

Flowchart for visa applications and arrivals of foreign youth participating in working holiday schemes in the ROC (Taiwan)

Eligible nationals of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Slovakia, or the United Kingdom currently residing in their country of citizenship may apply for a visa under the working holiday scheme by submitting proof of medical and comprehensive hospitalization insurance for the entire duration of their proposed stay in Taiwan, together with other required documents, to the Republic of China (Taiwan) foreign mission responsible for their country of citizenship. (Note: Starting January 1, 2019, eligible nationals of Canada may apply for a working holiday visa while already in the Republic of China (Taiwan).)

Approved nationals of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, or Slovakia are issued a 180-day, multiple-entry visitor visa which is valid for entry within one year of the date of issue, and extendable for another 180 days.

Approved nationals of the United Kingdom are issued a single-entry residence visa which is valid for entry within three months of the date of issue.

Duration of stay: 180 days. Within 15 days of the expiration of the duration of stay, holders of the above visa may visit the National Immigration Agency service center in the city or county of residence in Taiwan to apply for an extension of stay of up to 180 days. The total duration of stay from the initial date of entry shall not exceed one year, and no further extensions or changes in visa type shall be permitted.

Alien Resident Certificate application: Within 15 days of the day after arrival in Taiwan, holders of the above visa shall visit the National Immigration Agency service center in the city or county of residence in Taiwan to apply for an Alien Resident Certificate valid for one year, as well as a reentry permit. In accordance with bilateral agreements between the R.O.C. (Taiwan) and the United Kingdom on the Youth Mobility Scheme (YMS), British nationals who have been granted a YMS ARC may apply in Taiwan for a work visa or a student visa (undergraduate and above) before their ARC expires.

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In accordance with Article 4 of the Regulations on the Permission and Administration of the Employment of Foreign Workers, visas given to foreign nationals under the working holiday scheme are considered employment permits, and no separate application for an employment permit need be filed.

Tax on the income of foreign nationals employed under the working holiday scheme shall be withheld in accordance with the terms of Article 88 of the Income Tax Act.