



## Information on Working Holiday Scheme in Taiwan

The ROC (Taiwan) government has entered into Arrangements on a working Holiday Scheme with foreign governments in order to promote people-to-people exchanges, encourage and enhance the interaction of ROC youth with those of other countries, and increase mutual understanding. The primary intention of working holiday makers for coming to Taiwan is to holiday, but they may supplement their funds and to experience a foreign culture through incidental employment. Therefore, this scheme shall not apply to those who seek full-time jobs, to study, or to stay for long periods for other purposes. The ROC visas issued shall be marked with "WH"

<p><b>People who are eligible to apply for becoming a Working Holiday Maker in Taiwan</b></p>	<p>Citizens of Australia, Japan and New Zealand, who are between 18 and 30 years, both inclusive, at the time of application. Family members of working holiday visa holders, including spouse and children, shall not apply for visas as dependents to come along.</p> <p><b>All applicants are advised to lodge their WH Visitor Visa Applications at the ROC (Taiwan) Overseas missions in their home countries.</b></p>
<p><b>Required Documents</b></p>	<p><b>The following documents are required for all applicants</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A passport valid for at least 12 months before scheduled entry to Taiwan</li><li>2. A completed and signed Working Holiday visa application form. If you</li></ol>

- lodge your visa application through a travel agent, the agent must sign in the space provided at the bottom of visa application form.
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. A confirmed round trip travel itinerary or a copy of applicant's electronic ticket with inbound flight to and outbound flight from Taiwan
  5. 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.
  6. Visa Application Fee. The office DOES NOT receive payments made by a credit card or EFPOS. Please make the payment either in cash (if pay at the office reception) or by a bank cheque.
  7. A financial proof of at least NT\$100,000 for living expenses in Taiwan (proof can be demonstrated in travelers cheques or in bank statements). The most recent financial statement should be the current account owned under the name of the applicant. The financial statement must be issued by a recognized bank.
  8. A proof of full medical and hospitalization insurance subscription during the stay in the ROC (Taiwan).
  9. A Health certificate is required for Australian applicants.

### **Visa Application Fee**

NZ \$180.00 per applicant (When the fee is updated, it will be announced on the office website).

- A Working Holiday (WH) visitor visa has twelve-month validity, from the date of issue to the date of expiry. Please do not lodge the visa application more than 12 months prior to entry in Taiwan.
- The WH Visitor Visa is a Multiple-Entry Visa, which allows for multiple entries into and exit from the ROC (Taiwan) during the validity of the visa.
- Regulations after Entry: WH Visitor Visa Holders shall not apply for changing their WH visas to other types of visas based on other reasons once they enter the ROC (Taiwan).
- WH Visitor Visa Holders' Activities after Entry

➤ **Work Permit not required**

## Notes about Working Holiday Visa

As long as in accordance with the purpose of entry, working holiday makers may work legally during their stay in ROC (Taiwan) to earn their living expenses. They should not work for the same employer for more than three months. In addition, holders of working holiday visas should not work for the entire one year of their visit. In accordance with Article 4 of "Regulations Governing the Permits for Employing Foreigners and Management", working holiday visas issued by the ROC Embassy, Consulate and overseas missions shall be regarded as work permits. Therefore WH visa holders are not required to apply for a work permit with the Council of Labour Affairs of the Executive Yuan. However those who engage in professional or technical work shall meet the necessary qualification requirements and laws of regulations for practice by the ROC (Taiwan). Visa holders should not work for a period that exceeds the validity of their visas.

## **Notes about Visa Application Handling**

- A visitor visa normally takes 6 - 8 working days to issue, excluding the time for passports to be returned to applicants. Applications with insufficient supporting documents can not have the visas issued according to the promised deadline.
- Visa section does not accept any visa applications from overseas; or issuing visas on passports that are required to be posted overseas.
- 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.
- 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.
- Delivery of Documents: Documents for visa applications should be sent by applicants, or by a commissioned proxy or travel agency.

### **➤ Study Time Restriction**

As the main purpose of working holiday makers is not for full-time studies, applicants cannot undertake any formal courses other than Chinese Language courses in Taiwan and this shall not be more than 3 months of duration. The language centres of universities recognized by the Ministry of Education, ROC (Taiwan) shall be based on the updated list announced by the Ministry.

### **➤ Tax payments relating to employments**

Please refer your enquiries to the National Tax Bureau of the Ministry of Finance.

- Interviews: Visa officers may ask visa applicants to attend an interview at Taipei Economic and Cultural Office. In case of an interview is required, applicants must book a date and time with the visa section and arrives in the office on time. If the interview has to be cancelled owing to unforeseen circumstances, the visa applicant or their next of kin must notify the visa section before or on the starting of the date where the interview will be taking place.
- Visa Application refusal: In accordance with Article 12 of the Status Governing Issurance of ROC Visas on Foreign Passports, **the ROC government has the right to deny the issue of a visa without disclosing the reason**. In Accordance with Article 7 of Standard Fee Rates for ROC Visas on Foreign Passports, ***"if visa applications are denied, the application fees charged are not refundable."***

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