

Overseas Compatriot Identification Certification Application Requirements

※Legal Basis:

1. Overseas Compatriot Identity Certification Act (Overseas Community Affairs Council)
2. Enforcement Rules of the Overseas Compatriot Identity Certification Act (Overseas Community Affairs Council)
3. Regulations Governing Application for Overseas Compatriot Identity Endorsement by Males Who Have Not Completed Compulsory Military Service of Conscription Age or Near Conscription Age (Overseas Community Affairs Council)
4. Regulations for Exit of Draftees (National Conscription Agency, Ministry of the Interior)
5. Exit Review Procedures for Males Near Conscription Age (National Conscription Agency, Ministry of the Interior)
6. Conscription Regulations for Naturalized Aliens and Returning Overseas Chinese (National Conscription Agency, Ministry of the Interior)

1. ROC Citizens Applying for Overseas Compatriot Identity Certificates

Overseas Residence Requirements	ROC Citizenship Requirements	Note
<p>Must meet one of the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Those who have obtained permanent residency in their countries of residence, have stayed abroad for 4 years in total, and have stayed in their countries of residence for 6 consecutive months or for at least 8 months each year for the last 2 years. 2. (For those residing in countries that do not grant permanent residency or that are deemed by the OCAC to be countries where it is difficult to obtain permanent residency) Those who have obtained stay permit for 4 consecutive years and are eligible for extensions of stay, have stayed abroad for 4 years in total, and have stayed in their countries of residence for 6 consecutive months or for at least 8 months each year for the last 2 years. 3. Those who departed from Taiwan, have stayed abroad for 10 consecutive years, have worked and stayed in their countries of residence for over 4 years, and are eligible for extensions of stay. 	<p>Must submit proof documents of ROC citizenship, such as household certificate transcript, citizen's ID Card, household certificate, passport, nationality certificate, documents showing that either one of the parents is an ROC citizen, and personal birth certificate.</p>	

2. Overseas Compatriot Identity Certificates for submitting Proof of Chinese Ethnicity

Overseas Residence Requirements	ROC Citizenship Requirements	Note
(Same as #1)	Overseas compatriots without proof of ROC citizenship can submit proof documents of their Chinese ethnicity (such as ID cards issued by a foreign government that show the bearers' nationality or ethnicity is Chinese) which are verified by ROC Overseas Missions and apply for Overseas Compatriot Identity Certificate.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Overseas Community Affairs Council will note in the proof document that "the certificate is issued in accordance with the proof of Chinese ethnicity submitted by the applicant and that its effect shall be determined by each concerned agency in accordance with its authority." May not be used as proof of ROC citizenship.

3. Overseas Compatriot Identity Certificates for Conscription Purpose

Overseas Residence Requirements	ROC Citizenship Requirements	Males who have been registered in household certificates, have not completed compulsory military service and will not meet the Overseas Residence Requirements until January 1 of the year they turn 16		
		Prior to December 31 of the year they turn 15	Near conscription age	Of conscription age
(Same as #1)	Must be a ROC citizen and must submit citizen's ID card	Must have exit/ entry record	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Those, prior to meeting the Overseas Residence Requirements, have not stayed in Taiwan for over 183 days accumulatively each year. Those days of staying exceed the limitation, must submit the request to the National Conscription Agency, Ministry of the Interior for acknowledgement that it is caused by a special reason. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to meeting the Overseas Residence Requirement have no exit/ entry record. Those who have exit/ entry record must submit request to National Conscription Agency, Ministry of the Interior for acknowledgement that it is caused by a special reason.

4. Overseas Compatriot Identity Endorsement/ Visas

Overseas Residence Requirements	ROC Citizenship Requirements	Males who have been registered in household certificates, have not completed compulsory military service and will not meet the Overseas Residence Requirements until January 1 of the year they turn 16		
		Prior to December 31	Near conscription age	Of conscription age

		of the year they turn 15		
(Same as #1)	Must be an ROC citizen and must submit ROC passport	(Same as #3)	(Same as #3)	(Same as #3)

5. Proof document to show original status as Overseas Compatriot in Hong Kong/ Macao

<p>Must meet either of the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Having returned from Hong Kong and completed the initial household registration prior to July 1, 1997 or returned from Macao and completed the initial household registration prior to December 20, 1999 in the capacity of an overseas compatriot and having obtained permanent resident permit of the said regions. 2. Born in Taiwan with household registration duly established, having resided for 4 years minimum in Hong Kong since July 1, 1997 or in Macao since December 20, 1999 and having obtained permanent resident permit of the said regions.
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Note:

1. Males near/ or of conscription age must meet all requirements whether their passports have been stamped “Conscription Obligation Pending” or not.
2. Time period defined as near conscription age: From January 1 after the year the individual turns 15 until December 31 of the year he turns 18.
3. Time period defined as of conscription age: From January 1 after the year the individual turns 18 until December 31 of the year he turns 36.