

# Resident Visas for Foreign Students (Exchange 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.
- Official approval document and admission issued by a university/college or competent educational authorities in Taiwan
  - (1) Exchange students must abide by the "Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan" during their stay.
  - (2) For university or college exchange students, an official approval from the university/college they intend to enroll in to Bureau of Consular Affairs and this office (copy National Immigration Agency) is required.
  - (3) For senior high school students, a letter of approval issued by the ROC (Taiwan) Ministry of Education or city/county Bureau of Education is required.
- Dispatch Letter from the home school  
Letter from the home school indicating the student who is assigned to Taiwanese school on exchange program.
- Enrollment record and transcript of records from the home school  
The enrollment certificate, transcript of records, and student identification card issued by the student's home school.
- Copy of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on Student Exchange Program signed between both side schools  
Valid MOA signed by Taiwanese school and home school.

- 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) For beneficiaries of government or university scholarships (full or partial), please present a proof of scholarship which states the scholarship period, exact tuition coverage, and monthly stipend as supporting documents.
- 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\\_Pj6lGIPVDCA](https://www.cdc.gov.tw/En/Category/ListContent/C4w0xUaCBCKzdd6BxDGWcA?uaid=y9n9sbUrcg_Pj6lGIPVDCA)
  - (3) Entire health certificate along with clinical test reports shall also be presented.

- ❑ PSA Birth Certificate (only for those with Philippine passports)
- ❑ PSA Marriage Certificate (required for married female applicants 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. 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 corresponding R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission. 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](https://www.roc-taiwan.org/ph_en/post/8282.html).