Flowchart for the Application for Naturalization in Marriages between Foreign Nationals and R.O.C. Citizens and Household Registration

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Application Process	Where to Apply	Required Documents
Marriage Registration	Household Registration Offices	1. Applicants marrying in the R.O.C.: 1) Marriage certificate; 2) Identification Cards of foreign spouses and marital status certificates with Chinese translation inspected by R.O.C. foreign missions; 3) household registration; 4) R.O.C. Identification Cards and seals. 2. Applicants marrying abroad: 1) wedding certificates with Chinese translation inspected by R.O.C. foreign missions; 2) household registration; 3) R.O.C. Identification Cards and seals; 4) Identification Cards of foreign spouses; 5) if the foreign spouses are unable to return to the R.O.C. with their R.O.C. spouses, the foreign spouse is to submit his/ her Chinese name declaration inspected by R.O.C. foreign missions.
Application for Residence Visa	- Should the applicant be not in Taiwan, he/ she shall apply for the residence certificate from R.O.C.'s overseas missions; - Should the applicant be already in the R.O.C. on a visitor visa, he/ she shall apply for residence certificate from the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (including offices in Northern, Central, and Southern Taiwan). * Holder of 60-day visa without "NO EXTENSION" or is not limited to apply for Residence Visa may apply for Alien Resident Certificate via the National Immigration Agency and its offices.	1. One set of the original household registration issued in the recent three months (with marriage registration certificate and the name of the spouse in its original/ foreign language). 2. Marriage registration certificate issued by the applicant's government (marriage certificate for countries without marriage registration system). 3. Declaration by the applicant's government certifying that the applicant is free from criminal record. (Effective for one year from issue date but is only effective within the expiry date on the certificate.) 4. Qualified health examination certificate issued by the hospitals appointed by Department of Health or foreign qualified hospitals in the recent three months. 5. Passport (with validity for more than six months). 6. Two 2-inch color photographs taken in the recent 6 months [Documents in point 2 through point 4 issued abroad have to be first inspected by R.O.C. foreign missions accompanied by Chinese or English translations.] [Applicants who are in the R.O.C. on visitor visas shall leave the R.O.C. should their visas expire. They are not to apply for residence certificates.]
Apply for Alien Residence	National Immigration Agency and its Offices	1. Holder of Residence Visa: (1) Fill out one set of Alien Residence Application Forms and submit one recent front-view hatless color photo. (Refer to the photograph specifications required for the renewal of national ID cards) (2) Submit one original and one copy of the Passport and residence visa (original copy will be returned after inspection). (3) Application for residence visa stating reasons such as completion of household registration for marriage registration and certified documents is to be enclosed, 1 original copy, 1 photocopy (Original copy of documents will be returned after verification) (4) Payment of residence certificate fee (NT$1,000, NT$2,000 and NT$3,000 for one-year, two-year and three-year periods respectively). 2. Holder of 60 day visa, of which extension is not limited by visa agencies: (1) Fill out one set of Alien Residence Application Forms and submit one recent front-view hatless color photo. (Refer to the photograph specifications required for the renewal of national ID cards) (2) Submit one original and one copy of the Passport and residence visa (original copy will be returned after inspection). (3) Health examination record within the past 3 months (health examination done abroad should be inspected by R.O.C offices) (4) Domestic and Foreign criminal records; Foreign criminal records shall be submitted with a Chinese version inspected by an R.O.C. office; first-timers in Taiwan may be exempt from domestic criminal records (5) Application for residence visa stating reasons such as completion of household registration for marriage registration (marriage to a citizen of ROC) and certified documents is to be enclosed, 1 original copy, 1 photocopy (Original copy of documents will be returned after verification) (6) Proof of address (7) Application fee: NT$1,000 for one-year and NT$3,000 for three-year periods, with an additional fee of NT$2,200.
Application for "Certificate of R.O.C. Naturalization Candidature" (with more than three years of legal residence and at least 183 days per year from the day of application)	The household registration offices transferring to Ministry of Interior for issuance.	1. Application for "Certificate of ROC Naturalization Candidature" (including two photographs taken in the recent 2 years; refer to the photograph specifications required for the renewal of national ID cards). 2. Legal and valid Alien Residence Certificate or Permanent Residence Certificate. 3. Alien Residence Certificate (ARC) （adhering to Article 4 of the Nationality Act and Article 6 of the Enforcement Rules of Nationality Act）. 4. Certificates of the arrival and departure dates of the foreign person.（The applicant is not required to submit this document as the household registry agency shall enquire for the documents on the applicant' s behalf）. 5. Police Criminal Record Certificate issued by municipality and county (city) government police bureaus during the foreigners' stay in the R.O.C.(The applicant is not required to submit this document as the household registry agency shall enquire for the documents on the applicant's behalf) 6. Certificates of sufficient property or professional skills to be self-reliant or to ensure personal sustainability (adhering to Article 7 of the Enforcement Rules of Nationality Act; not required for those who have obtained alien permanent residency). 7. Household registration copy with completed marriage registration (The applicant is not required to submit this document as the household registry agency shall enquire for the documents on the applicant's behalf).- applicants failing to submit household registration copy shall enclose wedding certificates, identifications, certificates of foreign and R.O.C spouses. Those marrying in the R.O.C. shall also enclose the marital status certificate of the foreign spouses translated into Chinese and authenticated by R.O.C. foreign missions. 8. Certificates of the basic language command and requirement of Article 3 of Standards for Identification of Basic Language Abilities and Common Sense of National Rights and Duties of Naturalized ROC Citizens. 9. Certificate fee of NT$200 (to be paid via postal money order with the Ministry of Interior as the payee). * This certificate shall only be used for applicants who have lost their original nationality and have requested the R.O.C. to offer certificates to be naturalized into R.O.C. nationality. The certificate shall be issued by the Ministry of Interior after it is transferred from household registration offices. The validity is two years. * If the applicants' countries do not require the certificate to abdicate their nationality, they do not need apply for the certificate.
Application for Abdication of the Original Nationality	Contact the native government, missions in the R.O.C. or authorized representative institutes	* Contact the native government, missions in the R.O.C. or authorized representative institutes. * Foreign documents should be inspected by R.O.C. offices; documents provided by foreign offices in the R.O.C or authorized representative office should be inspected by the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or northern, central, and southern Ministry of Foreign Affairs Offices.
Application for Naturalization (with more than three years of legal residence and at least 183 days per year from the day of application)	Household registration offices transferring to Ministry of Interior for approval	1. Application for Nationality Naturalization (including two photographs taken in the recent 2years; (refer to the photograph specifications required for the renewal of national ID cards) 2. Stateless certificate or certificate stating the abdicating of original nationality or documents issued by foreign affairs institutes as required by the Article of Nationality Act. 3. Legal and valid Alien Residence Certificate or Permanent Residence Certificate. 4. Alien Residence Certificate (ARC) （adhering to Article 4 of the Nationality Act and Article 6 of the Enforcement Rules of Nationality Act）. 5. Certificates of the arrival and departure dates of a foreigner.（The applicant is not required to submit this document as the household registry agency shall enquire for the documents on the applicant' behalf）. 6. Police Criminal Record Certificate issued by municipality and county (city) government police bureaus during aliens' stay in the R.O.C.（The applicant is not required to submit this document as the household registry agency shall enquire for the documents on the applicant's behalf） 7. Certificates of sufficient property or professional skills to be self-reliant or to ensure personal sustainability (adhering to Article 7 of the Enforcement Rules of Nationality Act, though aliens with Permanent Residence Certificate or has obtained "Certificate of ROC Naturalization Candidature" are exempt from filing this certificate). 8. Certificates of the basic language command and requirements of Article 3 of Standards for Identification of Basic Language Abilities and Common Sense of National Rights and Duties of Naturalized ROC Citizens.(Those who have obtained "Certificate of ROC Naturalization" is exempt from providing the said certificate in this item) 9. Household registration copy with completed marriage registration (The applicant is not required to submit this document as the household registry agency shall enquire for the documents on the applicant' behalf).- applicants failing to submit household registration copy shall enclose wedding certificates, identification certificates of foreign and R.O.C spouses. Those marrying in the R.O.C. shall also enclose the marital status certificate of the foreign spouses translated into Chinese and authenticated by R.O.C. foreign missions. 10. When holder of Naturalization Candidacy Certificate applys for "Certificate of ROC Naturalization," their documents of original citizenship will be inspected along with their criminal record during their stay in R.O.C. (to be provided by household registration agencies), and then transferred to the Ministry of Interior. 11. Certificate fee of NT$1,000 (to be paid via postal money order with the Ministry of Interior as the payee).
Application for Resident Certificate in R.O.C.	Local service stations of the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of Interior	1. One set of Residence Application, including one recent front-view hatless color photo in the recent year (refer to the photograph specifications required for the renewal of national ID cards). 2. Photocopy of the approval of nationality such as the approval for R.O.C. nationality table issued by the Ministry of Interior (the original will be returned after inspection). 3. Certificate fee of NT$1,000.
Application for Registered Permanent Residency Certificate in R.O.C. (Applicants have to reside for a certain period of time: for one year without departure from the day of naturalization; for two years and more than 270 days per year; for five years and more than 183 days per year)	Local service stations of the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of Interior	1. One set of Permanent Residence Application Form, including one recent front-view hatless color photo in the recent year (refer to the photograph specifications required for the renewal of national ID cards). 2. Residency Certificate in R.O.C. 3. The Household Certificate or National ID Card of the spouse bearing the citizenship of the R.O.C. (The original document will be returned after inspection; Divorced couples are exempt from this requirement). 4. Health examination certificate certified passed in the recent three months (issued by Department of Health's appointed hospitals and in compliance with Table B of the health examination items). 5. Other relevant certificates; for example if the applicant is divorced from a spouse bearing the citizenship of R.O.C., the applicant must provide the household registration of the house ownership or leasing contract, 1 original copy, 1 photocopy (original will be returned after verification) 6. Registered, stamped and self-addressed envelope. 7. Certificate fee of NT$600.
Application for Household Registration Certificate and Collection of Identification Card	Household registration agencies	1. The applicant is notified by the National Immigration Agency of the Ministry of Interior, to process for the residence certificate at the household registry. 2. Household registration (not required for households with only one member but certificates to proof house ownership and other related documents are required). 3. One photograph (taken in the recent 2years; refer to the photograph specifications on the Department of Household Registry website: http://www.ris.gov.tw/). 4. NT$30 for applicants who are obtaining the household registration for the first time. NT$50 for applicants who are obtaining the citizen Identification Cards for the first time. * Upon declaration of household registration, applicants may apply for citizen Identification Cards.