

Resident Visas for Overseas Chinese Students

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QUALIFICATIONS

Overseas Chinese students who, while still remaining outside of the R.O.C. (Taiwan), are jointly assigned to universities/colleges, vocational schools or high schools and below by the ministry of education of the university entrance committee for overseas Chinese students.

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.

Health certificate

(1)The health certificate should be issued within three (3) months by one of the overseas hospitals in the Philippines authorized by Taiwan Centers for Disease Control of the Ministry of Health and Welfare of the R.O.C. (Taiwan). Please review the list of accredited hospitals and clinics at <https://www.cdc.gov.tw/En/Category/ListContent/C4w0xUaCBCKzdd6BxDGWcA?uid=hyLQahxQbQVM1NEt-Bbe1Q>).

(2)Visit the website of Taiwan's CDC at https://www.cdc.gov.tw/En/Category/ListContent/C4w0xUaCBCKzdd6BxDGWcA?uid=y9n9sbUrcg_Pj6lGIPVDCA for health checkup items and download the form for Health Certificate.

Notice of assignment

(1)Applicants must be determined by the Overseas Community Affairs Council as qualified overseas Chinese students, and are assigned to local schools by the Ministry of Education or the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students in accordance with the "Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan."

- (2) The notice of assignment must be issued by the Ministry of Education or the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students.
- (3) For visa producing purpose, correct Chinese translation of the names of schools and programs is required.
- (4) Transcripts and records of enrollment and registration are required of applicants who are already enrolled in school in R.O.C. (Taiwan) and desire to apply for a resident visa. Applicants who have previously put their studies on hold and wish to resume study must present proof of both suspension and resumption of study.

□ Highest education diploma and transcripts

- (1) For diplomas and transcripts issued in Philippines, the original documents must be authenticated by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines (TECO).
- (2) For diplomas and transcripts issued outside Philippines, all documents should be authenticated by the corresponding R.O.C. (Taiwan) Overseas Missions. If the documents are written with the language other than Chinese or English, a Chinese or English translation authenticated by the corresponding R.O.C. (Taiwan) Overseas Missions is also required.

□ Proof of no criminal record issued by competent authorities of the applicant's country

- (1) Documents should be issued within one (1) year prior to the application for a Resident Visa. If the document has an expiration date, the resident visa application must be submitted before that- date.
- (2) A Chinese or English translation of any document written in a language other than English is required and must be authenticated by a R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission.

□ Proof of financial support (either of personal or family bank statements with detailed six-month bank transactions, or the proof of full scholarship and school sponsorship)

- (1) Bank statements showing 6-months transaction history or records of remittance provided by the applicant or his/her relatives within the third degree of kinship (only grandparents, parents, and siblings) with household registration/ birth certificate/ family book to prove the relationship.
- (2) A bank statement must be issued within 30 days with at least Php 240,000.00 maintaining balance to cover the student's tuition costs for one academic year plus the basic cost of living in Taiwan for six (6) months. (The minimum monthly wage in Taiwan is about NTD 25,250 in 2022, approximately PHP 40,000.00 per month.)
- (3) For beneficiaries of government or university scholarships (full or partial), a proof of scholarship stating the period, exact tuition coverage, and monthly stipend must be submitted along with a bank statement showing a (6) six-month transaction history and any amount.

□ 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: The following documents may be required on a case-by-case basis:
 - (1) The purpose for traveling to Taiwan (study plan)
 - (2) Parental and guardian consent in Taiwan
 - (3) Guarantee letter
 - (4) Certification of language proficiency
 - (5) Photocopies of the Visitor Visa and immigration entry stamp
 - (6) The applicant will be scheduled for an interview if required.
 - (7) 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.
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.
3. All required documents mentioned-above must be submitted with the original and one copy. Original documents are to be returned after review.
4. Documents issued outside of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) must be authenticated by the corresponding R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission. If the documents are in languages other than Chinese or English, the accompanying Chinese- or English-translation version is also required and must be authenticated by an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission.
5. Obtaining a school admission permit does not guarantee the issuance of a Resident Visa. Obtaining a Resident Visa does not entitle the visa holder to enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan).
6. Those who enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan) without a visa or with a landing visa and those who enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan) on a Visitor Visa not for the purpose of undertaking studies may not apply for a Resident Visa or an extension of duration of stay on the ground of undertaking studies. Those not enrolled as full-time students may not apply for a Resident Visa on the ground of undertaking studies.
7. Those who enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan) on a Resident Visa or get a Resident Visa after having arrived in the R.O.C. (Taiwan) must apply for an Alien Resident Certificate and Re-entry Permit at local service centers of the National Immigration Agency. The former must apply within 15 days from the next day of arrival, and the latter must apply within 15 days from the Resident Visa issuance date. Duration of stay is noted on the Alien Resident Certificate.