/training courses, or for other special occasions:

- A letter of invitation issued by the organization/business that is located in Taiwan. The letter must include the organization letterhead, an official contact number and physical address, as well as the name of a contact person from the organization.
- A letter of confirmation detailing the sponsorship if the applicant is sponsored for the visit. The letter must be issued by the organization that sponsors the visit. If the sponsor is the organization that issues the letter of invitation, then the letter of sponsorship is not required.
- If the activity is self-sponsored, then a most recent financial statement must be provided according to the requirement listed in "applying for the visitor visa for holidaying" along with accommodation booking confirmation issued by the hotel/accommodation service in Taiwan.
- Other supporting documents for the visit

## For those who have any affiliations/contacts/friendly association with people residing in Taiwan and if these people are partly/fully involved in the applicant's visit or invite them to stay, following supporting documents are required. Invitation for visit from the person residing in Taiwan. The letter must include their legal full name matches to their passports or Additional Requirement B Identity Card, the National ID no or ARC ID no, as well as their contact phone number and address. These details can be provided in the spaces provided in the Visa Application Form. A copy of ID supplied by the person from Taiwan in the formation stated in "Additional Requirement A". 14 days, 30 days, 60 days, or 90 days Note: Visitor Visa holders who are permitted to stay in Taiwan for 60 or 90 days and whose visas bear no such remark as "no extension will be granted" may apply at local service centers of the National Immigration Agency for a maximum of 120 or 90 days of extensions. For more information, please visit the following website: **Duration of Stay** http://www.immigration.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=1092487&ctNode=30085 &mp=2Application form (Multiple Purpose Application Form for Foreigners): http://www.immigration.gov.tw/lp.asp?ctNode=30086&CtUnit=16741&B aseDSD=112&mp=2 A standard visitor visa has three-month validity. Please do not lodge the visa application more than three months prior to entry to Taiwan. Visitor Visa holders are not permitted to undertake employment in Taiwan without prior authorization. Notes about Visitor Visa Short-term visitors with a 14, 30 or 60 days Duration of Stay visa that is marked "no extension" must leave the country by the date of expiration of the duration of stay. Cholera and Yellow Fever Vaccinations are required if arriving

from affected areas. Precautions against Cholera, Typhoid and

	Polio are recommended. Tap water should be boiled.
Notes about Visa Application Handling	<ul> <li>A visitor visa normally takes 5 – 7 working days to issue, excluding the time for passports to be returned to applicants. Applications with insufficient supporting documents will delay the process.</li> <li>Visa section does not accept any visa applications from overseas; or issuing visas on passports that are required to be posted overseas.</li> <li>A visa is only issued when the visa officer is satisfied with the application. Other additional documents for verification or identification purposes may be required by visa officers.</li> <li>Visa applications do not process according to applicants' flight date. You are responsible to change your flight if the visa has to be issued with a delayed schedule.</li> <li>Visas are issued as stipulated by Article 12 of the Statute Governing Issuance of ROC Visas for Foreign Passports. As a sovereign nation, the ROC has the right to refuse applications for visas without providing any explanation for such decisions; visa application fee is not refundable.</li> </ul>
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