

Resident Visas for Minors Under Age 18 Joining Parents or Grand Parents

REQUIREMENTS	DESCRIPTION
<i>Application form</i>	Visit the website: https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw . Fillout the application form online and print it out. Make sure the application form shows a bar code on it. The application form must be signed by the applicant, either one of the applicant's parents, or legal guardian.
<i>Two color passport-size photos</i>	Paste two color passport-size photos with a white background taken within 6 months on the application form.
<i>Passport and one photocopy of the passport</i>	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.
<i>Original and one photocopy of health certificate</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The health certificate should be issued within 3 months by one of the local hospitals designated by the Centers for Disease Control of Ministry of Health and Welfare of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) or a foreign hospital. Health certificates issued by foreign hospitals must be authenticated by an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission. 2. Visit the website of the Centers for Disease Control at https://www.cdc.gov.tw/En for healthcheckup items and the list of designated local hospitals. 3. Applicants of the following categories are not required to present the health certificate: minors under age 6; both the visa applicant and the family member(s) currently who are investing or employed as white collar worker(s) in the R.O.C. (Taiwan), whom the applicant intends to join with, are from countries whose citizens are eligible for visa-waiver entry into the R.O.C. (Taiwan).
<i>Original and one photocopy of Certificate of Residence in R.O.C. Alien Permanent Residence Certificate, Alien Residence Certificate, or various kinds of residence permits issued by the National Immigration Agency</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One copy of the Household Registration Certificate issued within 3 months is required if the individual, whom the applicant intends to join, is an R.O.C. (Taiwan) citizen with household registration. 2. Original and one photocopy of Certificate of Residence in the R.O.C. (Taiwan), Alien Permanent Residence Certificate, Alien Residence Certificate, or other kinds of residence permits issued by the National Immigration Agency are required if the individual, whom the applicant intends to join with, is an R.O.C. (Taiwan) citizen without household registration, a foreigner having obtained APRC or ARC, a Hong Kong or Macau resident, or a Mainland Chinese citizen. The documents must be valid for more than 6 months.

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<i>Original and one photocopy of proof of parents' marriage</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For applicants who are under age 18 and are the children or grandchildren of an R.O.C. (Taiwan) citizen with household registration, and the applicant's parents must currently have household registration in the R.O.C. (Taiwan), one original Household Registration Certificate issued within 3 months that shows registration of the parents' marriage is required. 2. For applicants who are under age 18 and are the children of an R.O.C. (Taiwan) citizen without household registration, a foreigner having obtained APRC or ARC or other kinds of residence permits, a Hong Kong or Macau resident, or a Mainland Chinese citizen, proof of parent's marriage is required.
<i>Original and one photocopy of birth certificate</i>	The birth certificate must show both parents' full name.
<i>Other supporting documents</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicants with dual citizenship and household registration in the R.O.C. (Taiwan) must annul the household registration and enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan) with a foreign passport. 2. Applicants whose parents have divorced may only join the parent that has custody of the applicants. Proof of custody is required. 3. Applicants born outside of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and whose parents are R.O.C. (Taiwan) citizens having household registration must present the original and one photocopy of both parents' R.O.C. (Taiwan) passports. 4. Applicants who apply to join paternal or maternal grandparents who are R.O.C. (Taiwan) citizens having household registration must present a letter of authorization signed by the applicant's father, mother or legal guardian. 5. 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 Visitor Visa may apply for a Resident Visa 8 work days before the duration of stay expires. The applicants may, without leaving Taiwan, apply 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 is under 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 turned down and fee not 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. Documents produced outside of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) must be authenticated by an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission; if produced in Mainland China must be authenticated by Straits Exchange Foundation. Documents that are in languages other than Chinese or English must be accompanied by a Chinese- or English-translation version. The original-language documents and the accompanying Chinese- or English-translation version must be authenticated by an R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas mission or attested by District Court or Notary Public.
- (4) For visa application fees, please refer to "Standard Fees for R.O.C. (Taiwan) Visas in Foreign Passports" (pdf file).

- (5) Those who enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan) without a visa or with a landing visa and those who currently stay in the R.O.C. (Taiwan) as blue-collar workers may not apply for a Resident Visa on the ground of joining parents.
- (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.

LINK : <https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-166-282-16c41-2.html>