

Resident Visas for Foreign Students (Full-time Master's / Doctor's Degree)

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QUALIFICATIONS

- The applicant must be a college or master's graduate with an above average grade.
- The applicant must be able to speak and understand a foreign language such as English or Chinese depending on the chosen program.

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.

☐ 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) for health checkup items and download the form for Health Certificate:
https://www.cdc.gov.tw/En/Category/ListContent/C4w0xUaCBCKzdd6BxDGWcA?uaid=y9n9sbUrcg_Pj6lGIPVDCA

□ Admission letter or Records of registration and enrollment

- (1) For school applications and admission permits, applicants must adhere to the guidelines outlined in the "[Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan](#)" published by the Ministry of Education.
- (2) For visa producing purpose, *correct Chinese translation of the names of schools and programs is required.*

□ Highest education diploma and transcripts

- (1) For diplomas and transcripts issued in the Philippines, the original documents must be apostilled by the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and then authenticated by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines (TECO).
- (2) For diplomas and transcripts issued outside the Philippines, all school documents should be authenticated by the R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission with consular district over the country where the school 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.

□ 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 applicants with Philippine passports, valid Philippine National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Clearance 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.

□ Proof of financial support (either of personal or family bank statements with detailed six-month bank transactions, or the proof of full scholarship and school sponsorship)

- (1) Bank statements showing 6-month transaction history or records of remittance provided by the applicant or his/her relatives within the third degree of kinship (only

- grandparents, parents, and siblings) with household registration/ birth certificate/ family book to prove the relationship.
- (2) A bank statement must be issued within 30 days with at least PHP 240,000.00 maintaining balance to cover the student's tuition costs for one academic year plus the basic cost of living in Taiwan for six (6) months. (The minimum monthly wage in Taiwan is about NTD 25,250 in 2022, approximately PHP 40,000.00 per month.)
- (3) For beneficiaries of government or university scholarships (full or partial), a proof of scholarship stating the period, exact tuition coverage, and monthly stipend must be submitted along with a bank statement showing a (6) six-month transaction history and any amount.
- ☐ 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 : The following documents may be required on a case-by-case basis :
- The purpose for traveling to Taiwan (study plan);
 - Apostilled and authenticated parental or guardian consent to applicants to studying in Taiwan;
 - Guarantee letter from Taiwan's inviting agency;
 - Certification of language proficiency;
 - Photocopies of the Visitor Visa and immigration entry and exit stamps;
 - 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 original 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. 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).
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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, Malawi, Mozambique, Pakistan, Madagascar, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo) for four weeks or longer within the past year.