Procedures for Nationals of the Designated Countries Applying for Visitor Visas to the Republic of China (R.O.C.)

Data Source : Bureau of Consular Affairs

Nationals from the following countries applying for visitor visas to the R.O.C. must fulfill the procedure of this section:

- Afghanistan
- Algeria
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan (Nationals of Bhutan are eligible to apply for tourist visas. For nationals of Bhutan applying for business visas, the overseas missions of the R.O.C. will not request a Guarantee of Sponsorship from the applicant's sponsor in Taiwan.)
- Cameroon
- The Gambia
- Ghana
- India (Identity Certificate)
- Iraq
- Nepal
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Senegal
- Somalia
- Sri Lanka (Nationals of Sri Lanka are eligible to apply for tourist visas. For nationals of Sri Lanka applying for business visas, the overseas missions of the R.O.C. will not request a Guarantee of Sponsorship from the applicant's sponsor in Taiwan.)
- Syria

- 1. Nationals of the designated countries may apply for the R.O.C. visitor visas for the following purposes:
 - Invited by the Republic of China (R.O.C.) government agencies on official missions
 - Participating in international meetings or activities for the purposes of religious, athletic, or cultural exchange, which are held by the organizations set up in the R.O.C.
 - Visiting dependents with legal residence status in the R.O.C., including spouse, family members of lineal relationship, or siblings
 - Conducting economic or commercial businesses (*including accompanied spouse and children*) (For nationals of Bhutan and Sri Lanka applying for business visas, the overseas missions of the R.O.C. will not request a Guarantee of Sponsorship from the applicant's sponsor in Taiwan.)
 - Crew members intend to come to the R.O.C. to report for duty
 - Medical treatment
- 2. Nationals from the following countries applying for visitor visas to the R.O.C. must submit their application at the designated overseas missions:
 - Nepal (Only at Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in New Delhi)
 - India (*holding Identity Certificates*) (Only at Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in New Delhi)
 - Nigeria (Only at the Taipei Trade Office in the Federal Republic of Nigeria)
 - Ghana (Only at the Taipei Trade Office in the Federal Republic of Nigeria)
- 3. As for other particular cases of visa application from the designated countries, the overseas missions of the R.O.C. might request a guarantee from the applicant's sponsor in Taiwan if necessary.
- 4. For visa applicants of the designated countries who intend to come

to the R.O.C. to conduct economic and commercial businesses, their sponsors in the R.O.C. may submit relevant documents (See point 7 on the <u>Visitor Visa for Business Purpose</u> for details.) together with a cable fee (NT\$50 paid in counter - one page per telegraph limit. Each extra page or extra attached file will be charged with a cable fee.) to this Bureau (*Counter Nos.*31 \sim 33, 3rd floor). After examination, this Bureau will notify the designated R.O.C. foreign mission. The mission will then review other necessary documents submitted by the visa applicants in person, give an interview and make a final decision in the case.

Attention:

- 1. According to Article 12 of the Statute governing the issuance of ROC Visa in foreign passports, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of the R.O.C. or ROC overseas missions are not required to give any reason to a visa applicant for refusal.
- 2. The forms of visa application and guarantee can be downloaded from the Bureau's website and are available free of charge at the Bureau of Consular Affairs and branch offices of MOFA.
- 3. In case of any change in this information, please check the website of the Bureau of Consular Affairs, MOFA: <u>www.boca.gov.tw</u>.