

Urgent Travel to Taiwan (for Taiwanese Citizens in NZ)

The standard processing time for an electronic passport (e-passport) issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) is 20~25 working days. If you urgently need to return to Taiwan due to special circumstances, you can choose one of the following three temporary solutions based on your personal situation.

Options	Fee	Processing Time	Important Notes
Apply for a 1-year emergency passport (非晶片緊急護照) from the local TECO office.	NZD 17	● By Mail: Generally, 5 working days from the date the remittance is confirmed received. ● In Person: Applicants for urgent reasons must make an appointment first. The office will endeavor to complete it within 2 working days depending on the situation.	Some countries do not accept chip-less, short-term emergency passports for visa-free entry. If traveling beyond Taiwan, please verify entry rules with the destination's immigration authorities in advance.
Apply for an Entry Certificate (入國證明書) (a temporary emergency travel document).	NZD 9	● By Mail: Generally, 2 working days from the date the remittance is confirmed received. ● In Person: Applicants for urgent reasons must make an appointment first. The office will endeavor to complete it within 1 working day depending on the situation.	This certificate is primarily for registered Taiwanese citizens flying directly back to Taiwan. If transiting through a third country, you must check with the airline and transit country's immigration authorities in advance to ensure the document is accepted.
Enter Taiwan with a New Zealand passport (eligible for a 90-day visa waiver)			Travelers entering Taiwan with a foreign passport must comply with visa-free regulations. Using a foreign passport classifies you as a foreign national; therefore, you cannot renew your ROC (Taiwan) passport or restore your household registration while in Taiwan. Additionally, you must complete the Online Arrival Card before arrival. Dual-nationality citizens of draft age entering with a foreign passport remain subject to Taiwan's military service regulations.