

RESIDENT VISAS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

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REQUIREMENTS	DESCRIPTION
Full-time PhD, Master’ s, Bachelor’ s program, or senior high school Students and below	
1. 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.
2. Two color passport-size photos	Paste on the application form two color passport-size photos with a white background taken within 6 months.
3. Passport and one photocopy of the passport	The passport must be valid for at least 6 months and there are blank pages left in it.One photocopy of the passport bio-page including the holder’ s picture is required.
4. Original and one photocopy of health certificate	<p>1. The health certificate should be issued within 3 months by one of the local hospitals designated by the Centers for Disease Control of Ministry of Health and Welfare of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) or a foreign hospital.Health certificates issued by foreign hospitals must be authenticated by an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission.</p> <p>2.Visit the website of the Centers for Disease Control at http://www.cdc.gov.tw/english/index.aspx for health checkup items and list of designated local hospitals.</p>
5. Original and one photocopy of admission permit or record of enrollment, registration and transcripts	<p>1. For school applications and admission permits, follow the instructions of the “Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan” promulgated by the Ministry of Education.</p> <p>2. The admission permit is required for Resident Visa application.</p> <p>3. For high schools and below, only students from countries whose citizens are allowed to enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan) under visa-waiver program may enroll in high schools that are accredited to accept foreign students by the</p>

	<p>Ministry of Education.</p> <p>4. Students already studying in the R.O.C. (Taiwan) on a Visitor Visa and wishing to apply for a Resident Visa are required to present the record of enrollment and registration as well as transcripts.</p>
6. Highest education diploma and transcripts	<p>1. Foreign diplomas and transcripts must be authenticated by an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission. For diplomas and transcripts in languages other than Chinese or English, a Chinese- or English-translation version is also required. The original-language diploma, transcript, and accompanying Chinese- or English-translation must be authenticated by an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission.</p> <p>2. If the diploma and transcripts have been sealed and mailed by the school the applicant last studied at to the school inside the R.O.C. (Taiwan) the applicant intends to enroll in but not authenticated by an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission, a statement from the school in the R.O.C. (Taiwan) the applicant intends to enroll in is required. The statement should attest that sealed documents have been mailed to the school and that the applicant has been determined to be qualified for enrollment.</p>
7. Original and one photocopy of proof of financial support	<p>Proof of financial support from other countries must be authenticated by an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission.</p>
8. Other supporting documents	<p>Supporting documents such as the purpose of visiting Taiwan, parental consent, letter of guarantee by references in Taiwan, consent from the guardians in Taiwan or proof of no-criminal record may be required on a case-by-case basis. Students who apply for a Resident Visa after having arrived in the R.O.C. (Taiwan) are required to present also one photocopy of the Visitor Visa and the immigration entry stamp.</p>
Exchange students	
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1. Application form	<p>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</p>

	application form.
2. Two color passport-size photos	Paste on the application form two color passport-size photos with a white background taken within 6 months.
3. Passport and one photocopy of the passport	The passport must be valid for at least 6 months and there are blank pages left in it. One photocopy of the passport bio-page including the holder's picture is required.
4. Original and one photocopy of health certificate	<p>1. The health certificate should be issued within 3 months by one of the local hospitals designated by the Centers for Disease Control of Ministry of Health and Welfare of the R.O.C. (Taiwan). Health Certificates issued by foreign hospitals must be authenticated by an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission.</p> <p>2. Visit the website of the Centers for Disease Control at http://www.cdc.gov.tw/english/index.aspx for health checkup items list of designated local hospitals.</p>
5. Original and one photocopy of letter of approval issued by university/college or competent authorities of education	<p>1. During their stay, exchange students are required to follow the instructions of the "Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan."</p> <p>2. For university/college exchange students, a letter of approval issued by the university/college they intend to enroll in is required.</p> <p>3. For senior high school students, a letter of approval issued by the Ministry of Education or city/county Bureau of Education is required.</p>
6. Original and one photocopy of admission permit or record of enrollment and registration	<p>1. For university/college exchange students, an admission permit issued by the university/college they intend to enroll in is required.</p> <p>2. Students already studying in the R.O.C. (Taiwan) on a Visitor Visa and wishing to apply for a Resident Visa are required to present the record of enrollment and registration.</p>
7. Original and one photocopy of the overseas school's record of enrollment	The record of enrollment or student ID issued by the overseas school which the student is originally from.

8. Other supporting documents	To be decided on a case-by-case basis.Students who apply for a Resident Visa after having arrived in the R.O.C. (Taiwan) are required to present also one photocopy of the Visitor Visa and the immigration entry stamp.
Application Procedure	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicants outside of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) who meet the requirements for students' Resident Visa are advised to apply for the visa from an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission. 2. Applicants who enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan) on a Visitor Visa which qualifies the applicants for Resident Visa application for the purpose of undertaking studies must apply for a Resident Visa 7 work days before the duration of stay expires.Applicants may apply to the Bureau of Consular Affairs or any of its Central, Southwestern, Southern, or Eastern Taiwan Offices. 	
Notice	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visa issuance is an act of sovereignty.According to the “Statute Governing Issuance of R.O.C. Visas in Foreign Passport” and “Enforcement Rules for the Issuance of R.O.C. Visas to Foreign-Passport Holders,” the R.O.C. reserves the right not to issue a visa and is under no obligation to disclose the reason. Application fee for no-issuance cases is non-refundable. 2. Processing of Resident Visa application inside the R.O.C. (Taiwan) takes 7 work days.Resident Visa applicants are advised to apply to the Bureau of Consular Affairs 7 work days before the duration of stay expires.Application will be turned down and fee not refunded in the event that required documents are not submitted in full within 7 days after the applicant is informed by the Bureau of Consular Affairs. In the event that the applicant's duration of stay expires while the Resident Visa is under processing and eventually rejected, the applicant is to assume the sole responsibility of overstay and the penalty therefore imposed. 3. Original documents are to be returned after review.Documents produced outside of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and in languages other than Chinese or English must be accompanied by a Chinese- or English-translation version.The original-language documents and the accompanying Chinese- or English-translation version must be authenticated by an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission. 4. For visa application fees, please refer to “Standard Fees for R.O.C.(Taiwan) Visas in Foreign Passports” . 5. 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.

6. 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 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.

7. 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).

ABBREVIATIONS:

1. BOCA - Bureau of Consular Affairs

2. R.O.C. - Republic of China

3. R.O.C. overseas missions- R.O.C. embassies, consulates and representative offices,
or other agencies authorized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the R.O.C.

4. MOFA - Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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