

Visa information

Important Visa information for international students (Not applicable for Hong kong, Macau and China)

BEFORE ARRIVAL

VISITOR VISA

Resident Visa

AFTER ARRIVAL

VISITOR VISA EXTENSION

RESIDENT VISA → ARC

✈ Entry with a Visitor Visa for more than 60 days without extension. Visitor Visa holders can apply for extension within 15 days before the duration of expired.

✈ Required documents:

- [One application form](#)
- Original passport
- Proof of registration and class schedule from an approved university language center
- Attendance records (the first time extension does not need to hand in the attendance records) (original-within 3 months before)

✈ You can apply for Resident Visa Extension at the [National Immigration Agency service center](#).

✈ After enter Taiwan, Resident Visa holders are required to apply Alien Resident Certificates (ARC) within 15 days.

✈ Required documents:

- Passport
- Resident Visa
- Admission permit of enrollment
- Proof of residence in Taiwan
- 2-inch color photo that is front-facing, above the waist, and without wearing a hat and taken within the past 2 years.
- A student ID card with the current semester registration stamp or a school attendance certificate (for enrolled students).

✈ Application procedure

- The applicant shall sign up for a new account to apply for an alien residence certificate at "[Online Application System for Foreign Students, Overseas Chinese Students, Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau Students without Registered Household in the Taiwan Area](#)" of the National Immigration Agency.
- After the applicant fills out the required fields, scans and uploads the required documents, he/she shall wait for approval. Once the application has been approved, the applicant shall pay the certificate fee by online ATM, virtual account payment the e-government payment platform or other ways within 5 working days.

✈ To collect the certificate:

- First-time entry applicants (received but not yet enrolled): The electronic residence certificate valid for 6 months will be ready for download as soon as the applicant pays the fees through the online system. After completing school enrollment but before the residence certificate expires, the applicant shall apply for a residence extension as well as replacement with an alien residence certificate (ARC). The required documents are passport, original electronic

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residence certificate, and a 2-inch color photo that is front-facing, above the waist, and without wearing a hat and taken within the past 2 years (same specification as for the National Identity Card).

- First-time entry applicants (enrolled): The alien residence certificate will be ready for the applicant to collect at a [National Immigration Agency service center](#) 3 working days after the applicant pays the fees online. Please present the payment receipt when collecting the certificate.
- Non-first-time entry applicants: The alien residence certificate will be ready for the applicant to collect at a National Immigration Agency service center 3 working days after the applicant pays the fees online. Present the payment receipt when collecting the certificate (the old certificate must be returned).

✎ Certificate fees:

- Application fees are NT\$1,000 (each one year) for foreign students, The one-year residence restriction does not apply to university scholarship recipients approved by the Ministry of Education.

VISITOR VISA → RESIDENT VISA

✎ Visitor Visa Holders who decide to stay exceed 180 days after arrival must change into Resident Visa and then apply for ARC.

✎ Required Documents for the application of changes visa:

- [One application form](#)
- 2-inch color photo
- Passport (original & copy)
- Resident Visa (original & copy)
- Admission letter & student ID & Proof of registration and class schedule from an approved university language center
- [Medical certificate](#) issued within 3 months (please go to the approved hospitals, refer to the website of [the Department of Disease Control of the Ministry of Health and Welfare](#) for Inspection Items and [Medical Examination Hospitals](#)).

✎ Location: Bureau of Consular Affairs

✎ Fees : NT 2,200 元

