

Resident Visas for White Collar Workers

REQUIREMENTS	DESCRIPTION
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 color passport-size photos	Paste two color passport-size photos with a white background taken within 6 months on the application form.
Passport and one photocopy of the passport	The passport must be valid for at least 6 months and there are blank pages left in it. One photocopy of the passport bio-page including the holder's picture is required.
Original and one photocopy of work permit issued by competent authorities of central government of the R.O.C. (Taiwan)	Employers must apply for a work permit for the applicant from a competent authority. Remaining period of employment indicated on the work permit must be more than 6 months at the time of Resident Visa application.
Other supporting documents	To be decided on a case-by-case basis. Applicants who apply for a Resident Visa after having arrived in the R.O.C. (Taiwan) are required to present also one photocopy of the Visitor Visa and the immigration entry stamp.

1. Application Procedure

- (1) Applicants outside of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) are advised to apply for the visa from an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission.
- (2) Applicants who enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan) on a non-extendable Visitor Visa for the purposes of employment, investment, business, or tourism may apply for a Resident Visa 8 work days before the duration of stay expires. The applicants may apply, without having to leave Taiwan, to the Bureau of Consular Affairs or any of its Central, Southwestern, Southern, or Eastern Taiwan Offices.

2. Notice

- (1) Visa issuance is an act of sovereignty. According to the “Statute Governing Issuance of R.O.C. Visas in Foreign Passport” and “Enforcement Rules for the Issuance of R.O.C. Visas to Foreign-Passport Holders,” the R.O.C. reserves the right not to issue a visa and has no obligation to disclose the reason. Application fee for no-issuance cases is non-refundable.
- (2) Processing of Resident Visa application inside the R.O.C. (Taiwan) takes 8 work days. Resident Visa applicants are advised to apply to the Bureau of Consular Affairs 8 work days before the duration of stay expires. Application will be rejected and fee will not be refunded in the event that required documents are not submitted in full within 7 days after the applicant is informed by the Bureau of Consular Affairs. In the event that the applicant’s duration of stay expires while the Resident Visa is under processing and eventually rejected, the applicant is to assume the sole responsibility of overstay and the penalty therefore imposed.
- (3) Original documents are to be returned after review.
- (4) For visa application fees, please refer to “Standard Fees for R.O.C. (Taiwan) Visas in Foreign Passports” (pdf file).
- (5) Those who currently stay in the R.O.C. (Taiwan) as blue-collar workers may not apply for a Resident Visa for white collar workers.
- (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 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.
- (7) Applicants who enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan) via visa exemption and have obtained a work permit for fulfilling contract purpose issued before or within 30 days of their entry may apply to the Bureau of Consular Affairs or any of its Central, Southwestern, Southern, or Eastern Taiwan Offices for an extendable Visitor Visa. For others who obtain work permits (exclude fulfilling contract purpose) granted for a period over 6 months, shall apply for their residency directly to the National Immigration Agency according to the “Act for the Recruitment and Employment of Foreign Professionals.”

LINK: <https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-166-276-48430-2.html>