

# Visitor Visa for Seafarers

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## **REQUIREMENTS**

- Application form  
Go to website: <https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw>. Fill out the application form online and print it out. Make sure the application form shows a bar code on it. Sign the application form.
  
- Two colored passport- size photos  
Place two (2) glossy, 2"x1.5", white background photos that were taken within the last six (6) months on the application form.
  
- Passport  
The passport must be valid for at least 6 months with blank pages. One photocopy of the passport bio page with the applicant's photo is required.
  
- Letter of Guarantee from Taiwan shipping agent in Chinese letterhead addressed to TECO and the local shipping agency, containing the following information:
  - (1) Complete list of all seafarers' names, together with respective passport numbers and seaman's book numbers
  - (2) Complete name, date of departure, and port of entry of the shipping vessel
  - (3) Taiwan shipping agent's name in Chinese character, address and contact number
  - (4) Information of local Shipping Agent in the Philippines
  
- Taiwanese shipping company's registration issued by ROC (Taiwan) Governmental authorities
  
- Letter of Guarantee from local shipping agent in the Philippines addressed to TECO, containing the following information:
  - (1) Complete list of all seafarers' names, together with respective passport numbers and seaman's book numbers
  - (2) Complete name, date of departure, and port of entry of the shipping vessel
  - (3) Information of Taiwan Shipping Agent

- Flagship Certificate of the vessel issued by the government of flag state
- Seafarer's Identification and Seaman's Book (must be valid for at least six months)
- Seafarer's valid Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC) and Contract of Employment, issued or approved by Filipino Governmental authorities and containing the following information:
  - (1) Complete list of all seafarers' names, together with respective passport numbers and seaman's book numbers
  - (2) Complete name, date of departure, and port of entry of the shipping vessel
  - (3) Information of Taiwanese shipping agent and local shipping agent in the Philippines
- PSA Birth Certificate (only those with Philippine passports)
- PSA Marriage Certificate (if a female applicant is married; only those with Philippine passports)
- Other supporting documents
  - (1) ID of local Filipino's shipping agent
  - (2) The applicant will be scheduled for an interview if required. Other additional documents may be required during processing.

## **NOTICES**

1. All documents submitted to this office must be original with one (1) set of photocopies on A4-sized paper. Original documents are to be returned after review.
2. Visas are issued as stipulated by Article 12 of the Statute governing the issuance of ROC visas for foreign passports. As a sovereign nation, the ROC has the right to refuse visa applications without providing any explanation for such decisions; the visa application fee is not refundable.