

Employment -Seeking Visa

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Good day to everyone. I am honored to represent the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in introducing the employment-seeking visa to you. I will divide my explanation into two main parts: First I will explain what an employment-seeking visa is, and then I will describe how to apply for one.

The employment-seeking visa is a new kind of visa, newly designed and newly created to meet the government's purpose of attracting talent to Taiwan by making it easier for foreign professionals to come to this country to look for work opportunities. It is a visitor visa that allows the holder to enter and leave Taiwan repeatedly. It permits a stay in Taiwan of up to 180 days, just short of half a year. Apart from making it easier for foreign professionals to seek employment in Taiwan, it also gives them opportunity to familiarize themselves with Taiwan's general living environment and work conditions.

An employment-seeking visa can be applied for at any overseas mission of the ROC. This year, there is a quota of 2,000 for the visa's issuance.

Applying for the visa is extremely simple. You only need to meet the following three conditions to apply for it at one of our country's missions. First, if you already have work experience, your average monthly salary in the most recent six months must have been at least NT\$47,971, which is roughly equivalent to US\$1,600. Second, if you have just graduated, the school from which you graduated must be one of the world's top 500 universities as listed by the Ministry of Education. And third, if you consider yourself to possess high proficiency in some specialization, or have a high interest in coming to work in Taiwan, you can go to apply at one of our missions, and after the staff there have accepted your application, they will report back to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which will pass your case to the relevant central competent authority to decide upon your eligibility for the visa. Satisfying any one of these conditions suffices for obtaining this visa.

Regarding the documentary requirements and procedure of applications, our ministry's Bureau of Consular Affairs (BOCA) has an extremely detailed explanation of these on its website. You just need to go to this webpage, and select the explanation of the process for applying for an employment-seeking visa. Follow the instructions to fill out each of the forms, including the application form and the ROC Employment-Seeking Visa Application Checklist. Then you just have to provide proofs as per the application conditions, and that is it.

You also need a plan for seeking employment, proof of sufficient financial resources, and a certificate of good conduct (aka a police clearance certificate). All is explained in detail on the website in both English and Chinese.

Links are provided to important websites that you may find it helpful to refer to. You can click on links to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Bureau of Consular Affairs, and can click to the Joint Website of ROC Embassies and Missions Abroad, where you can find the locations of our overseas missions, and find each mission's email, address, and telephone number.

This concludes my briefing on the employment-seeking visa. Thank you for listening.