



Taiwan, Standardizing Foreign ID Numbers to Align with National ID Numbers

The format of Alien Residency Certificate (ARC) numbers is to be changed to bring them in line with the Republic of China identification card format.

What Changes

The ARC number will change from 2 letters + 8 numbers to 1 letter + 9 numbers, same as Taiwan national ID.

Reason and Benefits

- Make it easier for online shopping, other activities which require a National ID number
- Create easier processes for foreigners obtain bank accounts and telecommunications
- Increase competitiveness for attracting overseas talent

When

It should be noted that there are no dates set to when this will be implemented. As more details become available we will let you know.

Regards,

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