



## FAQ about Visa

The following information on visas is for reference only. For further details or updated information on visa regulations, please contact the nearest ROC embassy, consulate or representative agency, or visit the website of Bureau of Consular Affairs. Please make sure you understand the rules and regulations regarding visas before you leave your country.

### \*Mistry of Foreign Affairs--Embassies & Missions

<https://en.mofa.gov.tw/CountryAreaInfoEn.aspx?CASN=5&n=1287&sms=0>

### \*Bureau of Consular Affairs

<https://www.boca.gov.tw/mp-2.html>

### Q1. How do I apply for the visa? What kind of visa I should apply for?

For visa applicants, please fill in the online application form (<https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-166-285-041cb-2.html>), check the required documents, and then go to the Taiwanese consulates to apply.

- ◆ Type of visa: Visitor Visa
- ◆ Purpose of visa: Chinese Studying (visa code: FR)

### Q2. How long can I stay on a visitor visa?

Usually, FR visas allow holders to remain in Taiwan for 60 or 90 days. Extendable visas may be extended for a maximum stay of up to 180 days. If visas are non- extendable or when no further extensions are granted, the holders must leave Taiwan to obtain a new visa.

### Q3. My country is on the list of 30-days visa exempt countries. Can I come to study without applying for a visa?

Visa-exempt Entry: <https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-149-4486-7785a-2.html>



The 30-day-visa-exempt entry is not extendable. Students need to leave Taiwan when the visa exemption period expires. If you apply for the regular seasonal program, we do not recommend to come to Taiwan on 30-day-visa-exempt entry since a term of regular course lasts over 30 days.

The 90-day-visa-exempt entry covers one term of study. However, you may miss few days of classes depending on the date your entry. We suggest you to consult CLCC' s academic calendar before making your travel plans.

The vis-exempt entry is not extendable. If you have a longer study plan, we will recommend you to apply for extendable FR visitor visa.

**\*Attention:** Make sure your passport has at least 6 month of validity upon entry.

**Q4. My visa will expire just a few days before the last day of class. Can I still extend my visa to complete my study?**

If the expiration date is not far away from the last day of class, students may apply for an extension for a short grace period (7 days in general) so they can complete their study and leave Taiwan without applying for a new visa. However, please note that only the Immigration Agency holds the authority to grant/deny extensions.

**Q5. I want to study for 3 terms or longer and plan to stay in Taiwan over 180 days. During my study, how can I deal with my visa without leaving Taiwan?**

Students who have studied in CLCC for 4 months consecutively and have never left Taiwan during the period and have been with good attendance record can apply for a resident if they would like to study for 3 terms or more. With the resident visa, they may apply for an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC).

- ◆ Please note that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs sometimes requires a guarantor before a resident visa can be issued. CLC does not act as a guarantor for any student.
- ◆ Document needed for resident visa of studying Chinese:  
<https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-181-480-c85cb-2.html>



### Q6. How do I apply for the resident visa of Chinese studying purpose?

The students who have studied at the center for 4 consecutive months and have continued to register for more than 3 months, and the absent hours does not exceed the 1/4 of total course hours, may apply for the resident visa to the MoFA.

It takes about 10 working days to process. You are suggested to submit your application two weeks before the expiry date of your visitor visa.

After receiving the resident visa, you can go to the Immigration Agency to change the ARC.

- ◆ Document needed for resident visa of studying Chinese:  
<https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-181-480-c85cb-2.html>
- ◆ Standard Fee of visa application : <https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-76-32-4a369-1.html>

### Q7. I have the ARC of studying Chinese now and I want to apply for the degree program in a Taiwanese university. Can I change my ARC in Taiwan?

Yes. If you are an ARC holder, you can apply for the permit of university admission. Then, prepare all required documents to change the purpose of the residence visa in the Bureau of Foreign Affairs before the expiry of the residence period.

\*Required documents (<https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-181-477-e95f0-2.html>)

1. Application form (filling online)
2. Two 2"x2" photographs taken within 6 months.
3. Passport, with at least 6 months of validity and empty pages.
4. Certificate of Health Examination
5. Admission Letter issue by a Taiwanese university
6. Certificate of CLCC' s enrollment
7. Certificates of CLCC' s registration (Student ID Card, Attendance record)
8. Transcript of CLCC
9. Diploma of your highest level of education and related academic records.



## 10. Financial Statement

11. Any required documents by cases. (The copy page of the latest visa page and entry stamp is required.)

### **Q8. I am studying in another language center. Can I transfer to the CLC next term?**

Yes. You need to apply and register in the CLCC first. Then take the required documents as follows to the National Immigration Agency to change the language center stated on your visa.

- ◆ Certificate of Enrollment issued by your current language center
- ◆ Record of Attendance issued by your current language center
- ◆ Certificate of Enrollment issued by the CLC
- ◆ Admission Letter issued by the CLC

### **Q9. Can I take a part-time job if I stay in Taiwan on a visa for language studies?**

Students who have studied in a language center for one year and have an ARC can apply for a part-time work permit.

Foreigners who don't have a work permit cannot work in Taiwan.

Working hours for part-time work permit holders cannot exceed 20 hours per week.

Get the approval from CLCC before you would like to apply for a work permit. After obtaining the approval, submit your application to the Bureau of Employment and Vocational Training.

### **Q10. I have a plan to study for one year. Can I apply for the admission letter for one year to apply for resident visa?**

NO. The student can only apply for 1 term of program each time. Application use the admission letter to apply for a 60 to 90-day extendable visitor visa for language studies.

If you want to study for more than one term, please pay the tuition fee for the next



term course and extend you visa at least 2 weeks earlier before the expired date.

**Q11. I have already studied Chinese in Taiwan for 2 years and I want to continue studying. Can I extend my ARC?**

NO. ARC of language studying can only be extended up to 2 years. The student needs to leave Taiwan when the period of stay reaches 2 years. If you want to study Chinese, you have to re-apply for the visitor visa again with the admission letter issued by the CLCC and other required documents.

Whether your visa application is approved or not is decided by the discretion of Taiwan embassy or consulates.

**Q12. I am current left (dropped off) from the university, can I come to study in CLCC? Can I just change my FS resident visa to FA visitor visa?**

NO. You cannot change your visa to a different purpose of stay in Taiwan. You need to leave Taiwan and take:

- ◆ CLCC' s admission letter
- ◆ Other documents for visa application

in order to apply for a visitor visa for language studies (visa code: FR) in a Taiwan consulate overseas.