

Resident Visas for Studying Religious Doctrine

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REQUIREMENTS

Application form

Go to website: <https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw>. Fill out the application form online and print it out. Make sure the application form shows a bar code on it. Sign the application form.

Two colored passport- size photos

Place two (2) glossy, 2"x1.5", white background photos that were taken within the last six (6) months on the application form.

Passport

The passport must be valid for at least 6 months with 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's CDC at https://www.cdc.gov.tw/En/Category/ListContent/C4w0xUaCBCKzdd6BxDGWcA?uaid=y9n9sbUrcg_Pj6lGIPVDCA for health checkup items and download the form for Health Certificate.

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)A Chinese or English translation of any document written in a language other than English is required and must be authenticated by a R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission.

□ Certificate of approval issued by competent authorities

- (1) In accordance with the "Essential Notices Regarding Religious Group Applying Visa for Foreign National to Study Religious Doctrine in Taiwan," the religious organization or its affiliated religious doctrine study institute that invites the applicant must submit an application for a certificate of approval to the competent authority that handles the registration of the inviting organization or institute. Depending on where the registration is made, the competent authority may be the Ministry of the Interior, special municipalities, or city/county governments.
- (2) The certificate must indicate the name of applicant, applicant's passport numbers, birthdate, and the duration period of studying.

□ Letter of admission from the inviting religious doctrine study institute

□ One photocopy of the certificate of registration issued by ROC (Taiwan) Government of the inviting religious doctrine study institute

□ PSA Birth Certificate (Only those with Philippine passports)

□ Other supporting documents

The applicant will 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.
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. All required documents mentioned-above must be submitted with the original and one copy. Original documents are to be returned after review.
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 studying religious doctrine may not apply for a Resident Visa or an extension of duration of stay on the ground of studying religious doctrine. Those who stay in the R.O.C. (Taiwan) on a Resident Visa not for the purpose of studying religious doctrine and wish to convert to a Resident Visa for the purpose of studying religious doctrine are required to leave Taiwan and apply to an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission.
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 15 days from the next day of arrival, and the latter must apply within 15 days from the Resident Visa issuance date. Duration of stay is noted on the Alien Resident Certificate.