NATIONAL IMMIGRATION AGENCY

Regulations Governing
Foreign Students’ Visiting and Residence Status
(For exchange students)
Outline

☐ VISA Introduction
☐ Visitor VISA Extension
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Q: How many types of visa are there?
A:

- **VISITOR VISA**: Short term VISA, able to stay in Taiwan for 180 days
- **RESIDENT VISA**: Long term VISA, able to stay in Taiwan for over 180 days
- **DIPLOMATIC VISA**
- **COURTESY VISA**
Knowing your VISA

1. VISA TYPE
2. ENTER BEFORE
3. DURATION OF STAY
4. ENTRIES
5. VISA NUMBER
6. REMARKS
Q: Who should apply for visa extension?
A: Exchange students of visa validation period for less than 180 days
Q: Is my visa an extendable visa?
A: If your visa has a validation period of 60 days or more and there is no “no extension” written on the visa. Your visa should be an extendable visa.
Q: When should I apply for visa extension?
A: You should apply for visa extension within 15 days before your visa expires.
Q: Where should I apply for visa extension?
A: You should apply for visa extension at local NIA service center.
Q: What documents should I prepare for visa extension?
A: Documents required for visa extension

- Application form (No need of photo)
- Passport
- Original and copy of Visa
- Student ID and Admission Letter (Includes exchange period on it)
Q: What should I do if I cannot come to apply my visa extension in person?
A: If you can not submit your application in person, you may ask an agent to submit it for you. However, the power of attorney and attorney’s ID are required.
Q: What should I do if I need to open a bank account in Taiwan?
A: You will need to apply for an ID number in order to open a bank account in Taiwan.
Q: Who can apply for ID number?
A: Those who never apply for an ID number or ARC and are in needed of opening bank account.....
Q: How long is the validation of my ID number?
A: Your ID number is valid for a lifetime and one person can only have one ID number in Taiwan.
Q: What documents should I prepare for applying an ID number?
A: Documents required for ID number

- Application form (No need of photo)
- Passport (original and one copy)
Q: What should I do if I cannot come to apply my ID number in person?
A: If you can not submit your application in person, you may ask an agent to submit it for you. However, the power of attorney and attorney’s ID are required.
Q: Do I need an ID number if I already have an ARC?
A: For those who already have an ARC, the ARC number can be as your ID number, therefore, the ARC holders do not need to apply for an ID number.
What is ARC

- Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)
- Identification card in Taiwan
- Basic personal information, personal picture, validity of ARC
Knowing Your ARC
Multiple Re-entry Permit

The holder of this certificate may have multiple entry into Taiwan and this certificate shall be renewed before expiration.

The competent authorities reserve the right to revoke this ARC.
Q: Who should apply for ARC?
A: Exchange students with resident visa and plan to stay in Taiwan for longer than 6 months should apply for ARC.
Q: Is there a deadline for applying ARC?
A: Students with resident visa should apply for ARC within 15 days after arrival.
Q: What will happen if I do not apply ARC within 15 days of arrival?
A: Students with resident visa failed to apply ARC within 15 days of arrival could be fined from 2,000 NTD up to 10,000 NTD depends on the days of late application.
Q: Can I apply for ARC if I only have a visitor visa?
A: If you have a visitor visa and plan to stay in Taiwan for more than 6 months, you will need to go to Ministry of Foreign Affair to change your visitor visa to residence visa before applying ARC.
Q: Where should I go to apply ARC?
A:

1. At local NIA service center
   - Individual application: submit application at counters for foreign passport holders
   - Group application: submit group applications at a reserved counter (appointment by phone in advance is required)

2. In your school (reserved in advance)
   - (Ask your school to make an appointment with NIA service center for group applications in school)
National Immigration Agency on-campus services

Services including: ARCs and ROC ID numbers
(For submitting application only, other inquiries please contact Taipei City Service Center N.I.A. 02-23889393 ext.3214)

日期(Date)：9th and 10th September
時間(Time)：9.30am-noon/1.30pm-3pm
地點(Location)：9th - B1 of Core Subjects Classroom Building
普通教學館B1
10th - Meeting room 4, 5th Floor, 2nd Admin Building
第二行政大樓5樓第4會議室
Taipei City Service Center, NIA

- Address: No. 15, Guangzhou St., Zhongzheng District, Taipei City
- TEL: 886-2-2388-9393 ext.3122/3123
- The office hours: 8 am - 5 pm through the lunch hour from Monday to Friday.
- Information (hotline) for foreigners: 886-800-024-111
Q: What documents should I prepare for applying ARC?
A: Documents for applying ARC

- Application Form
- Passport and Visa
- 1 photo (2” x 2” taken within a year and same format as Taiwanese ID)
- Admission Letter (exchange period written on it)
- Proof of Registration (Student ID with registration stamp)
Q: How much should I pay for the ARC?
A: The application fee for ARC is 1,000 NTD per year.
Q: How long does it take to make an ARC?
A: The processing time for making an ARC usually takes 10 working days. You can come to the NIA service center to pick up your ARC with receipt.
Q: What should I do if I lost my ARC?
A: You should go to the local NIA service center and ask for a replacement for the lost ARC.
Q: What documents should I prepare for a replacement of the lost ARC?
A: Replacement for a lost ARC

- Application Form
- Passport
- 1 photo (2”x 2” taken within a year and same format as Taiwanese ID)
- Proof of Registration (Student ID with registration stamp)
- Declaration or proof of reporting a lost ARC to the police
Q: How much should I pay for the replacement of a lost ARC?
A: You will be charged with 500 NTD for replacement of a lost ARC.
Q: What should I do if I lost my passport?
A: Reporting a lost passport

- You should go to local NIA service center to report a lost passport **in person**.
- Please prepare application form, 2 photos (2”x 2”), Documents used as proof of personal identity.
- Bring the certificate of lost passport to the embassy or consulate of your home country to apply for a new passport.
- You need to go to NIA service center to update information after obtaining new passport or travel document.
Q: What will happen if I overstay in Taiwan?
A: you will be fined from 2,000 NTD to 10,000 NTD depending on the overstaying period.
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Q: Is it possible to apply for ARC extension if I have already overstayed?
A1: If you continue to study in Taiwan and your overstaying period is less than 30 days (30\textsuperscript{th} excluded), you may re-apply for ARC extension after being fined.
A2: If your overstaying period is over 29 days, it is not allowed to re-apply ARC in Taiwan. You must pay the penalty fines and leave Taiwan to apply a new visa to re-enter and submit a new ARC application again.
Q: Should I report to NIA if I change my address?
A: You should submit the leasing contract to NIA local service center for change of address within 15 days. ARC holders failed to do so will be fined.
Violators can be fined from 2,000 NTD to 10,000 NTD.

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Q: What will happen if I drop out/quit school or shorten my exchange period?
A1: NIA will cancel your ARC if you drop out/quit or graduate from school early because the residential reason is no longer valid.
A2: In such case, you should return your ARC and contact the local NIA service center. You will be informed of the designated date of exiting Taiwan.
The end

Thanks for your attention