

Newly Revised Immigration Act- Summary of Key Changes

Effective as of March 1, 2024

Application Fee Required for Visitor Visa Extension

A foreign national who is permitted to stay in Taiwan for 60 days or longer via a visitor visa that bears no such remark as "no extension will be granted", if needs to stay for more time, may apply for extension at National Immigration Agency. The application fee will be NT\$300.

Note

Each extension period cannot exceed the original permitted duration of stay, and the cumulative duration of stay cannot exceed 6 months.



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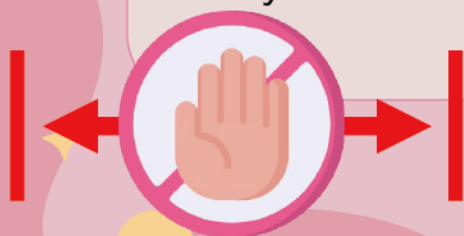
Reducing Entry Ban for Overstaying Foreign Parents

If a foreigner is prohibited from entering Taiwan due to working illegally or overstaying beyond authorized period of visit or residence, but his or her biological descendant is a R.O.C. national with household registration, a legally residing R.O.C. national without household registration, or foreigner with permanent residence, he or she may apply to have the duration on his/her entry ban reduced by half.



Amendment to the Duration of Entry Ban for Overstaying Foreign Nationals

The maximum duration of prohibition from entering Taiwan for foreigners who overstay beyond authorized period of visit or residence in Taiwan has been revised from 3 years to 7 years.





Additional Penalties to Combat Human Trafficking Organizations

Human trafficking group who illegally arranges foreigners to enter Taiwan through methods such as smuggling; or illegally arrange foreigners or nationals to leave Taiwan through methods such as smuggling.



Imprisonment for 1~7 years, and a fine of up to NT\$1 million.

Those with intent to profit from this crime may face imprisonment for 3~10 years, and a fine up to NT\$5 million may be imposed.

Ringleaders of this crime, including attempted offenses, may face imprisonment for more than 5 years, and a fine of up to NT\$10 million.





Additional Penalties to Prevent Arrangements for Foreigner to Engage in Unpermitted Activities of Their Visit to Taiwan

Those who facilitate or aid foreigners to engage in activities in Taiwan that are inconsistent with the reasons of their permitted visit or residence, such as arranging foreigners to beg, engage in unauthorized performances, peddle goods, fundraise in a personal capacity, or work as striptease hostesses in entertainment establishments.



“Mastermind group members” shall be subject to a fine of NT\$200,000 or more and up to NT\$1 million.



Increased Fines to Deter Overstaying Beyond Permitted Visit or Residence

Nationals without household registration or foreign nationals overstaying the authorized period of visit or residence



Subject to a fine of NT\$10,000~NT\$50,000.





Increased Fines to Prevent Harboring or Concealing Overstayed Individuals who are Engaging in Unlawful Activities and Evading the Authorities

A person who, with intent to facilitate overstaying nationals without household registration or foreigners to engage in illegal activities, harbors, conceals these persons and causes evasion from authorities, for instance, intend to involve overstaying foreigners in activities such as striptease, harboring them in entertainment establishments, concealing them in other places, or attempting to evade inspection by police or immigration authorities.



Individuals involved in such actions shall be subject to fines of NT\$60,000~NT\$300,000.



Addition of the Right to Appoint Attorneys and Interpreters Present during the Procedures of Deportation

Before the National Immigration Agency deport a foreigner according to the law, the foreigner reserves the right to engage attorneys and interpreter to be present during the claim submission procedure or the review committee meeting.



For more information, please refer to the “Amendments to the Immigration Act Special Zone” on the National Immigration Agency's official website.



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