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Bureau of Consular Affairs

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www.taiwan.net.tw

Workforce Development Agency, Ministry of Labor

www.wda.gov.tw/en/index.jsp

Information for foreign visitors

http://iff.immigration.net



Practical Matters

Driving in Taiwan



The following countries have signed reciprocal agreements with Taiwan on exchanging driver's licenses without tests: Australia (not all areas), Belgium, Canada (nine provinces), France, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Poland, and Slovakia.

Motorcycles and scooters

Taiwan has the world's highest per capita ownership of motorcycles and scooters, which offer a cheaper and more convenient alternative to cars.

Driver's license test questions

Sample questions can be downloaded through this QR code:



Bikes



Taiwan is a very bike friendly place. Go green and stay fit with some urban commuting or a weekend ride along our cities' extensive riverside bike paths—or if you're really up

for it, take on the challenge of an epic, round-island tour.

For more details about YouBike, Taiwan's convenient and hugely popular bike rental scheme, please visit www.youbike.com.tw.

Visa applications and working holiday schemes

The process is relatively painless, we promise. Check out the visa section of the Bureau of Consular Affairs website to see what's required for your country: www.boca.gov.tw

Healthcare and insurance



Taiwan's much vaunted healthcare system is a great reason to feel safe here. One of the main documents you'll require to apply for a working holiday visa is proof of overseas travel health insurance for the duration of your stay (unless you're a Brit... then you are eligible to enroll in Taiwan's National Health Insurance program due to a bilateral agreement).

Hostels

While you may eventually want to find a place to rent, perhaps the best option is to start off at a youth hostel:

Taiwan Youth Hostel Association
www.yh.org.tw
Hostelling International
www.hihostels.com



Housing rental websites

Try HomeAway or Airbnb to give you an idea of what to expect in the local rental market. For a more monthly perspective, have a look at Tsuei Ma Ma Foundation (follow the English link at <http://rent.tmm.org>).



Taiwanese and Chinese Culture

Besides work, you can also...

- Immerse yourself in traditional Chinese culture, preserved like nowhere else, with Taiwanese characteristics
- Awaken your senses to a whole new realm of sights, smells, and sounds
- Enjoy one of the widely available scholarships
- Learn traditional Chinese characters
- Tap into the energy of what is rapidly becoming the Asian century

For information about learning Mandarin and studying in Taiwan, please visit the Taiwan Academy (www.taiwanacademy.tw) or Study in Taiwan (www.studyintaiwan.org) websites.

You can also use this QR code to find available Mandarin programs:



Looking After Yourself

Taiwan is one of the safest countries in the world, but the usual precautions still apply (be careful with your personal belongings, watch out for traffic...and so on).

Respect local customs

Getting to understand local culture will make your journey go all the more smoothly. So take your shoes off at the door, watch how you leave your chopsticks in your bowl, and don't be picking up fruits from the offering tables.

Get a written contract

A written contract is better than a verbal agreement for your job. Ask your employer to provide a written contract so that your rights and interests are protected.



Working Holidays in Taiwan



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS-REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)



About Taiwan

Ilha Formosa, the beautiful island, is how early Portuguese explorers described it. Taiwan today is a thriving and liberal democracy known for its easygoing charm and love for all things high tech. Its relatively low cost and high standard of living, state-of-the-art transport systems, superfast broadband, and fabulously friendly people, always happy to help, make staying here a breeze.

Languages: Mandarin Chinese, Taiwanese, and Hakka. Lots of people can speak English, too.

Population: 23.56 millions (2017)

Currency: New Taiwan Dollar, NT\$

Per capita national income: US\$21,094(2017)



Exploring Taiwan

Taiwan is a country of limitless opportunity for personal development, from learning Mandarin Chinese to every other interest under the sun.

Subtropical and bustling in the north, tropical and laidback in the south, the range of vistas and experiences on offer will take your breath away. Sun Moon Lake and river tracing, Mt. Jade and climbing, Taitung beaches and surfing, the modern metropolis of Taipei and city life, Kaohsiung and boating... the list goes on.



Taiwan is also a veritable melting pot, where East meets West. Traditional Chinese culture, which sits alongside indigenous communities, has evolved to reflect contemporary ways of living, and is increasingly influenced by immigrants from Southeast Asia and beyond.

You'll also get to taste a similarly diverse menu of gastronomic delights like beef noodle soup, oyster omelets, steamed dumplings, and a dazzling variety of fruits and vegetables.



Holiday, Work, and More

If you're between 18 and 35, come to Taiwan to shift your perspectives, build independence, and boost your competitiveness through a mix of travel, study, short-term training, and work. It's an opportunity that will pay lifelong dividends.

To help you make it happen, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has put all of the most pertinent information in English in one place, on our Working Holiday Program website.

www.youthtaiwan.net/WorkingHolidayen/

List of participating countries

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Poland, Slovakia, UK



Job Opportunities

Working holidaymakers can engage in any type of work, as long as it's legal. But for now, most available jobs are in the education, hospitality, and tourism industries. And please also note that to engage in a specialized or professional field such as medicine, architecture, or accountancy, you'll need to comply with related laws and regulations.

For more job information, please use this QR code:

