

## **Implementation Directions of the Group Tourism Portion of the Tourism Administration's (MOTC) Accelerated and Expanded Inbound Tourism Promotion Program**

1. The Tourism Administration (the Administration) of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC), under the "Special Budget of the Central Government for Strengthening Post-Pandemic Economic and Social Resilience and the Sharing of Economic Achievements with the People," has formulated these guidelines to encourage the tourism industry in Taiwan to collaborate with overseas group travel agencies. Goals include returning as soon as possible to pre-COVID levels for tourist arrivals in Taiwan and achieving the annual target for international tourist arrivals.
2. Any consolidated tourism entity or Class-A tourism entity registered in Taiwan (hereinafter referred to as "applicant entity") that collaborates with group travel entities legally established in other countries to promote tourist groups of non-national tourists to travel to Taiwan whose itinerary lasts for at least three days and two nights may apply for subsidies per these guidelines.
3. Applicants who meet the requirements in the preceding paragraph, and whose itinerary starts and ends entirely between the date this guideline takes effect and November 30, 2025, may apply for a subsidy through the designated system of the Administration no less than 3 working days prior to the departure date of the tourist group. However, the Administration may, depending on budget expenditures, announce in advance the suspension of subsidy applications.
4. An applicant entity may apply for only one subsidy for each tourist group, and such an application may not be re-submitted for other subsidy programs of the Administration. Applicant limits on the number of groups per year are as follows: 600 for 2023, 900 for 2024 and 825 for 2025. Subsidy levels are based on the number of people in the tourist group and the length of stay in Taiwan. The levels are as follows:
  - (1) Four to seven people: NT\$5,000. This is increased to NT\$10,000 for a visit of at least four nights and five days after January 1, 2025.
  - (2) Eight to forty-nine people: NT\$20,000. This is increased to NT\$30,000 for a visit of at least four nights and five days after January 1, 2025.

- (3) Fifty people or more: NT\$40,000. This is increased to NT\$50,000 for a visit of at least four nights and five days after January 1, 2025.
5. An applicant entity whose subsidy application has been approved by the Administration shall, within one month after the tourist group's departure from Taiwan, submit a disbursement application to the designated system of the Administration with the following documents:
- (1) Proof of an itinerary consistent with the provisions of Paragraph 2 and Paragraph 4, including details on policies for travel agency liability insurance and valid accommodation certification(s).
  - (2) List of foreign passengers: This must include the full name, nationality, and passport number (or visa number) used when entering Taiwan, or other similar documents with information sufficient to prove a passenger's identity. If local laws preclude the submission of such proof, this requirement may be waived in lieu of evidence that such documents may not legally be provided.
  - (3) An affidavit from the corresponding entity in the Taiwan tourism industry (see Attachment #1).
  - (4) Receipts from the Taiwan-based tourism entity and the overseas-based (foreign) group travel agency that arranged the group tour in question (see Attachment #2). However, a receipt from an overseas-based group travel agency may be replaced by other sufficient supporting documents.
  - (5) If the applicant or his/her related person of the subsidy is a public servant of the Republic of China (Taiwan), he/she shall provide the Disclosure Form for Public Servants and Related Persons of a Public Servant (Appendix 3) and the affidavit letter of the Act on Recusal of Public Servants Due to Conflicts of Interest (Appendix 4), in accordance to in Article 14 of the law.
6. If an application for disbursement has been reviewed and approved by the Administration, the amount of the subsidy will be remitted to the relevant applicant's account. The applicant shall then remit 60% of the subsidy to the foreign group travel agency.
7. The Administration shall reject an application submitted by the applicant entity if the application does not satisfy the requirements called for in the provisions of these

guidelines. If the deficiencies can be corrected, the applicant entity may make corrections within the stipulated deadline. Applications submitted after stipulated time limits shall be rejected.

8. If any one of the following conditions exist regarding the applicant or the application, the administration may reject the application and additionally pursue legal action against the applicant entity per applicable laws and regulations. In such cases, the Administration may cancel or revoke disbursed applications and, depending on the severity of the case, request in writing a full or partial return of disbursements already made. The conditions are as follows:

- (1) Fraud, bribery, coercion or other improper means were used in an effort to obtain incentives.
- (2) An application or related materials submitted by an applicant entity contained false information, or the applicant entity concealed relevant information when making an application.
- (3) An applicant entity applied for incentives for a travel case that had already received a similar type of incentive or subsidy from another source or sources.
- (4) An applicant entity or related person evaded, obstructed or refused to permit an investigation by the Administration and its personnel.

If the conditions in subparagraphs (1) and/or (2) above apply, the Administration and its affiliated agencies may stop providing incentives/subsidies to the applicant entity for up to three years.

9. The Administration may hire relevant agencies, legal persons, or public associations to help process fund applications, conduct reviews, and manage reconciliation operations.

**Affidavit from the applicable Taiwan tourism industry entity**

We, \_\_\_\_\_ Travel Agency, confirm that we have followed the rules and regulations of the “Implementation Directions of the Group Tourism Portion of the Tourism Administration’s (MOTC) Accelerated and Expanded Inbound Tourism Promotion Program” and have completed the application form and attached relevant documents. We take full legal responsibility in the event of falsification and will follow the handling of this case in accordance with the preceding guidelines.

Travel agency name:

Signature and seal of the person in charge of the company:

Travel agency seal:

Date:      Year      Month      Day

## **Invoice from a Taiwan tourism industry entity**

Received NT\$ \_\_\_\_\_, a subsidy under the “Implementation Directions of the Group Tourism Portion of the Tourism Administration’s (MOTC) Accelerated and Expanded Inbound Tourism Promotion Program” as promulgated by the Tourism Administration of the MOTC.” as promulgated by the Tourism Administration of the MOTC.

Applicant entity:

Person in charge of the company:

Accountant:

Case worker:

Unified number:

Address:

Bank to receive the remittance: oo Bank oo Branch (attach below a photocopy of the passbook of the account to receive the remittance)

Account number: ooo

Account name: oooooo

Date: oooYear ooMonth ooDay

## Invoice from the collaborating travel agency abroad

Received NT\$\_\_\_\_\_, as a subsidy under the “Implementation Directions of the Group Tourism Portion of the Tourism Administration’s (MOTC) Accelerated and Expanded Inbound Tourism Promotion Program” as promulgated by the Tourism Administration of the MOTC.

Applicant entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Person in charge of the company:

Accountant:

Case worker:

Legal person registration number: 000

Address:

Bank to receive the remittance: 00Bank 00 Branch (attach below a photocopy of the passbook or other information for the account to receive the remittance)

Account number: 000

Account name: 000000

Date: 000Year 00Month 00Day