

Frequent Asked Questions with Answers Provided by UKVI for YMS 2018

APPLYING FOR THE BALLOT

1. What's the eligibility for 2018 YMS Scheme in Taiwan?

- Taiwanese youth can apply for the Youth Mobility Scheme 2018 if they are aged 18 to 30 and have £1,890 in savings.
- You cannot apply if you have: children who live with you; children you're financially responsible for; already been in the UK under the scheme or in the former 'working holidaymaker' category.

All the details can be found at www.gov.uk/tier-5-youth-mobility

2. How to apply for the 1st ballot of 2018 YMS?

If you would like to apply for the scheme, you should send one email (**only**) to: TaiwanYMS2018-APPOINTMENT@fco.gov.uk between 12 pm, 15 January (Taiwan time) to 12 pm, 17 January (Taiwan time). The email header or subject line **must** contain your name, date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) and passport number as shown in your passport. For example: FAN Janet - 31/01/1990 - Passport123456789.

In the main text of your email you should include the following: (Application emails must be in English.)

- Name;
- Date of birth;
- Passport Number;
- Country to submit the application (ex: Taiwan); and
- Mobile phone number

The email account will be open for 48 hours only and all emails received within this timeframe will be sent an automated reply confirming receipt.

3. If I am a Taiwanese citizen living overseas, for example studying in the USA, where can I apply for YMS visa?

You can also submit your application from your current country of residence overseas. However, your visa application cannot be submitted in the UK. Please reference which country you will be submitting your visa application from in your e-mail. If you are chosen, you will be able to do so in your country of residence.

4. If I turn 31 in Dec 2018, am I still eligible to apply 2018 YMS?

Yes. If you were selected through the ballot, and you complete the visa application process by paying the visa fee on-line before your 31st birthday, you are still eligible. So 30 years old counts for the entirety of 30. The applicants must be no older than 30 at the time of on-line payment. So 30 years old and 364 days would be fine at time of payment as the on-line payment date is the application date.

5. What can I do if I provided the wrong information in the email for application? Can I send another correct email?

It is essential that you ensure the correct information is contained in the first email as duplicates will be deleted.

6. Is the application in English only?

Yes, please send your application in English, not in Chinese.

7. If I am applying for a new passport during the application period, should I use the old passport number for the application? Shall I provide the new passport number afterwards?

Yes. You can provide a new passport at the time of your application but please notify us at the time of application the number has changed.

8. What shall I do if I do not receive an autoreply email during the application period?

UKVI will reply to all emails. Please ensure your email security and spam filters are set up to receive our email.

9. Will those who submitted the application receive an email even if they are not the successful candidate?

Yes. An email will be sent to unsuccessful customers on Friday 26 January to inform them they have not been chosen and that no further action is required.

10. How are you going to prevent applicants using more than one email addresses to apply by sending more than one emails for the ballot?

The emails sent in for each ballot are strictly monitored and any duplicate emails are deleted ensuring that all those in the ballot only have one email. This ensures every customer has an equal chance.

11. Apart from those 800 been selected, will you have the system of candidate on a wishing list?

No. A second ballot for the remaining YMS slots will be opened in July 2018.

12. If I am currently studying in the UK, and if I were chosen where should I apply for visa? Can I go to another country's visa application centre or I have to go back to Taiwan?

Taiwanese applicants can apply from any country but they need to state where they will be applying in the application email in the 1st place. However, YMS visa applications cannot be submitted in the UK.

13. Can I apply YMS visa in any country except the UK? Where can I get the information?

Please check UK government official website at: www.gov.uk/find-a-visa-application-centre

ONCE BEING SELECTED FOR THE BALLOT

14. For the selected applicants from the 1st ballot 2018 YMS, when should the applicant pay the visa fee if selected?

The selected applicants must prepare on-line applications and on-line credit card payments no later than 30 March 2018.

15. When should I submit my paperwork to Visa Application Centre?

You have 90 days to submit your paperwork after you have paid on-line.

16. For 2018 YMS, when should the applicants enter the UK? i.e. the entry date on the application form?

The entry date to the UK should be within six months of the application date (on-line payment date). If applicants do not enter within that period they would have to apply for a replacement visa at a later date. However, if they apply for a replacement visa, the two years would be taken from the original issue date and therefore the period issued would be less than two years.

17. If I got selected in 2018, but realise afterwards that I could only go in Year 2019, is it acceptable?

The entry date to the United Kingdom must be within six months of your application (online payment date). A visa is only valid for 30 days to allow entry into the UK where you collect your residence card with your full stay shown. So please consider the timing issue in your own discretion.

18. What's the time limitation for the 2-year YMS if I got selected and pay visa fee by the deadline? Can I arrive the UK some time in 2019 to start the 2-year YMS visa?

The entry date to the United Kingdom must be within six months of your application (online payment date). If you plan to visit in 2019 you should apply under the 2019 ballot. A visa is only valid for 30 days to allow entry into the UK where you collect your residence card with your full stay shown. If you were to apply in 2018 but not travel until 2019 you would have to apply for a replacement visa. The validity would not be 2 years. The visa would be re-issued from the start date in 2018 and you would lose that time.

Applicants can check at the time regarding up to date visa fees at www.gov.uk/visa-fees.

19. What if I am using Tier 4 visa and want to continue staying in the UK using YMS visa? Will my Tier 4 visa be invalid once I got the YMS visa?

You can only hold one visa at a time for the UK. If you are chosen for the YMS and apply for the visa you can enter the UK for up to 2 years which would allow you to study. Your student visa would be invalidated. Please note that you cannot apply for the YMS visa in the UK.

20. Can I work in British territories or other self-governing area under YMS visa scheme, such as British Virgin Islands, Gibraltar, Isle of Man, Jersey, Guernsey or TCI?

YMS does not cover work for these destinations. You would have to enquire with the local immigration regarding separate visas.

21. For £1,890 savings when applying YMS visa, is other currency acceptable? i.e. in Taiwan dollars? How long should I keep the money in my account?

Any currency is acceptable. It must meet the required amount of money in GBP. You can check this by using www.oanda.com. The money must be available when you apply but does not have to have been held for a specified period.

22. Who should I inform if I want to give up YMS visa?

Please contact International Enquiry Centre at www.gov.uk/contact-ukvi-outside-uk

23. I was selected for 2018 YMS visa. Am I still eligible to apply next year if I give up this year?

Yes. If you have not used your YMS visa you will be eligible to apply under another years allocation.

24. Can I apply pre-Master courses under YMS visa scheme?

Yes. YMS visa holders are eligible to study in the UK for up to 2 years. Please check with the institution you want to study at.

25. How long does it take to get the YMS visa after confirmed online payment?

After you have paid online, you have 90 days to submit your paperwork for consideration. You should receive a decision on your visa within 15 working days after the paperwork submission to the UK Visa Centre in your country of residence.

26. Who should I contact if I have any other questions about applying UK visas?

You can find a lot of information about UK visas through www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa and www.vfsglobal.co.uk/taiwan. Or you can call or email (with charges) your specific enquiries to UKVI (www.gov.uk/contact-ukvi-outside-uk).

More information can be found at www.gov.uk/tier-5-youth-mobility