

Schengen Medical Travel Insurance

Starting 1 October 2010¹ each Schengen visa applicant will be requested to submit proof of adequate and valid travel medical insurance. This measure is based on Article 15 of the current Schengen visa codex², which requires every applicant to prove that they are in possession of adequate and valid travel medical insurance to cover any expenses which might arise in connection with urgent medical attention and/or emergency hospital treatment or repatriation for medical reasons or death, during their stay(s) on the territory of the Schengen Member States. Thus, this requirement applies to all holders of Schengen visa.

The travel health insurance has to meet the following requirements:

- cover the entire period of the intended stay
- validity throughout the territory of the Schengen countries
- minimum coverage of 30,000 Euro
- cover of all medical expenses including repatriation of remains and medical evacuation
- direct settlement between the insurance company and the hospital or doctor, not by the insurance holder – (payment/reimbursement after the return to the home country by the insurance company to the insurance holder is not acceptable)
- insurance company needs to have a contact point in the Schengen area

Numerous insurance companies already offer this kind of travel health insurance including some Taiwanese companies. Please find attached a list that can provide you with some assistance. Other insurances provided by other companies are acceptable as long as the insurance complies with the requirements.

Visa applicants may obtain further details at Schengen countries' offices (list attached).

* Except for frequent travelers, who have to be able to prove the insurance coverage for each travel, applications without a correct insurance certificate will be rejected.

¹ Austria had already implemented this requirement from 8 July

² Regulation (EC) 810/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code) entered into force on 5.10.2009 and is applicable from 5.4.2010.

List of possible Insurance Companies for travel health insurance

In Taiwan :

Name of Company	Website	Language
Zurich Insurance (蘇黎世產物保險)	www.zurich.com.tw http://izurich.com.tw/SDS/action/gtl?request_locale=en_US	Chinese
ACE insurance (美商安達產物保險股份有限公司)	www.ace-ina.com.tw	Chinese
Cathay Century Insurance Co Insurance (國泰產險)	www.cathay-ins.com.tw	Chinese
Cathay Life Insurance (國泰人壽)	www.cathaylife.com.tw	Chinese
Chartis (美亞產物保險股份有限公司)	www.chartisinsurance.com.tw	Chinese
Fubon Insurance (富邦產物保險股份有限公司)	www.fubon.com/insurance/home/	Chinese
MSIG Mingtai Insurance (明台產物保險股份有限公司)	www.msg-mingtai.com.tw	Chinese
ShinKong Insurance (新光產物保險股份有限公司)	www.skinsurance.com.tw/index.asp	Chinese
Shinkong Life Insurance (新光人壽保險)	www.skl.com.tw	Chinese
South China (華南保險股份有限公司)	www.south-china.com.tw	Chinese
Taian Insurance (泰安產物保險股份有限公司)	www.taian.com.tw	Chinese
Union Insurance (旺旺友聯產物保險股份有限公司)	www.unionins.com.tw/	Chinese

In Switzerland:

Name of Company	Website	Language
SwissCare international	http://www.swisscare-intl.com/swisscare/switzerland/private/travel-insurance/visainuranceswitzerland.html	Website in English
Evasan Switzerland	http://www.evasan.com/individual/schengen-treaty-acceptable-insurance.aspx?lang=en	Website in English, German or French

In Switzerland many Companies offer the Schengen Insurance for foreign visitors. If you are invited, check with your host, if he or she can conclude the complying insurance.

Contact details of the local offices for Schengen countries

Austrian Office Taipei
10F, 167 Dunhua N. Rd, Taipei
tel: 8175-3283
fax: 2514-9980
email: taipei-ot@bmeia.gv.at

Belgian Office, Taipei
Room 601, 131 Minsheng E. Rd, Sec 3, Taipei
tel: 2715-1215
fax: 2712-6258
e-mail: bta@ms1.hinet.net

Czech Economic and Cultural Office Taipei
Suite B, 7F., No.200, Sec. 1, Keelung Rd., Xinyi District, Taipei City 110
tel: 2722-5100
fax: 2722-1270
e-mail: cekktaip@ms63.hinet.net

Trade Commission of Denmark, Taipei
Room 1207, 12F, 205 Dunhua N Rd, Taipei
tel: 2718-2101
fax: 2718-2141
e-mail: tpehkt@um.dk

Finland Trade Center, Taipei
Room 1505, 15F, 333 Keelung Rd, Sec 1, Taipei
tel: 2722-0764
fax: 2725-1517
e-mail: taipei@finpro.fi

French Institute in Taipei
Room 1003, 10F, 205 Dunhua N Rd, Taipei 105
tel: (02) 3518-5151
fax: (02) 3518-5190
e-mail: iftvisas@aol.fr

German Institute
4F, 2 Minsheng E Rd, Sec 3, Taipei
tel: 2501-6188
fax: 2501-6139
e-mail: info@taipei.diplo.de

Hungarian Trade Office
3F., No.97, Jingye 1st Rd., Zhongshan District, Taipei
tel: 8501-1200
fax: 8501-1161
e-mail: hutroff@ms24.hinet.net

Italian Economic, Trade & Cultural Promotion Office
Room 1808, 18F, 333 Keelung Rd, Sec 1, Taipei

tel: 2345-0320
fax: 2757-6260
e-mail: visti.taipei@esteri.it

Luxembourg Trade and Investment Office
No.5, Chi-Yen Road, Lane 201, Alley 8, Beitou, 11242 Taipei
tel:2891-6647
fax: 2894-8314

Netherlands Trade and Investment Office
5F, 133 Minsheng E Rd, Sec 3, Taipei
tel: 2719-813960
fax: 2713-0194
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The Slovak Economic and Cultural Office
Room 2410, 24F, 333 Keelung Rd, Sec 1, Taipei
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e-mail: seco.taipei@mzv.sk

Spanish Chamber of Commerce
10F-B1, 49 Minsheng E. Rd, Sec. 3, Taipei
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Swedish Trade Council, Taipei Office
Room 1101, 11F, 333 Keelung Rd, Sec 1, Taipei
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Suite 1601-1602, 333,Keelung Rd, Sec1, Taipei
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