

# **Guidelines for Citizens of the State of Israel Applying for Visas to Travel to the Republic of China (Taiwan) for the Working Holiday Scheme**

## **I. Qualifications and requirements**

1. The applicant must be a citizen of the State of Israel.
2. The applicant must be aged between 18 and 30 years.
3. The applicant must not have previously taken part in the Taiwan-Israel Working Holiday Scheme.
4. The primary reason for entering Taiwan must be a long-term holiday. If the applicant needs to raise funds to cover travel expenses while in Taiwan, the applicant may seek legal employment. However, such employment may only be a secondary reason for entering Taiwan and not the primary one.
5. Dependent family members shall not accompany the applicant.

## **II. Required documents and fees**

1. Completed and signed visa application form
  - (1) A completed online application form on the MOFA Bureau of Consular Affairs website ([visawebapp.boca.gov.tw](http://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw)>Online Application Form>Main Menu>General Visa Application) that has been printed and signed on the second page
  - (2) Travel detail items that have been selected as follows: Duration of stay: 1-180 days; Number of entries: Multiple; Purpose of travel: Working Holiday (Youth Mobility)
2. A State of Israel passport valid for a period of at least six months beyond the anticipated end date of the stay in Taiwan

3. Two two-inch color photos taken within the past six months
4. The fee for a multiple-entry visa is US\$100 or the equivalent in another currency (to be designated by the overseas mission that processes the application). The fee is nonrefundable.
5. Airplane/boat ticket to Taiwan or proof of purchase of such a ticket, as well as a return airplane/boat ticket or proof of sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket
6. Proof of sufficient funds to cover living expenses during the period of initial stay in Taiwan
7. Accident and medical insurance, covering comprehensive hospitalization and repatriation expenses in the event of sickness or death, valid for the planned stay in Taiwan
8. Certificate of good conduct issued by the State of Israel Police (The information contained therein shall not be used for any purpose other than the Working Holiday Scheme.)
9. Other relevant documents requested by the overseas mission that processes the application

### **III. Application procedures**

1. Applicants must submit all the documents listed in Paragraph 2 to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Tel Aviv.
2. The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Tel Aviv may request other relevant documents on a case-by-case basis. When deemed necessary, an interview may also be requested.

### **IV. Visa details**

1. Category: multiple-entry visitor visa
2. Validity: one year from the date of issue

3. Duration of stay: 180 days. Within 15 days prior to the expiry of the 180 days of stay, the visa holder may apply for an extension of up to 180 days at the National Immigration Agency service center in the city or county of residence in Taiwan. The total duration of stay from the date of entry may not exceed one year. No further extensions or changes to visa type shall be permitted thereafter.
4. Remarks: WH - DURATION OF STAY STARTS FROM THE NEXT DAY OF ARRIVAL. PERMITTED STAY FOR NO MORE THAN 1 YEAR FROM THE DATE OF FIRST ENTRY. 依據雇主聘僱外國人許可及管理辦法第四條規定，本簽證視同工作許可 (The Chinese text states that, “according to Article 4 of the Regulations on the Permission and Administration of the Employment of Foreign Workers, this visa is regarded as a work permit.”)

## **V. Other items**

1. Each year a maximum of 200 visas may be issued under this Working Holiday Scheme.
2. According to Article 4 of the Regulations on the Permission and Administration of the Employment of Foreign Workers, visas issued under the Working Holiday Scheme are regarded as work permits. Therefore, work permits need not be obtained. Participants in the scheme are prohibited from engaging in employment of a permanent nature during their stay and from working for the same employer for more than a total of three months during the course of their stay. Tax

on any income will be withheld in accordance with the terms of Article 88 of the Income Tax Act.

3. Participants in the scheme may enroll in training, language, or study courses (formal courses not included) for up to three months during the course of their stay.