

Yale Model United Nations Taiwan Visa Guide

Who Needs a Visa for Taiwan?

Nationals of *most* countries <u>need to apply for a visa for Taiwan</u>. Taiwan has signed visa-waiver agreements with several countries, allowing nationals of those countries visa-free entrance to Taiwan for short-trips (up to 90 days). This means that nationals of all EU and EFTA member states, the US, Australia, Japan, and many other countries do not have to apply for a Visitor Visa before traveling to Taiwan. Even so, visa-exemptions may not apply if you were born in mainland China (PRC), Hong Kong or Macau. If you are not a national of these countries, you should apply beforehand for a Taiwan Visitor Visa.

Taiwan eVisa

An eVisa for Taiwan is available, but only to nationals of the following countries: Bahrain, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Dominica, Ecuador, Kiribati, Kuwait, Mauritius, Montenegro, Oman, Panama, Peru, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Solomon Islands, Turkey, United Arab Emirates.

The eVisa is issued entirely online without having to appear before a Taiwanese diplomatic mission at all. It is only for short-term stays of up to 30 days, for tourism, business, visits, etc. The Taiwan eVisa application process is as follows:

- 1. Complete and submit the eVisa application here
- 2. Pay the Taiwan eVisa fee (by credit card)
- 3. Wait for the eVisa to process
- 4. Once processed, you will receive the confirmation on your email
- 5. Print the eVisa and use it to travel to Taiwan, where you must show it to the immigration officers at the point of entry.

Taiwan Visa Application Process

You have to apply for a Taiwan visa in person at a Taiwan diplomatic mission abroad, preferably in your country. Locations of Taiwan embassies, missions, and offices can be found <u>here</u>. However, before appearing at the Taiwanese diplomatic mission, you have to complete and print an online Taiwan Visa Application Form. The Taiwan visa application process is as follows:

- Complete, print and sign the electronic Taiwan Visa Application Form
- Collect the required documents for a Taiwan visa
- Submit the application and the required documents at a Taiwan diplomatic mission



Complete the Taiwan Visa Application From

The first part of a Taiwan visa application is completing the visa application form, which the Taiwan government has made accessible online. You can access the Taiwan Visa Application Form through <u>this website</u>. The fields you must complete include:

- Your personal details, such as your name, nationality, gender, birth date and place, marital status, details of your spouse (if any), employment status, address, contact details, etc.
- The details of your passport, such as issue/expiry date, type of passport, and passport number
- The type of visa you want
- The Taiwanese diplomatic mission you will submit the visa application to (select from a dropdown menu)
- Details regarding the purpose of your travel
- Contact information of your host/contact in Taiwan
- Statement of whether you are submitting an application on someone else's behalf

After starting an application, you can select "Save Draft" and exit the application to complete it at another time. If you remain on one section of the application form for longer than 30 minutes without saving, you will lose that section and have to restart.

Once you complete the Taiwan visa application form, you have to print it and sign it. You can have someone else complete the application on your behalf, but the application form must have your signature.

Collect the required documents

When you submit a Taiwan visa application, you must have several supporting documents, such as:

- The printed Taiwan Visa Application Form
- Your passport or another travel document, valid for at least six more months from the date of entry to Taiwan.
- Two passport-sized pictures
- A return/onward travel ticket, which proves you intend to leave after your stay in Taiwan is over.
- Proof of sufficient funds to cover the duration of your stay
- Proof of payment of the Taiwan visa fee
- Any additional documents based on the purpose of your visit, such as:
 - A letter from your current employer, if traveling for business
 - Invitation letter from your relatives in Taiwan along with proof of relationship, if traveling for a social visit



For a more detailed list of Taiwan visa requirements, see here.

Submit the Taiwan visa application at a diplomatic mission

After you complete the online Taiwan visa application, you must collect the documents and **submit them in person at a Taiwan diplomatic mission within 30 days**. You can select the diplomatic mission where you will submit your documents from a dropdown menu on the online application. However, even though you may apply for a Taiwan visa at any Taiwanese diplomatic mission, you should do so at the nearest one to where you live.

- The diplomatic mission staff may request an interview with you if they think it is necessary.
- You have to pay the Taiwan visa fee at the time of application.
- If all is in order with your application, they will issue your visa and notify you when you can pick up your passport with an affixed visa.
- If the Taiwan diplomatic mission considers that your application needs further review, they will forward it to the Taiwan Bureau of Consular Affairs (BOCA). Once the BOCA approves your application, they will notify the diplomatic mission, who then issues you your visa.
- Some diplomatic missions require you to appear yourself for document submission, while others may allow you to authorize someone else to apply on your behalf.
- If you want to receive your passport via mail, you have to include a self-addressed and prepaid envelope along with your documents.

Taiwan Visa Fees

The Taiwan visa fees change depending on the type of visa you apply for as well as where you are applying from. As such, the Taiwan visa fees are:

If applying at a Taiwan Diplomatic Mission Overseas:

- Single-Entry Visitor Visa: US\$50
- Multiple-Entry Visitor Visa: US\$100
- Single-Entry Resident Visa: US\$66
- Multiple-Entry Resident Visa: US\$132

If applying in Taiwan:

- Single-Entry Visitor Visa: NT\$1,600
- Multiple-Entry Visitor Visa: NT\$3,200
- Single-Entry Resident Visa: NT\$2,200



• Multiple-Entry Resident Visa: NT\$4,400

How Long Does it Take to Process a Taiwan Visa?

The processing time for a Taiwan visa depends on the country from which you're applying, but it usually does not take long, varying from 2-10 working days from the time they receive your completed application. You should inquire with the Taiwan diplomatic mission through which you are applying to make sure.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Lee-Ann Kao at <u>delegations@ymunt.org</u>!