

Taiwan (Republic of China)

Business visitors: FAQs



If planning on traveling to Taiwan (ROC) for temporary business, it is important to remain compliant with the immigration laws of Taiwan (ROC). The purpose of the visitor's intended travel, duration of stay and citizenship will determine if and what type of visa is required. The information in this document is intended to serve as an informational resource about business visitor requirements in Taiwan (ROC).

Who needs a business visitor visa for Taiwan (ROC)?

Nationals of countries that do not have reciprocal visa exemption arrangements with Taiwan (ROC) and wish to stay beyond the initial visa-free period granted, must obtain a visit visa for business travel before entering Taiwan (ROC).

Nationals from over 45 countries can enter Taiwan (ROC) visa-free (for a period ranging from 30 to 90 days) on the condition they do not engage in remunerative activities.

What activities are permitted as a business visitor?

Activities permitted typically include:

- Participating in meetings, international conferences and seminars
- Conducting business and engaging in other activities approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)

Activities not permitted typically include:

- Performing productive work
- Accepting paid or unpaid employment
- Working under the supervision of a host employer
- Attending school or study

These lists are subject to change and are not all-inclusive.

Who is required to apply for a business visa?

Nationals of countries that do not have visa exemption arrangements with Taiwan (ROC) and intend to stay in Taiwan (ROC) for up to 90 days, or wish to stay beyond the initial visa-free period granted.

The foreign national must file the visa application at their nearest overseas missions or at their country of residence. Requirements may vary, dependent upon the nationality of the applicant, and are subject to change.

The following documents are required to process a visa application:

1. A completed and signed visa application form
2. Original and photocopy of the passport with at least six months' validity upon entry
3. Two passport-sized color photos taken in the last six months
4. Proof of business activities in Taiwan (ROC), such as company employment and job assignment letter, invitation letter, ongoing letters and trading records (Letter of Credit, remittance receipt, etc.)
5. Detailed contact information in Taiwan (ROC), such as full name, address, telephone number and e-mail address
6. Supporting documents to prove reservation of air or ship boarding ticket, or booking from a travel agency

Interviews may also be required.

How long can a visitor stay in Taiwan (ROC) on a business visa?

For the period granted, ranging from 30 to 90 days, dependent upon the nationality of the applicant.

Is there a limit on the number of times a visitor may travel [to Taiwan (ROC) on a business visa in any given period?

These visas are granted for a single visit (single-entry visa). If the applicant intends to stay longer than the initial period granted, those with visas that do not bear the remark "no extension will be granted" should lodge their extension of stay application. This must be lodged before the visa's expiry at the local service centers of the National Immigration Agency (NIA).

Can a visitor's spouse and children also come to Taiwan (ROC)?

A business visitor's spouse and children can come to Taiwan (ROC) as visitors, however, they must each apply for their own separate visa.

Penalties related to non-compliance for the business visa category?

Engaging in unlawful work in Taiwan (ROC) can result in serious consequences for both the employer and the business visitor, including:

- A fine or pecuniary penalties
- Detention and deportation may be imposed upon the business visitor. He/she will be blacklisted for future entry to Taiwan (ROC) and given an adverse record for Taiwan (ROC) visa applications

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