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THE 5-STEP GUIDE TO TAIWAN CITIZENSHIP



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Step 1:

Get or Renew a Taiwan Passport (Non-ID)

Before you can apply for household registration or a Taiwan National ID, you need to have a **Taiwan passport**. However, since you are not yet registered in Taiwan's household system, your first passport will be a **Non-ID Taiwan Passport** (or a renewal of one if you already have it).

How to Apply for a Taiwan Passport (Non-ID)

- **Check your eligibility:** You must have Taiwanese heritage (i.e., at least one parent must be a Taiwanese citizen).
- **Gather documents:**
 - Birth certificate (with official translation if needed)
 - Proof of parent's Taiwanese nationality (e.g., their household registration, Taiwan passport, or National ID)
 - Your proof of foreign residency (e.g., U.S. passport or other government-issued ID)
 - Passport photos (per Taiwan's specifications)
- **Submit your application:** Apply through the nearest Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in your country.
- **Wait for processing:** This typically takes 6-8 weeks

Once your application is approved, you will receive a Taiwan Passport (Non-ID). This allows you to travel to Taiwan but does not grant you citizenship rights yet. You can also only stay in Taiwan for up to 90 days.



Step 2: Gather Required Documents

Gathering the required documents is **the most crucial step** in the process of obtaining your **Taiwan National ID and full Taiwan passport**. This step can take several months depending on processing times, so preparing these documents in advance will help **avoid delays and setbacks**.

Since Taiwan has strict documentation requirements, you need to ensure that all forms are **properly authenticated, translated if necessary, and meet the legal requirements set by Taiwanese authorities**. Below, we break down each critical document, how to obtain it, and what to watch out for.



FBI Background Check & Notarization (For U.S. Applicants)

One of the most time-consuming and essential documents in this process is the **FBI Criminal Background Check**. Taiwan requires applicants to provide a clean criminal record for verification.

1. How to Obtain Your FBI Background Check

- Apply directly through the FBI website
- Choose electronic fingerprint submission for the quickest turnaround
- Expect processing times to range from 2 - 4 weeks

2. Notarization & Authentication: What You Need to Do

Once you receive your **FBI background check**, it must go through multiple steps to be **recognized by the Taiwanese government**. This includes **notarization, translation, and additional notarization** before submission.

3. Notarize the English FBI Background Check at TECO Washington, D.C.

- You must **send the original FBI background check to the TECO office in Washington, D.C.**, as they are the only TECO office that can **notarize U.S. federal documents**.
- TECO will **notarize the document and return it to you**.

Important: This step is required because Taiwan's government does not accept the standard FBI background check directly.



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4. Translate the FBI Background Check into Traditional Chinese

- Once you receive the **apostilled FBI background check**, it must be **translated into Traditional Chinese** for submission to local TECO office.

Make sure the translation is accurate to prevent rejection or delays.

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The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has completed the following fingerprint submission:

Subject Name

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A SEARCH OF THE FINGERPRINTS PROVIDED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL HAS REVEALED NO PRIOR ARREST DATA AT THE FBI. THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE FURTHER CRIMINAL HISTORY AT THE STATE OR LOCAL LEVEL.

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Social Security number: XXX-XX-

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5. Notarize Both the English and Chinese Versions of the Background Check

- Taiwan requires notarization of both the English and Chinese versions of the FBI background check.
- The **English version** is notarized at **TECO Washington, D.C.** in Step 1.
- The **Chinese-translated version** must be **notarized separately**—this can be done at any **TECO office** or by a **Taiwan-based notary**.

If either notarized version is missing, your application will be rejected.

Taiwan-Approved Health Examination

To apply for a Taiwan National ID, you must complete a **medical examination** at a **Taiwanese-designated hospital**. This exam ensures you meet Taiwan's health requirements, including screenings for communicable diseases.

Where to Get the Health Exam

- The exam must be conducted in Taiwan at an approved hospital.
- Check with Taiwan's health authorities or TECO (Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office) for an updated list of authorized hospitals.

Tip: It's best to schedule your health exam as soon as you arrive in Taiwan, as processing times can take up to seven days.

What the Health Exam Might Include

- General health screening
- Blood tests
- Chest X-ray (for tuberculosis screening)
- HIV test (a common requirement in Asia)

Important Note: Some tests may not be required depending on your country of origin. It's best to check with TECO before undergoing the examination.

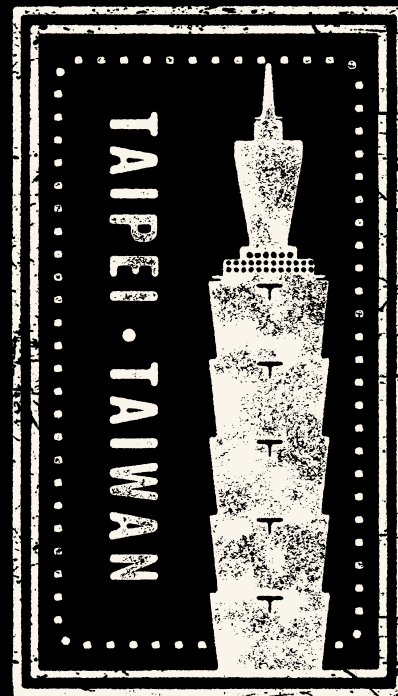


Birth Certificate (Certified, Translated & Authenticated)

Your birth certificate is a critical document in proving your parental relationship and eligibility for Taiwan citizenship. However, Taiwan's government requires both English and Traditional Chinese versions to be authenticated and notarized at the correct TECO offices before they will accept them.

Steps to Prepare Your Birth Certificate

- 1 Obtain an official copy of your birth certificate from the vital records office in the state where you were born.
- 2 Authenticate the English version at the TECO office that has jurisdiction over the state where you were born.
- 3 Translate the birth certificate into Traditional Chinese
- 4 Authenticate the Chinese-translated version at the TECO office that has jurisdiction over the state where you currently live.



Important:

Both the English and Chinese versions of your birth certificate must be authenticated by TECO.

The English version must be authenticated by TECO in your birth state.

The Chinese version must be authenticated by TECO in your current state of residence.

Submitting documents to the wrong TECO office will result in rejection and delays.



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Proof of Parent's Taiwanese Nationality

Since Taiwan citizenship is based on **bloodline**, you need to prove that **one or both of your parents** were Taiwanese citizens.

Accepted Proof of Nationality

- ✓ Parent's Taiwan Passport
- ✓ Parent's Taiwan National ID
- ✓ Parent's Household Registration Transcript (戶籍謄本)

If your parent is still registered in Taiwan, obtaining a **household registration transcript** from their local household registration office can help **speed up the process**.

What If Your Parent's Household Registration Was Removed?

If your parent is no longer registered in Taiwan, **additional steps** may be required to reinstate their household registration before you can proceed with your own.

Additional Required Documents

Depending on your situation, you may also need the following documents. These must be **properly translated, authenticated, and notarized** before submission to ensure they meet Taiwan's legal standards.



Proof of Name Change (if your name has changed from birth)

- If your name differs from the one on your birth certificate, you must provide **legal documentation proving the name change**.
- This document may require **TECO authentication** and, in some cases, a **notarized translation into Traditional Chinese**.



Marriage Certificate (if applying with a spouse or registering a family)

- If you are applying for household registration with a spouse, you must provide an authenticated and notarized marriage certificate.
- The English version must be notarized and authenticated at TECO in the state where the marriage certificate was issued.
- **The Traditional Chinese translation must also be notarized at the TECO office with jurisdiction over your current place of residence.**



Legal Residency Proof (for verification in your current country of residence)

- Some applicants may need to provide **proof of legal residency** in their current country, such as a **driver's license, utility bill, or permanent residency card**.
- Check with **TECO to confirm if this document needs notarization or authentication**.

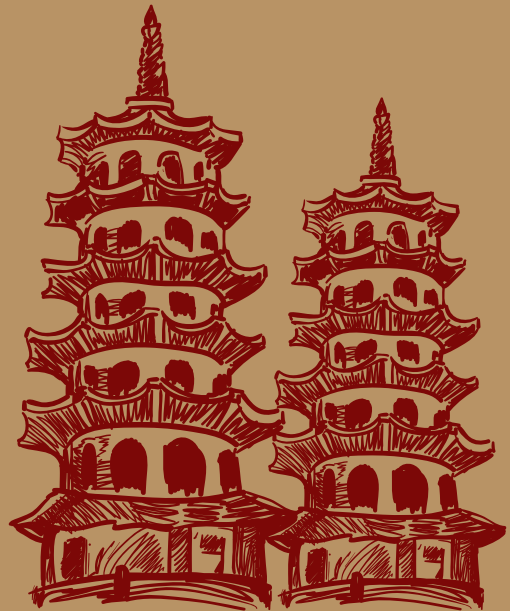


Important:

All official documents must be notarized and authenticated at TECO.

Marriage certificates and name change documents require both an English and a Traditional Chinese notarized version.

Always verify TECO's latest authentication requirements before submitting your documents.



Submitting Your Documents to the Immigration Office in Taipei

Once you have gathered, translated, authenticated, and notarized all the required documents, the final step in **Step 2** is to **submit everything to the National Immigration Agency (NIA) in Taipei**.

Where to Submit Your Documents:

- **National Immigration Agency (NIA) Headquarters**
 - **Address:** No. 15, Guangzhou Street, Zhongzheng District, Taipei City, Taiwan
 - **Office Hours:** Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
 - **Website:** immigration.gov.tw

What to Bring to the Immigration Office:

- ✓ All notarized and authenticated documents (including FBI background check, birth certificate, health exam, marriage certificate if applicable)
- ✓ Your Taiwan Non-ID Passport (if you already have one)
- ✓ Completed application forms (provided by NIA or TECO)
- ✓ Two recent passport-sized photos (meeting Taiwan's official requirements)
- ✓ Application fee (if required)



Important:

All documents must be **properly authenticated and notarized** before submission.

Missing or incorrect paperwork will result in delays, so double-check all documents before visiting the office.

Processing times vary, but approval for your household registration and National ID may take several weeks.

Once your documents are approved by the Immigration Office in Taipei, you can proceed to Step 3: Registering Your Household in Taiwan! 🚀

Step 3:

Submit Documents in Taipei: Apply for Taiwan National ID

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Receiving Your Resident Certificate

Once your application is **approved**, you will receive your **Taiwan Resident Certificate (ARC - Alien Resident Certificate)**, which officially grants you **residency status in Taiwan**.

Why is the Resident Certificate Important?

- It serves as **temporary proof of residency** in Taiwan while you complete the next steps.
- It allows you to **apply for a National ID and register for household registration**.
- With the Resident Certificate, you can access **health insurance, open bank accounts, and sign leases** in Taiwan.



Step 4:

Register a Household in Taiwan and receive your Taiwan National ID

To be eligible for a **Taiwan National ID**, you must first establish **household registration (戶籍登記)** in Taiwan. This is a crucial step, as the Taiwan government uses household registration records to determine citizenship status and eligibility for a **National ID (身分證)**.

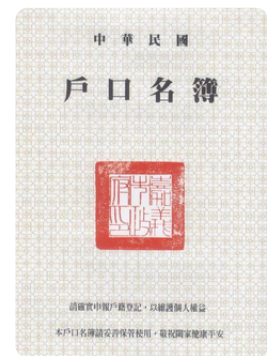
If you or your parents were **never registered in Taiwan**, you will need to **establish a new household registration** before applying for a Taiwan National ID.

How to Register a Household in Taiwan:

1 Visit the Household Registration Office in the district where you plan to reside.

2 Submit Required Documents, including:

- Household Register (戶口名簿) – If registering with family.
- Resident Certificate – Proof of legal residency.
- Taiwan Non-ID Passport – To confirm nationality.



What to Bring to the Immigration Office:

Once your **household registration is approved**, you will receive your **Taiwan National ID (身分證)**, which grants you full citizenship rights.



Step 5: Get Taiwan Passport (National ID)

After obtaining your **Taiwan National ID**, you are now eligible to apply for a **Taiwan Passport (With ID)**, which grants you **full citizen status** and provides access to all the benefits of Taiwanese nationality, including the ability to travel freely and live in Taiwan without restrictions.

Where to Apply for a Taiwan Passport (With ID)

You can choose from one of the following processing options:

- **Bureau of Consular Affairs (BOCA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
- **Main Office (Taipei):** No. 2-2, Section 1, Jinan Road, Zhongzheng District, Taipei City, Taiwan
- **Regional Offices:** Available in major cities like Taichung, Kaohsiung, and Hualien.



Required Documents for a Taiwan Passport (With ID)

- ✓ Taiwan National ID (身分證) – Proof of full citizenship.
- ✓ Household Registration Transcript (戶籍謄本) – Issued within the last three months.
- ✓ Previous Taiwan Passport (Non-ID)
- ✓ Completed Passport Application Form – Available at BOCA or online.
- ✓ Two recent passport-sized photos – Must follow Taiwan's official passport photo guidelines.
- ✓ Application Fee – The standard processing fee for a regular passport is about NT\$1,300 (~\$40 USD), but expedited services cost more.

Important: If your National ID is newly issued, you must wait at least 24 hours before applying for your Taiwan passport, as government databases take time to update.

Processing Time for a Taiwan Passport (With ID)

You can apply at one of the following locations:

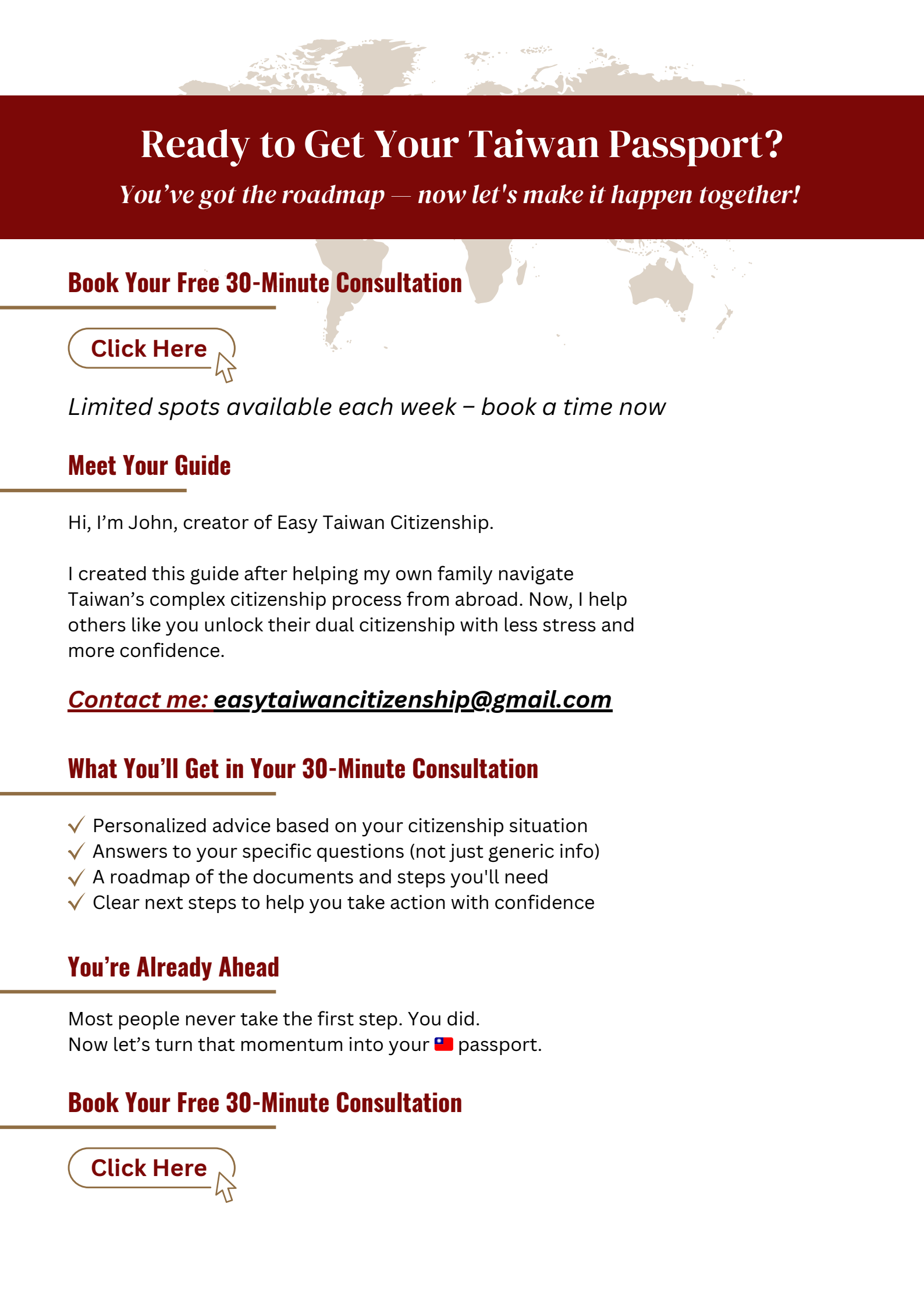
- **Standard Processing: 4–6 business days.**
- **Expedited Processing: 1–2 business days (for an additional fee).**

What This Means for You

Once you receive your Taiwan Passport (With ID), you are now fully recognized as a Taiwanese citizen with unrestricted residency and travel rights. You can:

- ✓ **Enter and leave Taiwan freely** without needing a visa or entry permit.
- ✓ **Apply for a Taiwan National Health Insurance Card (NHI) after 6 months**
- ✓ **Use your passport for banking, real estate, and other legal matters in Taiwan.**

With your Taiwan Passport (With ID), your journey to full Taiwanese citizenship is officially complete! 🎉



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- ✓ Answers to your specific questions (not just generic info)
- ✓ A roadmap of the documents and steps you'll need
- ✓ Clear next steps to help you take action with confidence

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