

# Maintaining Status while in Taiwan

## Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)

Holders of resident visas must apply for this certificate. Those with resident visas at entry should apply within 15 days after arrival in Taiwan; those who receive resident visas after arrival must apply for the certificate within 10 days of receipt.

To apply, report to the National Immigration Agency with your passport and those of your accompanying family members, one passport-size photo for each person, a letter from this Foundation, and NT\$1,000 per certificate for the administration fee. You and each member of your family will have to fill out the application form. The Certificate will be issued within two weeks.

The Alien Resident Certificate is required if you wish to be included in Taiwan's national health insurance plan, and in order to obtain a Re-Entry permit if you wish to re-enter Taiwan after a trip out of Taiwan. The ARC is sometimes required to open post office or bank accounts. If you are too late in applying for it, you may have to pay a fine. To be in good standing with the authorities, to avoid a fine, and for your own convenience, then, you are advised to obtain the Certificate early during your stay here, if you hold a resident visa.

## Visitor Visa Renewal

If you hold a visitor's visa, and you wish to apply for an extension of the visitor visa when the first two-month stay is about to end, you must go to the Immigration Administration. The Foundation will provide a letter of guarantee that you can take along with you, to apply for your extension of stay every two months. If you want to change to a resident visa, however, you must go to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

When you have already used up all your visa extensions, but plan to leave the country and come back on a new visitor visa, the closest place at which you can apply for a new visa is Hong Kong (Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Hong Kong), Service Department--which handles this). The same organization can be of help if you must leave the country in order to apply for a resident visa.

## Registration as a U.S. Citizen with AIT

It is not required, but is advisable, to register with the American Citizens Service Unit of AIT (the American Institute in Taiwan) shortly after your arrival in Taiwan. It will facilitate replacement of your U.S. passport should it be lost or stolen (registration involves providing a photocopy of your passport) and will enable you to be contacted readily in case of emergency. Under a new system, registration is at a central U.S. State Dept. website, which you can access even before you leave for Taiwan : <http://acs.ait.org.tw/citizen-registration.html>

## **Taxes (Taiwan)**

The income you receive from the Foundation is exempt from Taiwan taxes. U.S. Fulbright grantees do not have to file a tax return, unless they are also receiving income from another source in Taiwan.

For details about local tax obligations, see the brochure "Aliens and Individual Income Tax" available from the Foreign Affairs Office of the National Tax Administration. Also, most of the employees of the Tax Bureau on No. 2, Chunghwa Rd., Sec. 1, 台北市中華路一段 2 號 Tel : 2311-3711 speak English and are quite friendly. They can advise you on matters concerning local taxes.

## **Taxes (U.S.)**

Your Fulbright grant is taxable under U.S. regulations. The basic tax forms and information will be available at AIT's American Citizens Service Unit on Hsin Yi Rd (信義路) in early March; however, practically all U.S. tax forms are also available on the website <http://www.irs.gov/>

Any U.S. taxpayer overseas on 15 April receives an automatic two-month extension of the deadline for filing.

## Important Addresses and Phone Numbers

<p>National Immigration Agency (內政部入出國暨移民署)</p>	<p>No. 15 Guangzhou St. Taipei 10066 (台北市廣州街 15 號) Tel:0800-024-111(special number for inquiries in English) Tel:886-2-2388-9393 <a href="http://www.immigration.gov.tw">http://www.immigration.gov.tw</a></p>
<p>Bureau of Consular Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) (外交部領事事務局)</p>	<p>3F, 2-2 Chi Nan Road, Sec. 1, Taipei (台北市濟南路一段 2-2 號 3 樓) Tel: (02) 2343-2888 <a href="http://www.boca.gov.tw/mp?mp=2">http://www.boca.gov.tw/mp?mp=2</a></p>
<p>Foreign Affairs Police Station (警察局外事科)</p>	<p>(may call for medical assistance, i.e., ambulance, etc. 24 hour English-speaking service.) Tel: (02) 2720 - 8889 - Taipei Office: Main Office Foreign Affairs Section 96, Yen Ping South Rd. Taipei (台北市延平南路 96 號) Tel:(02)2381-7494 - Kaohsiung Office: 260, Chungcheng 4th Road, Kaohsiung (高雄市中正四路 260 號) Tel: (07) 212-0800</p>
<p>Foreign Affairs Office, National Tax Bureau-Taipei (國稅局-台北)</p>	<p>2, Chunghua Rd., Sec. 1, Taipei (台北市中華路 1 段 2 號) Tel: (02) 2311-3711 Fax: (02) 2389-1052</p>
<p>Foreign Affairs Office, National Tax Bureau / Kaohsiung (國稅局-高雄)</p>	<p>148, Kwang-chow 1 Street, Kaohsiung (高雄市廣州街 148 號) Tel: (07) 725-6600 Fax: (02) 711-6090</p>
<p>Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Hong Kong) 台北經濟文化辦事處(香港)</p>	<p>40<sup>th</sup> Fl., Tower One, Lippo Centre, No. 89, Queensway, Hong Kong (香港金鐘道 89 號力寶中心第一座 40 樓) Tel: (002-852)2530-1187 Fax: (002-852) 2529-1995 <a href="http://www.teco-hk.org/mp.asp?mp=10">http://www.teco-hk.org/mp.asp?mp=10</a></p>
<p>American Institute in Taiwan (美國在台協會)</p>	<p>7, Lane 134, Hsin Yi Road, Sect. 3, Taipei (台北市信義路三段 134 巷 7 號) Tel: (02)2162-2000 Fax: (02) 2162-2251 Website: <a href="http://www.ait.org.tw">http://www.ait.org.tw</a></p>