

## 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 Man 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 the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has become permanent resident of the country of residence, has stay abroad for 4 years accumulatively, and has continued to live in the country of residence consecutively for 6 months or has lived in the country of residence for 8 months accumulatively each year during the last 2 years.</li> <li>2. Those who reside in countries that have no permanent residence system , or in countries of which the permanent residence permit has been declared by Overseas Community Affairs Council as hard to obtain, must have been able to be permitted to reside in the country of residence in the last 4 years consecutively and must be able to extend that status, must have stayed abroad for 4 years accumulatively, and have continued to live in the country of residence consecutively for 6 months or has lived in the country of residence for 8 months accumulatively each year during the last 2 years.</li> <li>3. One who exited from Taiwan area, has continued to reside in the foreign countries legally for 10 years, has continued to live and work legally in the country of residence for over 4</li> </ol>	<p>Must submit proof of ROC citizenship, such as household certificate transcript ,citizen's ID Card , household certificate, passport, nationality certificate, document showing that either one of the parents is a ROC citizen, and personal birth certificate.</p>	

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## 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, who can submit proofs of their Chinese ethnicity (such as ID cards issued by a foreign government that show the bearers' ethnicity is Chinese) with which notarized by ROC Overseas Missions and apply for Overseas Compatriot Identity Certificate.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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."</li> <li>May not be used as proof of ROC citizenship.</li> </ol>

## 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 the January 1, the following year after they turn 15		
		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"> <li>Those, prior to meeting the Overseas Residence Requirements, have not stayed in Taiwan for over 183 days accumulatively each year.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prior to meeting the Overseas Residence Requirement have no exit/ entry record.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

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 the January 1, the following year after they turn 15		
		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 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"> <li>1. Having returned from Hong Kong and completed the initial household registration prior to July 1, 1997 or returned from Macao 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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>
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6. ID document for Returning Overseas Compatriot

<p>Males born in overseas regions who returned to Taiwan near/ or of conscription age and had applied for and received conscription-purpose ID document for overseas Compatriot in accordance with Article 2 Section 2 of Guidelines for Issuance of Conscription-Purpose ID Document for Overseas Compatriot prior to the time Overseas Compatriot Identity Certification Act came into effect though they have not continued to hold valid overseas residence document.</p>
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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.