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Department of Migrant Workers  
Migrant Workers Office -Taipei

**TAIWAN NATIONAL IMMIGRATION AGENCY LAUNCHES THE EXPANDED  
OVERSTAYERS VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE PROGRAM FOR ALL UNDOCUMENTED  
AND OVERSTAYERS IN TAIWAN**

Taiwan National Immigration Agency (NIA), on February 1, 2023 launches the Expanded Overstayers Voluntary Departure Program, with the theme “LET NIA HELP YOU HOME”. The program starts from February 1, 2023 until June 30, 2023. During this period, those who voluntarily surrender themselves will have to pay a minimum penalty of NT\$ 2,000, exemption from detention and no prohibition on entering the Taiwan again. Such measures and conditions will be adopted and apply to those overstayers who will surrender themselves. These measures aim to promote and encourage those overstayers (including Filipinos) to surrender themselves and avail the voluntary departure program.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic swept in early 2020, most international flights have been suspended and or reduced, resulting stranded foreign population in Taiwan, hence, number of overstayed foreigners continued to rise.

**As per Taiwan statistical record dated December 2022, there are about 2,632 undocumented Filipinos in Taiwan who will be benefited of the program.**

The NIA appeals to the public to encourage those who are overstayed to seize the opportunity to turn themselves in before the increase of overstay fines and entry ban period.

In addition, the NIA provides a toll-free hotline 0800-024-881 with multilingual services to the public and overstayers to inquire about the program.

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# Let NIA *help you home*

**Expanded overstayers voluntary departure program**

**February 1st, 2023-June 30th, 2023**

✓ No detention ✓ Minimum fine ✓ Exempted from entry ban



English

# Overstayers self-report for reduced penalty! Let NIA help you home!

## Q1 Who are eligible for this program?

A: The program applies to foreigners and citizens of P.R.C., Hong Kong, or Macau who have exceeded their permitted time of stay in Taiwan and have not yet returned home, regardless of the visa type.

## Q2 What benefits do overstayers get from turning themselves in through this program?

A: Overstayers who turn themselves in can be exempted from detentions, entry bans, and pay a minimum fine of NT\$2,000. They can come to Taiwan again soon for sightseeing or visiting relatives.

## Q3 What happens if overstayers don't turn themselves in?

A: Overstayers who fail to turn themselves in are subject to detentions, entry bans for a certain period, and a fine ranging from NT\$2,000 to NT\$10,000.

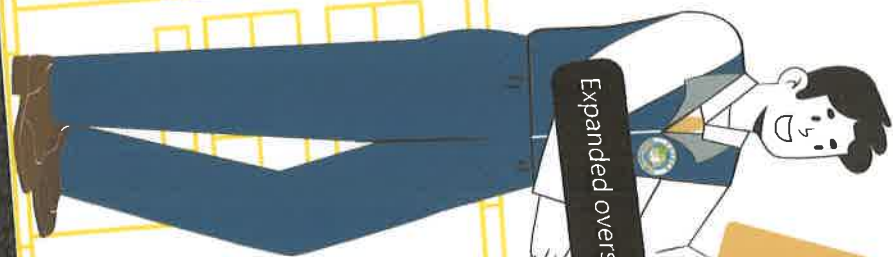
## Q4 Where can I turn myself in?

A: Overstayers who are migrant workers can turn themselves in at the Specialized Operation Brigades of the NIA. Overstayers who are not migrant workers and have overstayed less than 90 days are encouraged to turn themselves in at the Service Center, the Specialized Operation Brigades, or the Border Affairs Brigades of the NIA; those overstaying more than 91 days can turn themselves in at the Specialized Operation Brigades of the NIA.

## DID YOU KNOW

# Q & A What is?

Expanded overstayers voluntary departure program



Expanded overstayers voluntary departure

- February 1st, 2023-June 30
- No detention
- Minimum fine
- Exempt

# Let NIA help you home



Toll free for self-reporting or reporting illegal employers and agents: 0800-024-881  
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<https://www.immigration.gov.tw/5475>

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# Program Period (February 1st, 2023-June 30th, 2023 )

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## Self-report



### Reduced penalty

- 1.No detention
2. Minimum fine of NT\$2,000
- 3.Exempted from entry ban

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## Arrested



### Full penalty

- 1.Detention
2. Fine ranging from NT\$2,000 to NT\$10,000
3. Banned from entering Taiwan for a certain period of time (six years maximum)

# Post Program (July 1st, 2023)

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### Self-Report:

- 1.No detention
- 2.Fine ranging from NT\$2 to NT\$10,000
- 3.Banned from entering Taiwan for a certain period time (six years maximum)

### Arrested:

- 1.Mandatory detention by
- 2.Fine ranging from NT\$2 to NT\$10,000
- 3.Banned from entering Taiwan for a certain period time (six years maximum)

## Amendment to increase penalty



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From now on, overstayers who turn themselves in will enjoy minimum penalties.

From 1 February to 30 June, 2023, the National Immigration Agency (the NIA) promotes the "Expanded Overstayers Voluntary Departure Program", during which those who voluntarily surrender themselves will enjoy minimum penalties. Measures such as exemption from detention, payment of a minimum fine of NT\$2,000, and no prohibition on entering the country are adopted to encourage the overstayers to turn themselves in.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic swept the world in early 2020 international flights have been suspended or reduced, resulting in the stranded foreign population in Taiwan, and the number of overstayed foreigners continued to rise. At present, the pandemic situation around the globe is gradually easing and international flights are resuming, in order to help the overstayed foreigners return to their home countries as soon as possible, the NIA has promoted the Expanded Overstayers Voluntary Departure Program from February 1 this year.

The NIA further emphasizes that the draft amendments to some provisions of the Immigration Act have been sent to the Legislative Yuan for review; in the amendment, in order to prevent foreigners from overstaying in the country, the overstay fine will be raised from the current NT\$2,000- NT\$10,000 to NT\$30,000- NT\$150,000, and the period of restriction on entering the country will be increased from a maximum of 3 years to a maximum of 10 years. The NIA appeals to the public to encourage those who have overstayed in the country to seize the opportunity to turn themselves in before increase of overstay fines and entry ban period.

In addition, the NIA provides a toll-free hotline 0800-024-881 (ByeBye) with multilingual services to the public and overstayers to inquire about the program.

<b>FILIPINO WORKERS IN PRODUCTIVE INDUSTRIES AND SOCIAL WELFARE</b>			
			TOTAL
FACTORY:	Taipei	69,052	
	Taichung	28,397	
	Kaohsiung	<u>29,194</u>	126,643
CARETAKER:	Taipei	16,646	
	Taichung	5,129	
	Kaohsiung	<u>6,388</u>	28,163
STOCK ESTIMATES of OFW's as of <b>DECEMBER 2022</b> <small>Source; WDA MOL</small>			<b>154,806</b>
<b>FILIPINOS IN TAIWAN</b>	Male	61,625	
as of December 2022,	Female	<u>91,653</u>	
Source; National Immigration Agency		<b>153,278</b>	
<b>Undocumented Migrant Workers</b>	Male	669	
as of December 2022,	Female	<u>1,963</u>	
Source; National Immigration Agency		<b>2,632</b>	
<i>NOTE: We cannot determine the location of the undocumented workers because they are nowhere to be found</i>			
<b>MARRIAGE IN TAIWAN as of December 2022, Source; National Immigration Agency</b>			
<b>*POLO-TAIPEI</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
New Taipei City	185	1,524	1,709
Taipei City	67	602	669
Taoyuan City	211	1,801	2,012
Yilan County	7	106	113
Hsinchu County	24	673	697
Hualien County	7	66	73
Keelung City	5	114	119
Hsinchu County	9	315	324
<b>TOTAL MARRIED FILIPINOS TO TAIWANESE IN POLO TAIPEI JURISDICTION</b>			<b>5,716</b>
<b>*POLO-TAICHUNG</b>			
Taichung City	76	984	1,060
Miaoli County	17	318	335
Changhua County	29	435	464
Nantou County	9	127	136
Yulin County	2	191	193
<b>TOTAL MARRIED FILIPINOS TO TAIWANESE IN POLO TAICHUNG JURISDICTION</b>			<b>2,188</b>
<b>*POLO-KAOHSIUNG</b>			
Tainan City	47	538	585
Kaohsiung City	54	1,100	1,154
Chiayi County	8	141	149
Pingtung County	12	809	821
Taitung County	-	87	87
Penghu County	1	9	10
Chiayi City	4	71	75
Kinmen Islands	-	5	5
Lienchiang County	-	1	1
<b>TOTAL MARRIED FILIPINOS TO TAIWANESE IN POLO KAOHSIUNG JURISDICTION</b>			<b>2,887</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>10,017</b>	<b>10,791</b>

Source: Workforce Development Agency, MOL  
National Immigration Agency, Taiwan