

# About Visa

## FAQ

The following visa information is for reference only. Please consult the nearest embassy of the Republic of China (overseas embassy office) or refer to the information provided by the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<https://www.boca.gov.tw/mp-1.html>).

Before departing for Taiwan, please understand the relevant visa regulations. Or call the foreign toll-free service hotline 0800- 024-111.

### **Q1. How to apply for a visa? What type of visa should I apply for?**

**A :** Visa applicants should complete the online application form [https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw/BOCA\\_EVISA/](https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw/BOCA_EVISA/) and submit the required documents to the Taiwanese embassy or office abroad.

For the visa type, you should select "**Visitor Visa**," and the purpose of the visa is to **study Chinese (visa code FR)**.

### **Q2. How long can I stay in Taiwan with a VISITOR VISA?**

**A :** When overseas units issue visas for studying Chinese, they usually issue 60-day or 90-day extendable visas. One can extend the extendable visa twice for a maximum stay of 180 days. Suppose the visa issued by the overseas unit is not extendable or the extension application is rejected. In that case, the visa holder must leave Taiwan before the expiration of the stay and apply for a new visa.

### **Q3. My country is a 30-day/90-day visa-free country. Can I come directly to the Language Center to study without applying for a visa?**

**A :** The 30-day visa exemption is not extendable. If you use that to enter Taiwan, after 30 days, you must leave Taiwan before you can reapply for a new visa. We strongly suggest that students who apply for regular term courses should not enter the country with a 30-day visa exemption. You can complete one course with a 90-day visa-free entry, but if you enter earlier, you may not be able to complete the last few days of the course. Please refer to the center's calendar and arrange your itinerary before deciding whether or not to apply for a visa.

**Q4. My visa will expire a few days before the end of the course. Can I still extend my visa and complete the course?**

**A :** If the visa expiry date is not far from the last day of the course, students can apply to the Immigration Department for a grace period (usually 7 days) to complete the coursework.

**\*Please note:** Whether the visa can be extended is subject to the decision of the Immigration Department officials.

**Q5. I want to study for over three terms and will stay in Taiwan for more than 180 days. Can I apply for a visa without leaving Taiwan during my study period?**

**A :** Students who have lived in Taiwan for 120 consecutive days without leaving the country, have good grades and attendance records, and intend to study in our center for more than three terms can apply for a Resident Visa. After applying for a residence visa, you can go to the Immigration Department to exchange for a residence permit (ARC). For the application process, please refer to the instructions for applying for a residence visa for foreigners studying Chinese in Taiwan.

**\*Please note:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs sometimes requires applicants for residence visas to provide a guarantor. Our center **cannot** serve as a guarantor for students.

**Q6. How to apply for a residence permit (ARC) to study Chinese?**

**A :** Applicants who have come to Taiwan with a visitor visa to study Chinese, who have studied at our center **for four consecutive months, continued to register for more than three months**, and whose absence from class does not exceed 1/4 of the total class hours, are eligible. Bring the required documents to the Immigration Department to apply for a change of residence permit. An application process takes **at least 10 working days**. You should apply for **a residence permit at least 3 weeks** before your stay visa expires.

\*Documents to be submitted: <https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-9-190-93573-1.html> Visa application form (fill in online), 2 photos, original and photocopy of passport, and passed health examination Original and photocopy of a certificate, original and photocopy of attendance record, original and photocopy of the transcript, original study plan, original and photocopy of a financial certificate, and other documents required

by the case.

\*Visa fees: The visa fees for foreign passports must be submitted to the municipal, county (city) service station, or line of the district affairs brigade of the Immigration Department with the above documents and visa fees at least 10 working days before the expiration of the period of stay. The applicant does not need to leave Taiwan to apply for a change of residence permit through the application system.

**Q7. Can I work part-time if I hold a visa to study Chinese?**

**A :** Those who have studied Chinese in Taiwan for one year and hold a residence permit can apply for a part-time work permit. **Those who do not have a work permit are not allowed to work.** Students who intend to use must first obtain application permission from the center before applying to the Vocational Training Bureau for a part-time work permit. Please inquire at our center for detailed information.

**Q8. I am currently studying Chinese at another language center. Can I transfer to Chiayi University to study Chinese?**

**A :** Yes, but you must register with our center and bring the following documents to the Immigration Department to apply for a school change. Provide proof of attendance at the original language center, attendance record of the original language center, and admission letter and registration certificate from our center.

**Q9. I currently hold a residence permit to study Chinese. Can I exchange it for a residence permit for studying at a university or graduate school in Taiwan?**

**A :** Yes, students who hold a residence permit for studying Chinese must, after applying to a university in Taiwan, prepare the required documents before the expiration of the residence period and apply for a change of residence visa at the Consular Affairs Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs before the expiry of the residence period.

\*Required documents:

1. Visa application form (fill online)
2. Two 2-inch color photos within 6 months
3. Original and photocopy of passport (valid for more than 6 months and with blank pages) (including photo data page)

4. Original and 1 copy of health examination certificate
5. Notice of Admission to Taiwan University/Graduate School
6. Proof of enrollment in the Chinese Language Center
7. Proof of registration of the Chinese Language Center (student ID card, attendance record)
8. Chinese Language Center transcript
9. The original and photocopy of the highest academic qualification certificate verified by a local foreign library
10. Original and photocopy of proof of financial resources
11. Provide documents according to individual case requirements (applicants in Taiwan must add copies of the latest visa page and entry stamp page)

**Q10. Can I directly apply for a one-year course and then use the certificate of the one-year course application to apply for a visa?**

**A : No**, each application of this center is based on one period.

Applicants can apply to Taiwan overseas mission for a 90-day visitor visa to study Chinese visa. **For a current student, if you intend to continue studying for multiple terms, please pay the tuition fee for the next term during the registration and payment period.** Please apply for the visitor visa extension with your student certificate and attendance record three weeks before the visitor visa expires.

**Q11.** I have studied Chinese in Taiwan for two years and want to continue learning Chinese. Can I extend my residence permit so that I can study Chinese?

**A :** No, the maximum extension of a residence permit for studying Chinese is two years. Those who have completed two years must leave the country. If you want to continue learning Chinese, you can use the school certification document to re-apply for a visitor visa to study Chinese. However, whether the visitor visa is issued is the decision of the embassy or office abroad.

**Q12. I cannot continue studying at my original university due to personal performance reasons. Can I exchange my residence permit to study in Taiwan for a residence permit to learn Chinese?**

**A :** No, you cannot apply for visas for different purposes in Taiwan. You must leave Taiwan first and then enter Taiwan with a visitor visa to study

Chinese in Taiwan. You can apply for an admission letter from our center before leaving Taiwan, and after leaving Taiwan, take the admission letter or other visa application-related documents to the Taiwanese embassy or office abroad to apply for a visitor visa to study Chinese in Taiwan.