

Information for Foreign Students Applying for a Taiwan Residence Visa

Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand

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1. Eligibility:

- Applicants must first apply as formal international students admitted to degree programs (doctoral, master's, or bachelor's programs) in accordance with the "Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan" promulgated by the Ministry of Education.
- Applicants who also hold dual R.O.C. nationality must have never had household registration in Taiwan and must have continuously resided abroad for more than 6 years, and who meet the above "Regulations", are eligible to apply for a study visa.

2. Visa application requirements:

	Requirements	Description
1	Application form	• Go to BOCA website, fill out the application form online and print it out. Make sure the form shows a bar code on it. • Sign the application form. The signature on the application form must match the signature in the applicant's passport.
2	2 passport-size photos taken within 6 months	• Photos should have a white background, and the face must occupy two-thirds of the frame. • One photo on the application form, one attached with a paper clip.
3	Original passport and 1 photocopy of the personal data page	• Passport must be valid for more than 6 months and contain blank visa pages. • Passports that are torn, water-damaged, soiled, or otherwise damaged are considered invalid and must be replaced before application.

4	Admission Letter (1 photocopy)	- English name and date of birth must match the passport. - Admission result may be submitted as a copy; original is not required. - Students who have taken leave or resumed studies must provide leave/resumption proof and an academic transcript
5	Highest education diploma and transcripts for each year (Original and 1 photocopy) <i>* <u>Must be duly authenticated</u></i>	- For diplomas and transcripts in languages other than Chinese or English, a Chinese- or English-translation version is also required. - Must be authenticated by an ROC (Taiwan) overseas mission. For details on document authentication procedures, please refer to the BOCA website and the “Legalization” section on this office’s website.
6	Health certificate (Original and 1 photocopy)	- Download the Health Certificate for Residence Application form and complete the examination at a designated hospital. 28 designated hospitals in Thailand for student visa medical checkups. - If the health examination certificate is not issued by a designated hospital in Taiwan or Thailand, it must first be authenticated by an ROC overseas mission. In addition, only health examination reports issued by a licensed Hospital will be accepted. Reports issued by a Medical Center, Laboratory (Lab), or any other healthcare institution that is not legally classified as a hospital will not be accepted.
7	Proof of financial support	- Financial proof must be issued by the applicant or a third-degree relative (parents, grandparents, siblings). Bank statements supported by the applicant’s relatives must be submitted along with the household registration/ birth certificate/ family book which may prove the relationship of relatives. - Scholarship documents must state the award period and amount; scholarships cannot fully replace financial proof.

		No fixed minimum amount is required, but funds should be sufficient for a consecutive 6 months living needs; at least US\$5,000 is recommended.
8	Language certificate issued by the official language proficiency institution (Original and 1 photocopy)	- For English-taught programs, applicants must submit English proficiency test results (TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS). For Chinese-taught programs, applicants must provide a TOCFL certificate issued by Taiwan's Ministry of Education. Chinese proficiency requirement: For degree programs, TOCFL Level 2 or above. For preparatory Chinese-language programs, Level 1 or 2 as required by the Ministry of Education. English proficiency requirement: TOEFL iBT 26 or ITP 385 and above IELTS 3.0 and above TOEIC 375 and above
9	Thai Applicants	Copies of (1) citizenship certificate / บัตรประชาชน, (2) household registration / ทะเบียนบ้าน, and (3) name change certificate / ใบเปลี่ยนชื่อ-สกุล (only for those who have changed their name).
10	Non-Thai Applicants	- Residents in Thailand: Copy of Thai long-term visa and the passport page stamped by Thai immigration. - Short-term visitors in Thailand: Copy of Thai e-visa and passport pages with entry stamps. - Non-residents in Thailand should apply for a Taiwan visa at the ROC mission in their home country, if available.
11	Agent's ID card or passport (Original and 1 photocopy)	Page 2 of the application form must include complete agent information and be signed by the agent.
12	Other documents or an interview may be required on a case-by-case basis.	For example: parental or guardian consent letters, criminal record certificates, and other documents required for review.

3. Visa application process and important notes:

(1) Pre-submission self-check:

- All documents must include originals; submitted copies must match the originals.
- Original documents will be returned after verification.
- Documents printed from mobile phone photos will not be accepted.

(2) Submission at the visa counter of this office:

- Mail-in applications are not accepted.
- Applicants must submit applications in person or through an agent while physically in Thailand.
- No appointment is required. Submissions and collections are accepted on working days from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.; please take a queue number upon arrival.

(3) Processing time: Counted from the day after submission

- Regular processing: 4 working days
- expedited processing: 2 working days

(4) Visa fees: Cash only in Thai baht

Category / Visa type	Visa Fee	Express handling fee
Single Entry Visitor Visa	1,700 baht	850 baht
Single Entry Resident Visa	2,200 baht	1,100 baht
For other categories of fees and the reciprocal processing fee for U.S. nationals, please refer to this office's website " Consular Service Fee ".		

(5) Contact Information of our Office:

- Address: 40/64 Vibhavadi-Rangsit 66, Laksi, 10210 Bangkok, Thailand
- Visa Service Hour: 09:00-11:30 from Monday to Friday, except [holidays](#)
- Telephone: (+66) 2-119 3555 ext. 375
- E-mail: thavisa@boca.gov.tw (for visa inquiries only)