

# Resident Visas for Studying Religious Doctrine

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## REQUIREMENTS

### ☐ Application form

Go to website: <https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw>.

Fill out the application form with your complete name (Surname, First name Middle Name) together with your signature on the second page. Please make sure that the bar-code located on the lower right hand side of the application form is readable.

### ☐ Two colored passport- size photos

(1) Place two (2) glossy, 2"x1.5", white background photos that were taken within the last six (6) months on the application form.

(2) Composite photos, selfies and altered photos will not be accepted.

### ☐ Passport

The passport must be valid for at least six (6) months from the date of the entry and have blank pages. One photocopy of the passport bio page with the applicant's photo is required.

### ☐ Certificate of Approval issued by competent authorities

(1) In accordance with the "Essential Notices Regarding Religious Group Applying Visa for Foreign National to Study Religious Doctrine in Taiwan," the religious organization or its affiliated religious doctrine study institute that invites the applicant must apply for a Certificate of Approval from the competent authority in Taiwan that is in charge of the registration of the inviting organization or institute. (Note: Depending on where the registration is made, the competent authority may be the Ministry of the Interior, special municipalities, or city/county governments in Taiwan.)

(2) The Certificate of Approval must indicate the name of applicant, applicant's passport numbers, birthdate, and the duration period of studying.

### ☐ Letter of admission from the inviting religious doctrine study institute

The period of studies should be more than six (6) months, and be consistent with the aforesaid Certificate of Approval.

### ☐ [Letter of Guarantee by the inviting religious doctrine study institute in Taiwan.](#) Cable fees will be charged (the front page is PHP 210 and each extra attached will be charged PHP 130 page).

- One photocopy of the Certificate of Registration of the inviting religious doctrine study institute issued by R.O.C. (Taiwan) Government
- 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?uaid=hyLQahxQbQVM1NEt-Bbe1Q> ).
  - (2) Visit the website of Taiwan Centers for Disease Control (CDC) at [https://www.cdc.gov.tw/En/Category/ListContent/C4w0xUaCBCKzdd6BxDGWcA?uaid=y9n9sbUrcg\\_Pj6lGIPVDCA](https://www.cdc.gov.tw/En/Category/ListContent/C4w0xUaCBCKzdd6BxDGWcA?uaid=y9n9sbUrcg_Pj6lGIPVDCA) for health checkup items and download the form for Health Certificate.
- 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) For Philippine passport holders a clearance from the NBI (National Bureau of Investigation) is required.
  - (3) Documents of no criminal records issued outside the Philippines should be authenticated by the R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission with consular district over the country where the documents were issued. If the documents are written in a language other than English, the accompanying Chinese- or English- translation of these documents is required and the translation must also be authenticated by the corresponding R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission.
- PSA Birth Certificate (Only for those with Philippine passports)
- PSA Marriage Certificate (if a female applicant is married; only for those with Philippine passports)
- Other supporting documents

Other additional documents may be required during processing. The applicant may be scheduled for an interview if required.

## **NOTICES**

1. Please make sure that all documents are photocopied on A4 sized papers and arranged accordingly by the order of the requirement list above.

2. All required documents mentioned-above must be submitted with the original and one copy. Original documents are to be returned after review.
3. 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.
4. 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 30 days from the next day of arrival, and the latter must apply within 30 days from the Resident Visa issuance date. Duration of stay is noted on the Alien Resident Certificate.
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 studying religious doctrine may not apply for a Resident Visa or an extension of duration of stay on the ground of studying religious doctrine. Those who stay in the R.O.C. (Taiwan) on a Resident Visa not for the purpose of studying religious doctrine and wish to convert to a Resident Visa for the purpose of studying religious doctrine are required to leave Taiwan and apply to an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission.
6. Documents issued outside of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) must be authenticated by the R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission with consular district over the country where the documents were issued. 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.
7. In the event that this office requests additional supporting documents, asks for corrections to documents or cases require further evaluation based on each case, the processing days will be recalculated (based on regular or expedited cases) from the date when satisfactory documents are provided.
8. In accordance with World Health Organization recommendations, applicants for Republic of China (Taiwan) visas must submit proof of having been administered the oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV) or the inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) four weeks to one year before applying if they have resided in or visited countries at high risk for poliovirus transmission (namely Afghanistan, Mozambique, Pakistan, Madagascar, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo) for four weeks or longer within the past year.