

## **Application Instructions for Nationals without Household Registration in the Taiwan Area Visiting Taiwan**

### **A. Laws and Regulations**

1. Article 5, Paragraph 2 of the Immigration Act.
2. Articles 2 through 7 of the Regulations Governing Visiting, Residency, and Registering Permanent Residence of Nationals Without Household Registration in the Taiwan Area.

### **B. Application Procedures**

The application procedure varies depending on the location of a national without household registration in the Taiwan Area (hereinafter referred to as a national without household registration).

1. Overseas areas: A national without household registration should apply at an R.O.C.(Taiwan) overseas embassy, representative office, office or other authorized agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the Overseas Mission).
2. Mainland China: A national without household registration should apply to the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the NIA) through his or her relative or spouse in R.O.C. (Taiwan) or an immigration service organization or a Class-A (and above) travel agency.
3. Hong Kong or Macao: A national without household registration should apply to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Hong Kong or Macao.
4. R.O.C. (Taiwan): A national without household registration should apply to the NIA in person or through an agent, an immigration service organization, or a Class-A (and above) travel agency.

### **C. Required Documents**

1. An Application form with a 2-inch white-background photo taken within the last 2 years.
2. An R.O.C. (Taiwan) passport, or other documents establishing the R.O.C. (Taiwan) nationality of the national without household registration.
3. A resident certificate which proves the place of residence abroad of the national without household registration.
4. Other relevant documents.

5. A registered return and self-addressed stamped envelope with the recipient's name, contact telephone number.(For applicants who wish to collect permit by mail)

D. Processing Times

5 working days starting from the day the NIA receives a complete application. (If supplementary were not requested.)

E. Permit Types and Validity

The validity varies depending on the type of permit.

1. Lin-Jen Entry Permit: The permit's validity, from the day after its issuance, varies in range from 6 months, 1 year, 3 years, or equal to the passport's validity. The validity of entry permit shall not exceed the validity of the passport. The applicant who meets one of the following requirements may apply for an entry permit with equal validity as the passport:

(a) The applicant who meets one of the following requirements, and has a written acknowledgement of an Overseas Mission :

- (1) Participates in the work of overseas community and contributes to overseas community affairs.
- (2) Is approved to make investments according to the "Statute for Investment by Overseas Chinese."
- (3) Is a personnel of an Overseas Mission or an international institution.
- (4) Possesses the right of permanent residence in a country fall under visa-exemption program announced by R.O.C. (Taiwan).
- (5) Is a spouse or lineal relative by blood of a national without household registration who meets requirements of subparagraph (1)~(4).
- (6) Has a formal student status and is enrolled in a public school, a private school approved and registered by the competent educational administration authority at all levels, or a foreign educational institution recognized by the Ministry of Education.
- (7) Is a spouse or lineal relative by blood of a national without household registration who has been issued a Lin-Jen Entry Permit with equal validity as the passport in accordance

with the following paragraph (b).

(b) A national without household registration has a lineal relative by blood, spouse, sibling, or parents-in-law with a household registration in R.O.C. (Taiwan).

2. Single Entry Permit: A national without household registration who has been granted a single-entry permit could visit R.O.C. (Taiwan) once during the validity of the permit. The permit is valid for 6 months from the day after its issuance. If a national without household registration who does not enter R.O.C. (Taiwan) during the validity of permit, he/she can apply for a maximum of 6 months of extension with the NIA but no earlier than 30 days before it expires, if the permit bears no such remark as "no extension will be granted".
3. Multiple Entry Permit: Valid for 1 or 3 years from the day after its issuance.
4. Temporary Entry Permit: Valid for 30 days from the day after its issuance.
5. Temporary Visitor Permit: Valid for 7 days from the day after its issuance.

F. Application Fees

The application fee varies depending on the type of permit.

1. Lin-Jen Entry Permit: None.
2. Single Entry Permit: NTD\$600, a national without household registration can be exempted from the fee if he/she:
  - (a) Is a Council member or Honorary consultant of the Overseas Community Affairs Council returning to R.O.C. (Taiwan) for official duties.
  - (b) Is an expatriate returning to R.O.C. (Taiwan) to participate in celebratory activities from September 1st to October 10th annually.
3. Multiple Entry Permit: NTD\$1000 for 1-year validity, NTD\$2000 for 3-year validity.
4. Temporary Entry Permit: None.
5. Temporary Visitor Permit: None.

G. Duration of Stay

Nationals without household registration enter R.O.C.(Taiwan) with permits may stay for a period of up to 3 months from the day after entry.

H. Notes

1. Nationals without household registration may only apply for Lin-Jen Entry Permits outside R.O.C. (Taiwan).
2. Nationals without household registration shall present valid R.O.C. (Taiwan) passports and entry permits for inspection and examination for admission to R.O.C. (Taiwan).
3. Nationals without household registration entering R.O.C. (Taiwan) with entry permits can apply once to extend their period of authorized stay for another 3 months.
4. The NIA shall not grant a re-entry permit if a national without household registration possesses a foreign nationality has overstayed, or has engaged in activities that are inconsistent with the purpose of visit.
5. If a permit issued under Section E was lost, destroyed or damaged before entering R.O.C. (Taiwan), the holder shall re-apply it and pay a fee accordingly. If a permit was lost, destroyed or damaged after entering R.O.C. (Taiwan), the holder shall apply for a replacement at local service centers of the NIA. If a permit was lost, destroyed, damaged during departure at a airport or seaport, the holder may apply for replacement at the NIA Border Affair Corp branches in a airport and seaport; the holder will be charged an application fee of NTD\$300, and a replacement permit shall be issued for exiting R.O.C.(Taiwan).
6. If the required documents are made in foreign countries, they shall be certified by an Overseas Mission; if the required documents are made in Hong Kong, Macao, or Mainland China, they shall be certified by Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Hong Kong/Macao, or Straits Exchange Foundation. If documents are written in a foreign language, the NIA may request the applicant to attach a Chinese translation certified by an Overseas Mission or notarized by a domestic notary public.