

## **Application Instructions for Visitor Visa Extension**

### **Laws and Regulations**

- A. Article 31, Paragraph 1 of the Immigration Act.
- B. Article 3 and 19 of the Regulations Governing Visiting, Residency, and Permanent Residency of Aliens.
- C. Article 18 of the Act for the Recruitment and Employment of Foreign Professionals.
- D. Article 3, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 1 of the Fee-Charging Standards for Entry/Exit Permits and Immigration Documents.

### **Applicant Eligibility and the Duration of Visitor Visa (Further) Extension:**

#### **A. Visitor Visa Extension:**

- 1. For a foreign national who is holding a visitor visa and has been permitted to stay in Taiwan for sixty days or more, and has not been subject to 'no extension will be granted' or other restrictions on the visa by the visa-issuing authority, he/she may apply for an extension of stay before the expiration of his/her current stay if there is the necessity of a continuing stay: per extension shall not exceed the duration of stay permitted by the original visa, and the total duration of stay shall not exceed six months.
- 2. For lineal ascendants of a foreign specified professional and/or a foreign senior professional that has been approved for residence or permanent residence by the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as NIA), who hold a visitor visa of six months and has not been subject to 'no extension will be granted' or other restrictions on the visa by the visa-issuing authority: he/she may apply to the NIA for an extension of stay without leaving the State before the expiration of his/her current stay if there is the necessity of a continuing stay, while the total duration of each stay shall not exceed one year.

#### **B. Further Extension of the Visitor Visa:**

- 1. For a person who has been pregnant for more than seven months or less than two months after childbirth or miscarriage: Up to two months per extension.

2. For a person who has been hospitalized for disease or pregnancy, and traveling abroad by plane or ship may endanger his/her life: Up to two months per extension.
3. For a person whose spouse, or lineal relative by blood, collateral relative by blood within the third degree or a relative by marriage within the second degree has been hospitalized for catastrophic illness or injury in Taiwan which requires in-person caring or is deceased which requires funeral arrangements: Up to two months from the day of the occurrence.
4. For a person who has met forces majeure, natural disaster or other unforeseen incidents: Up to one month.
5. For a person whose personal freedom has been deprived by law: Granted as required by circumstances.

### **Required Documents**

#### **A. Visitor Visa Extension:**

1. Application Form.
2. Passport. (Original and one photocopy.)
3. Visa. (Currently in use, either issued abroad or within Taiwan. Original and one photocopy.)
4. Supporting Documents for Specific Purposes of Stay:
  - (1) Visiting Relatives:
    - a. Relative's R.O.C. (Taiwan) ID, household registration, R.O.C. (Taiwan) Resident Certificate, Alien Resident Certificate (ARC), Alien Permanent Resident Certificate (APRC) or Employment Gold Card.
    - b. Proof of kinship. (e.g. Marriage certificate, birth certificate with parents' information)
  - (2) Studying Mandarin Chinese:
    - a. Certificate of enrollment issued by the Mandarin Chinese Language Centers affiliated with universities or tutoring centers.
    - b. Proof of attendance. (Applicants who have been absent over a quarter of total class hours during the 3 months prior to the time of application are not eligible for visitor visa extension.)
  - (3) Religious Activities:
    - a. Invitation or relevant documents issued by the religious organization within 1 month;
    - b. Registration certificate of the inviting religious organization (A photocopy which is stamped with the organization's and its representative's corporate

- seals.)
- (4) Foreign Employees Attending Training Courses in Taiwan:
    - a. Approval letter issued by the competent authorities (Original and photocopy, the original will be returned after reviewing.);
    - b. Employment certificate issued by the training organization in Taiwan within 1 month.
  - (5) Employment or Business Activities:
    - a. Approval letter issued by the competent authorities (Original and photocopy. The original will be returned after inspection.)
    - b. Employment certificate or relevant document issued by the company/organization in Taiwan within 1 month.
  - (6) Business Visitors:
    - a. Business guarantee statement letter issued by the company in Taiwan. (Stamped with the company's and its representative's corporate seals.)
    - b. Business registration of the company in Taiwan.
  - (7) Working Holiday: Proof of accommodation in Taiwan.
  - (8) Lineal Ascendants of Foreign Special/Senior Professionals:
    - a. A multiple-entry visitor visa with a duration of 6 months issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which is valid for one year and bears no such remark as "no extension or other restrictions will be granted."
    - b. ARC, APRC, or Employment Gold Card of the Foreign Special/Senior Professional.
    - c. Proof of kinship.
  - (9) Other Purposes of Stay: Documents relevant to the purpose of stay noted in the applicant's current visa must be submitted with the application.

**B. Further Extension of the Visitor Visa:**

Applicants should submit the documents stated in items 1 to 3 of the preceding paragraph with supporting documents regarding the purpose of application.

**Application Procedures**

**A. Visitor Visa Extension:**

Please apply at the NIA service centers up to 15 days prior to the expiration date of the permitted period of stay.

**B. Further Extension of the Visitor Visa:**

Please apply at the NIA service center in your actual place of residence up to 15 days prior to the expiration date of the permitted period of stay.

**Application Fees**

The application fee is NTD\$300.

**Notes**

- A. If the application is filed by an agent, please complete the agent's authorization section on the application form, or provide an additional power of attorney.
- B. Duration of stay starts from the next day of arrival.
- C. Foreign nationals may not apply to extend their stay if they were admitted to Taiwan in the following categories: landing visa, visa-exempt entries, and visas bear such remark as "no extension will be granted."
- D. Applicants whose purpose of stay is studying Mandarin Chinese must apply for extension by themselves in person.
- E. For applicants who meet the criteria listed in Article 2, Subparagraph 1, Item 2, it may take one to two weeks to process the application, depending on the situation of each case. When the applicant receives the NIA's notification, he/she should go to the NIA service center in his/her actual place of residence and apply for an extension as instructed.
- F. For an R.O.C. (Taiwan) National with household registration in Taiwan who has entered Taiwan on a foreign passport, he/she must apply for moving-out registration at Household Registration Office before submitting the application for extension. A man whose age is close to military age or of military age who has not fulfilled his military service obligation and does not hold an Overseas Compatriot Identity Certificate or whose R.O.C. (Taiwan) passport bears no Overseas Compatriot Identity Endorsements, the application will not be accepted. A draftee-to-be in the status of an Overseas Chinese has established household registration in Taiwan and resides in Taiwan for one year or anyone who is subject to conscription by law and is restricted from traveling overseas, and in these cases, applications will not be accepted either.
- G. Notarization and verification procedures
  - 1. If the required documents are generated overseas, the following regulations shall apply:
    - (1) If the required documents are made in foreign

countries, they shall be certified by the overseas embassies; if the required documents are made by foreign missions or authorized institutions in the R.O.C. (Taiwan), they shall be certified by the MOFA.

- (2) If the required documents are made in mainland China, they should be verified by an agency established or designated by the Executive Yuan or a private organization entrusted by the Executive Yuan.
  - (3) If the documents are made in Hong Kong or Macao, they should be verified by an organization established or designated by the Executive Yuan or a private organization entrusted by the Executive Yuan in Hong Kong or Macao.
2. If a document is written in a foreign language, the NIA may request that the applicant submit a Chinese translation certified by overseas embassies or notarized by a domestic notary public.