

### IRISH NATURALISATION AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE (INIS) SEIRBHÍS EADÓIRSEACHTA AGUS INIMIRCE Na hÉIREANN

Mr. Harry Tseng, Representative, Taipei Representative Office in Ireland, 8 Lower Hatch Street, Dublin 2.

### **Working Holiday Programme**

Dear Mr. Tseng,

I refer to recent discussions between officials of the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS) and officials of the Taipei Representative Office in Ireland and I now invite you to confirm, on behalf of Taiwan, your wish to enter into a reciprocal working holiday programme with Ireland.

Enclosed is a document outlining the terms and conditions of the programme. I would be grateful if you would formally confirm in your reply that the Taiwanese authorities accept the terms and conditions as set out in this document. In addition please set out details of the reciprocal provisions with which Taiwan will meet these terms and conditions.

This letter and a satisfactory reply from your authorities, together with the agreed document setting out the terms and conditions, will constitute the arrangement between Ireland and Taiwan regarding the implementation of the programme with effect from 1 January 2013.

Once this arrangement is satisfactorily concluded, INIS officials and officials from the Taipei Representative Office can meet to discuss in further detail the implementation of the programme.

Yours sincerely,

Noel Waters

**Director General** 

Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service

01 October 2012

#### WORKING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The Working Holiday Programme is designed to promote an appreciation of culture and way of life between Ireland and other countries and territorial entities. Entry clearance is mandatory and eligible persons can apply online to the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service.

### CONDITIONS TO BE MET

Applicants must:

- (a) be passport holders of the country or territorial entity participating in the programme;
- (b) be aged between 18 and 30 years inclusive at the time of application;
- (c) satisfy the deciding officer that his/her primary intention is to holiday in Ireland with employment being an incidental rather than the primary reason for the visit;
- (d) not be accompanied by any dependants unless those dependents are also in possession of a working holiday authorisation;
- (e) <u>either</u> 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;
- (f) have private medical insurance which must cover any medical health care necessary including hospitalisation and repatriation for the duration of their stay in Ireland;
- (g) not have previously spent time in Ireland as a Working Holidaymaker;
- (h) not have a criminal record.

# ENTITLEMENTS UNDER A WORKING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Participants in a Working Holiday Programme are permitted to engage in casual employment as an incidental aspect of their visit to Ireland and are permitted pursue training or study courses for a period of no longer than six months.

## RESTRICTIONS UNDER A WORKING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Participants in a Working Holiday Programme are not permitted to engage in permanent employment.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF A WORKING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

(a) Ireland will grant a maximum of 400 working holiday authorisations in each calendar year under a programme. The holder of an authorisation must make their initial entry into Ireland within six months of the date of issue of the authorisation.

- (b) Persons issued with a working holiday authorisation who wish to remain in Ireland for more than 90 days must register with the Garda National Immigration Bureau and pay the applicable registration fee.
- (c) The maximum stay permitted on the basis of a working holiday authorisation is 12 months from the date of initial entry into Ireland with no possibility of extension.
- (d) Persons who have entered Ireland under a Working Holiday Programme must comply with the laws and regulations of Ireland.
- (e) The Irish authorities reserve the right to refuse any application received under a Working Holiday Programme.
- (f) 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.
- (g) The Irish authorities reserve the right to suspend temporarily, in whole or in part, any Working Holiday Programme for reasons of public security, public order, public health or immigration considerations. Any such suspension and the lifting thereof will be immediately notified to the relevant authorities in writing.

#### ENTRY INTO EFFECT AND TERMINATION

The Irish authorities will notify the relevant authorities of the other participating country or territorial entity and vice versa of the completion of the internal procedural requirements for the entry into force of a Working Holiday Programme.

Either authority will terminate a Working Holiday Programme by giving three months written notice to the other.

Termination or suspension, in whole or in part, of a Working Holiday Programme will not affect the right of any person already holding an authorisation to enter and/or stay in the other country or territorial entity until the authorisation expires in accordance with its immigration legislation and policy.



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5 October, 2012

Dear Director General Waters,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 1 October 2012, which reads as follows:

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#### Director General

Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service"

In reply, I am authorized to confirm that the foregoing proposal is entirely acceptable to Taiwan and, further, that Taiwan will operate a reciprocal scheme for Irish nationals. Please find enclosed herewith a document which sets forth the primary details and provisions that will apply to same. Finally, it gives me great pleasure to confirm that this letter together with yours of 1 October 2012, and the attachments included herein, shall constitute the written understandings between Taiwan and Ireland concerning the arrangement and operation of the mutual Working Holiday Programmes, which shall come into effect from 1 January 2013.

Yours Sincerely,

Harry Ho-Jen Tseng

Representative

Taipei Representative Office in Ireland

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# WORKING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENT

打工度假計畫:互惠安排

Name of Country/Territory 國家/地區名稱	Taiwan 台灣	
Title of Scheme 計畫名稱	Working Holiday Programme for Irish citizens 愛爾蘭國民打工度假計畫	7. \$ Sea
Permitted Duration of Stay from Date of Entry 停留期期	12 months (180 days, extendable for a further 180 days)  * Applications to extend the period should be made to the National Immigration Agency, no later than 15 days before the expiry of the initial 180 day period  12 個月(180天,可再延長 180天)  * 申請者如擬延長停留須於首次 180 天停留效期截止前 15 日 赴我移民署辦理	
Nature of Visa 簽證種類	Multiple entry, allowing holders to leave and re-enter Taiwan any number of times  多次入境簽證,允許持有人多次進出我國。	
Permitted Age Range 年齡範圍	18-30 years (inclusive) 18歲(含)至30歲(含)	
Number of places : Annual Quota 每年可獲參與計畫人數	Taiwan will grant a maximum of 400 working holiday visas to Irish citizens in a calendar year 每曆年核發至多 400 件打工度假簽證	
Conditions and Eligibility 申請要件	Candidates must 申請者必須  (1) Hold an Irish passport valid for 6 months after the proposed end date of the visit 持有超過預定停留期限 6 個月效期之愛爾蘭護照  (2) Be residing in Ireland at the time of application 申請時須居住於愛爾蘭  (3) Not previously have spent time in Taiwan as a Working Holidaymaker 未曾以打工度假方式來台  (4) Not be accompanied by spouse or dependents, unless they are also in possession of a working holiday visa 眷屬不得依親隨行,除非其眷屬亦獲發打工度假簽證  (5) Possess funds of (i) at least €4000 to cover expenses <i>OR</i> (ii) €2500 and a valid return or onward flight ticket 持有至少 4,000 歐元之財力證明,抑或 2,500 歐元之財力證明及離境機票。  (6) Have medical & travel insurance for the duration of their stay 持有停留期間之醫療及旅行平安保險	

	(7) Not have a criminal record 沒有任何犯罪紀錄
Entitlements 權利	Participants may engage in casual and incidental employment without the need for a work permit, and may pursue short-term courses of study 參與本計畫者可從事臨時性之工作,無需事先申請工作許可,亦可參加短期之進修課程
Restrictions 限制	Participants under the Programme are not permitted to engage in <i>permanent</i> employment. 參與本計畫者不得從事長期雇用性質之工作
Application Procedure 申請程序	(1) Complete, print out and sign an application form, available from <a href="https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw">https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw</a> 上領事事務局網站填妥申請表並列印及簽名  (2) Submit this form to the Taipei Representative Office in Ireland. Candidates should include 併前述申請表及以下資料赴駐愛爾蘭代表處申辦 a) 2 color passport-size photos 符合護照規格之彩色相片 2 張 b) Non-refundable application fee of €74.00 74 歐元簽證費(不可退費) c) Proofs or documentation concerning the eligibility requirements set out above 提供申請要件中各相關證明文件
Link to relevant website for further information 提供進一步資訊之相關網站連結	http://www.taiwanembassy.org/ie