How to apply for working holiday from Taiwan

WORKING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME BETWEEN IRELAND AND TAIWAN
The Working Holiday Programme is designed to promote an appreciation of culture and way of life between Ireland and Taiwan. Entry clearance is mandatory and eligible persons can apply online to the Irish Immigration Service Delivery (ISD).

HOW TO MAKE AN APPLICATION

Step 1: Check to see if you are eligible
The Working Holiday Programme is open to holders of a Taiwanese passport who meet the following conditions:

Applicants must:
(a) be aged between 18 and 30 years inclusive at the time of application;
(b) intend primarily to holiday in Ireland for a period of up to one (1) year from the date of initial entry with employment being an incidental, rather than the primary reason for the visit;
(c) not be accompanied by any dependants unless those dependents are also in possession of a working holiday authorisation;
(d) **either** possess a valid return or onward flight ticket from Ireland and have funds of at least €2500 to cover living expenses
or
possess funds of at least €4000 to cover living expenses and the purchase of a flight ticket to depart from Ireland;
(e) have private medical insurance which must cover any medical health care necessary including hospitalisation and repatriation for the duration of their stay in Ireland;
(f) not have previously spent time in Ireland as a Working Holidaymaker;
(g) not have a criminal record; and
(h) Not, at the time of application, be in Ireland on any other form of immigration status.

Step 2: Complete the application form
The application form should be printed from the Immigration Service Delivery website and be completed in English. You will also need the following documents (please note that we cannot return submitted documents):

- A full colour photocopy of all pages of your passport which should be valid for at least six (6) months after the proposed end date of the visit – all pages must be copied even if blank. Please note you should not submit your actual passport.
- Four (4) recent identical passport photographs with your name on the reverse.
- Original English certificate of balance account, showing that you possess funds of at least €4000 (or equivalent in Taiwanese Dollars) or Original recent bank statement in your name along with an English translation if necessary, showing that you possess funds of at least €2500 (or equivalent in Taiwanese Dollars) and
- A copy of a valid return or onward flight ticket to depart from Ireland. **However, we do not recommend that you purchase tickets for travel until you have been informed that you have been granted a working holiday authorisation.** There is no application fee for participation in this programme however there is a handling fee (see details below).

Step 3: Registering interest and submitting your application.

You should register your interest in the scheme by contacting our handling agent in Taiwan, Ms Corina Tsai, by email on corina.mc.tsai@gmail.com

Applicants should register to this email address with the transliterated or English language version of their name, their email address, and their contact phone number. Our agent will then contact you to conduct an initial assessment.

Once the initial assessment has been conducted the completed application form along with the supporting documentation should be sent by post to:

Ms. Corina Tsai, 6th Fl., No. 5, Lane 306, Binhai Road, Sec 1, Tamsui, New Taipei City, 251, Taiwan.

The application must be accompanied by the handling fee of NT 3,200. This should be in the form of a bank draft made payable to Ms Corina Tsai. The handling fee includes the cost of the later postage of the application to Ireland for processing. This is a non-refundable handling fee. Completed applications will then be processed by ISD.

If the application is approved the applicant will be notified of this directly by the handling agent via the email address provided with your application. The Working Holiday Authorisation letter will be issued in early 2027 and will be valid for travel to Ireland to commence the working holiday at any time before 31 December 2027. The approved Working Holiday Authorisation will be issued to the applicant in early 2027 on submission by the applicant to our handling agent in Taiwan of the following:

- Original passport; Airline ticket – this may be a one-way ticket or a return ticket; Certificate of medical insurance that is valid for twelve (12) months after the ticketed date of entry to Ireland.

Any queries regarding an application for a Working Holiday Authorisation may be submitted in English to: https://portal.irishimmigration.ie/en/ or in Chinese to: Corina.Mc.Tsai@gmail.com

Notes

(1) The holder of an authorisation must make their initial entry into Ireland within the calendar year of 2027.
(2) The maximum stay permitted on the basis of a working holiday authorisation is twelve (12) months from the date of initial entry into Ireland with no possibility of extension.
(3) Persons issued with a working holiday authorisation who wish to remain in Ireland for more than 90 days must register with ISD in Dublin and pay the applicable registration fee.
(4) Successful applicants must obtain private medical insurance which must cover any medical health care necessary including hospitalisation and repatriation for the duration of their stay in Ireland.
(5) Persons who have entered Ireland under a Working Holiday Programme must comply with the laws and regulations of Ireland.

(6) The Irish authorities reserve the right to refuse any application received under a Working Holiday Programme.
(7) Notwithstanding the issue of an authorisation, applicants will be subject to normal immigration controls at the point of entry.
(8) The Irish authorities may, in accordance with its law, refuse the entry of any person participating in a Working Holiday Programme or deport any such person in accordance with its applicable law.
(9) The Irish authorities reserve the right to suspend, in whole or in part, any Working Holiday Programme for reasons of public security, public order, public health or immigration considerations.

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