

Resident Visas for Overseas Chinese Students

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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.
- Admission and qualification documents according to school admission types:

I. Overseas Chinese students who, while still remaining outside of the R.O.C. (Taiwan), are jointly assigned to universities/colleges, vocational schools or high schools and below by the ministry of education of the university entrance committee for overseas Chinese students.

Notice of assignment

- Applicants must be determined by the Overseas Community Affairs Council as qualified overseas Chinese students, and are assigned to local schools by the Ministry of Education or the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students in accordance with the "Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan."
- The notice of assignment must be issued by the Ministry of Education or the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students.
- Transcripts and records of enrollment and registration are required for applicants who are already enrolled in school in R.O.C. (Taiwan) and desire to apply for a resident visa. Applicants who have previously put their studies on hold and wish to resume study must present proof of both suspension and resumption of study.

- For visa producing purpose, correct Chinese translation of the names of schools and programs is required.

II. Overseas Chinese students who, after having arrived in the R.O.C. (Taiwan), are individually assigned to high schools and below by the Ministry of Education or county/city Bureau of Education

1. Letter of approval and notice of assignment

- Follow the “Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan.”
- Applicant qualification: Applicants who already stay in the R.O.C. (Taiwan) on an Alien Residence Certificate or enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan) with a visitor visa less than sixty days or bear such remarks as “no extension” for purposes other than pursuing studies, and are determined by the Overseas Community Affairs Council as qualified overseas Chinese students and have been assigned to local high schools or vocational schools and below by the Ministry of Education or county/city Bureau of Education.
- The letter of approval issued by the Overseas Community Affairs Council and the notice of assignment issued by the Ministry of Education or county/city Bureau of Education.
- Applicants who already study in the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and wish to apply for a Resident Visa must also present the record of enrollment and registration as well as transcripts. Applicants who previously suspended their study and wish to resume study must present proof of both suspension and resumption of study.

2. Record of enrollment and registration

The record of enrollment and registration or student ID issued by the school the applicant is studying at. The back of student ID must show a school registration stamp.

3. Letter of consent and Household Registration Certificate of the applicant's guardian in Taiwan

For an applicant as a minor, the applicant's guardian in Taiwan must produce a letter of consent indicating his/her willingness to assume the responsibility of overseeing the applicant's conduct. The letter of consent must be notarized by a local district court of the R.O.C. (Taiwan). The Household Registration Certificate must be issued within three (3) months prior to the time of visa application.

III. Overseas Chinese students who apply directly to universities/colleges on their own

1. Admission permit

- Follow the “Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan.”
- Applicants may only apply to universities/colleges that are approved by the Ministry of Education to admit overseas Chinese students independently.
- Applicant qualification: Overseas Chinese applicants are required to submit application documents directly to the qualified universities/colleges. Application documents will be forwarded by the schools to the Overseas Community Affairs Council. The Council will reply to the applicants after confirming the applicants’ qualification.
- The admission permit must be issued by the admitting school.
- Students who already study in the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and wish to apply for a Resident Visa must also present the record of enrollment and registration as well as transcripts. Students who previously suspended their study and wish to resume study must present proof of both suspension and resumption of study.

2. Official document of approval

An official document of approval issued by the Overseas Community Affairs Council confirming the applicant’s qualification as an overseas Chinese student.

☐ Highest education diploma and transcripts

- (1) For diplomas and transcripts issued in Philippines, the original documents must be authenticated by an agency designated by the Overseas Community Affairs Council, or the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines (and shall first be apostilled by the Department of Foreign Affairs, DFA).
- (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 at the time of the submission of the visa application to this office.
- (2) 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.

□ 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_Pj6IGIPVDCA
- (3) Entire health certificate along with clinical test reports shall also be presented.

□ Proof of financial support (either of personal or family bank statements that detail the six-month bank transactions)

- (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.
 - A bank statement must be issued within 30 days with at least PHP 240,000 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 per month.)
- (2) Beneficiaries of government or university scholarships (full or partial) can present a proof of scholarship stating the period, exact tuition coverage, and monthly stipend **as supporting documents.**

□ PSA Birth Certificate (only for those with Philippine passports)

□ PSA Marriage Certificate (required for married female applicants 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. 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. 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).
4. 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.
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 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.
6. 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.
7. Please make sure to read other NOTICE here before submission: https://www.roc-taiwan.org/ph_en/post/8282.html.