

Regulations for Newly Revised Immigration Act

Effective as of January 1, 2024

Relaxation of Entry Regulations for Nationals Without Household Registration in Taiwan

Nationals without household registration in Taiwan may enter the country without applying for entry permits if they hold a valid biometric passport issued by the Republic of China (Taiwan) and possess return or onward tickets to their next destination (by air or sea). This exemption does not apply to individuals prohibited from entry due to violation of regulations during the imposed period of restriction.

Note

- Nationals without household registration in Taiwan holding valid biometric passports issued by the Republic of China (Taiwan) may apply for a temporary entry permit from the National Immigration Agency upon arrival.
- Nationals without household registration in Taiwan can still apply in advance through Taiwan's overseas missions for a temporary entry permit and enter the country with the provided permit.



Extension of Permitted Stay for Nationals Without Household Registration in Taiwan under Special Circumstances

Nationals without household registration in Taiwan who need to stay in Taiwan to care for their relatives suffering from severe illness or serious injury now include “relatives” beyond those holding household registration in Taiwan.



Relaxation of Residency Application Requirements for Nationals Without Household Registration in Taiwan

- Minors holding Taiwanese nationality but without household registration in Taiwan who are adopted by Taiwanese citizens can apply for residency as nationals without household registration.
- The previous requirement for nationals without household registration in Taiwan to legally stay continuously for over 7 years to be eligible to apply for residency has been reduced to 5 years, with a minimum annual residency of 183 days.



Relaxation of Registered Permanent Residence Application Requirements for Nationals Without Household Registration in Taiwan

- The previous requirement for nationals without household registration in Taiwan to reside for a full year (365 days) has been amended to one year with a period of stay of at least 335 days to apply for registered permanent residence in Taiwan.
- Nationals without household registration in Taiwan born abroad with at least one parent being a Taiwanese citizen can apply for residency or registered permanent residence upon entry into the country.
- Nationals without household registration in Taiwan, born in Taiwan, but did not register their birth before leaving the country can directly apply for registered permanent residence upon their return to Taiwan.



Extension of Stay in Taiwan for Overseas Compatriot Students Without Household Registration after Graduation

- Overseas compatriot students can apply for a 1-year extension of residency after graduation. If necessary, they can request for one additional extension, totaling a maximum residency extension of 2 years.

Relaxation of Residency Requirements for Foreign Students

- The validity period of the Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) for foreign students has been extended from a maximum of 1 year to a maximum of 3 years. Additionally, foreign individuals studying in Taiwan can apply for a 1-year residency extension after graduation. If so required, they can request for one additional extension, allowing for a maximum residency extension of 2 years after graduation.



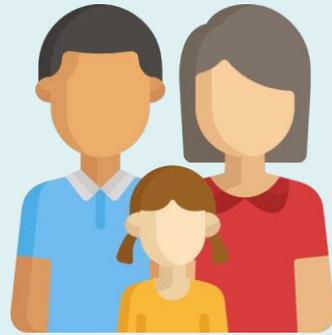
Revision of Residency Regulations for Foreign Spouses

- Foreign spouses whose Taiwanese spouse are deceased or who previously had legal residency in Taiwan and have factual custody or regular contact with their underaged children in Taiwan can apply for residency with appropriate visas for a stay in Taiwan.
- Foreign spouses who experienced domestic violence and have since divorced, regardless of whether or not they have underaged children residing in Taiwan, can continue to reside in Taiwan. After divorce, foreign spouses who have factual custody, exercise responsibilities, or maintain regular contact with their underaged children who hold household registration in Taiwan can also continue to reside in Taiwan.



Additional Provisions Permitting Permanent Residency for Spouse and Children of Foreign Specialized Professionals'

- Spouses and children (under 18 years old or with disabilities) of foreign individuals who have made significant contributions to Taiwan, possess high-level professional expertise, or have received top awards in their respective fields, are now eligible for permanent residency in Taiwan.



Extension of Residency Renewal Period for Foreigners

- Foreigners applying for residency renewal can now submit their applications within 3 months before the expiration of their current residency, extending from the previous 30 days before the expiration.



Addition of the Right to Counsel



- Foreigners, nationals without household registration, mainland Chinese residents, and residents of Hong Kong and Macau who have been permitted entry and are required to undergo an interview by the National Immigration Agency can now appoint a lawyer to be present during the interview.

For more information, please refer to the official website of the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior



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