

Visitor Visa for Seafarers

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REQUIREMENTS

- Application form: Go to website: <https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw>. Fill out the application form online with your complete name (Surname, First Name Middle Name). Print it out and sign 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: Place two (2) glossy, passport-size (45 mm in height and 35 mm in width) photos with a white background taken within the last six (6) months on the application form. Composite photos, selfies and altered photos will not be accepted. The applicant must face forward and look directly at the camera, with eyes open and clearly visible. A neutral expression (mouth closed) and natural skin tone are required. Applicants who are unable to close their mouths are excluded from this requirement. The photographs must have appropriate brightness and contrast.
- Passport: The passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of the applicant's entry and have blank pages. One photocopy of the passport bio page with the applicant's photo is required.
- Guarantee Letter from Taiwan shipping agent in Chinese letterhead addressed to TECO and the local shipping agency, containing the following information:
 - (1) Complete list of all seafarers' names, together with respective passport numbers and seaman's book numbers
 - (2) Complete name, date of arrival and departure, and port of entry of the shipping vessel
 - (3) Taiwan shipping agent's name in Chinese character, address and contact number
 - (4) Information of local Shipping Agent in the Philippines.

*** For the visa of the Foreign Seafarer of Distant Water Fishing Vessels**, please replace this item with: Official permission letter and the "Guarantee Letter of the Distant Water Fisheries Operator for the Entry Visa of Foreign Crew Members" issued from Taiwan's fisheries competent authority, such as Ministry of transportation and Communications, Ministry of Agriculture's Fisheries Agency, City Governments.

- Taiwanese shipping company's registration certificate issued by ROC (Taiwan) Governmental authorities
- Letter of Guarantee from local shipping agent in the Philippines addressed to TECO, containing the following information:
 - (1) Complete list of all seafarers' names, together with respective passport numbers and seaman's book numbers
 - (2) Complete name, date of arrival and departure, and port of entry of the shipping vessel
 - (3) Information of Taiwan Shipping Agent
- Flagship Certificate of the vessel issued by the government of flag state
- Seafarer's Identification and Seaman's Book (must be valid for at least six months)
- Seafarer's valid Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC) and Contract of Employment, issued or approved by Filipino Governmental authorities and containing the following information:
 - (1) Complete list of all seafarers' names, together with respective passport numbers and seaman's book numbers
 - (2) Complete name, date of departure, and port of entry of the shipping vessel
 - (3) Information of Taiwanese shipping agent and local shipping agent in the Philippines.
- PSA Birth Certificate (only for those with Philippine passports)
- PSA Marriage Certificate (required for married female applicants with Philippine passports)
- Other supporting documents
 - (1) ID of local Filipino's shipping agent
 - (2) The applicant may be scheduled for an interview if required. Other additional documents may be required during processing.

NOTICES

1. All documents submitted to this office must be original with one (1) set of photocopies on A4-sized paper and arranged in the order of the requirements listed above. Original documents are to be returned after review.
2. 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.

3. Please make sure to read other NOTICE here before submission:
https://www.roc-taiwan.org/ph_en/post/8302.html.