

The National Health Insurance Act stipulates that foreigners who are legal residents of Taiwan must either be registered in the health insurance program by their employer starting the day they are employed or enroll in the program on their own 6 months after the day they obtain legal residency.

(外籍人士取得居留證滿六個月需參加全民健康保險)

✓ Compulsory Enrollment (強制納保)

The National Health Insurance program is a compulsory social insurance program. By law, every Taiwanese citizen with official residency or foreign national living in Taiwan with an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC), regardless of age, gender, or employment status, must enroll in the program. Also, this insurance program lasts an entire lifetime. No one may arbitrarily withdraw, except for those who lose their insurance eligibility (such as people who give up their Taiwan citizenship, move abroad or let their Alien Resident Certificate expire or a person who goes missing).

✓ National Health Insurance Act (全民健康保險法)

Article 9

With the exception of individuals mentioned in the previous article, any person who has an alien resident certificate in the Taiwan area must meet one of the following requirements in order to become the beneficiaries of this Insurance:

- 1. Those who have established a registered domicile for at least six months;**
- 2. Those with a regular employer.**

✓ Enforcement Rules of The National Health Insurance Act (全民健康保險法施行細則)

Article 8

The alien resident certificate prescribed in Article 9 of this Act refers to the resident certificate in the Taiwan area, the resident and entry-exit permit in the Taiwan area, the alien resident certificate, the alien permanent resident certificate, and other certificates for long-term residence in the Taiwan Area recognized by the Competent Authority of this Insurance.

A person staying in Taiwan for 6 full months prescribed in Subparagraph 1 of Article 9 of the Act refers to a person who has, after entering into Taiwan, stayed in Taiwan for six consecutive months or exited Taiwan once for fewer than 30 days with the actual period of stay amounting to six months after the number of days that he or she has been away from Taiwan is deducted.

People who meet the requirements stipulated in Subparagraph 1 of Article 9 of the Act but are not employed and are unable to subscribe to this Insurance as dependents of the insured shall subscribe to this Insurance as the insured defined in item 2, Subparagraph 6 of Paragraph 1 of Article 10 of the Act.

The National Health Insurance Program Classify The Insured Into Six Categories Depends On Their Employment Status. (不同投保身分)

Individuals who are residents of Taiwan are unemployed or in job transition must continue enrollment according to their current status. They cannot interrupt their insurance coverage.

Please enroll according to the various employment statuses outlined below (If you fit the criteria for #1, you may not select #2, if you fit the criteria for #2, you may not select #3, and so on):

1. If you work for a company, the government or any other organization, you should be registered in the health insurance program by your employer, formally known as the "insurance registration organization." (公司投保)
2. If you belong to a union, or a farmers' or fishermen's association, you should have your union or associations register you in the health insurance program. (If you simultaneously belong to a union and a farmers' or fishermen's association, you should have the union register you.) (工農漁會)
3. If you are unemployed but are a legal dependent of an employed spouse or a direct blood relative, you should enroll through your spouse or relative's insurance registration organization (employer, union, etc.) as a dependent. (If there are two or more relatives of whom you can become a family dependent, you should select the closest blood relative to support you. (依親加保)
4. If you are unemployed, and cannot enroll as a legal dependent of a relative (i.e., parents, spouses, or children), then the administrative office of the village, township, city or area where your household is registered is your insurance registration organization. Please enroll in the health insurance program through that office. (鄉鎮市公所)

✓ **The National Health Insurance Card: Your Health Passport (健保卡)**

Whether you are visiting a doctor, picking up your prescription, or undergoing a medical examination, you must bring your National Health Insurance card to any contracted health care institution (identified by the National Health Insurance logo in their doorways) in order to be treated under the health insurance program.

To apply for the National Health Insurance card, you need to fill out the "NHI Card Application Form" and submit the form to any division of National Health Insurance Administration with your ARC and a front and back copy of your ARC.

If you have any further questions or comments concerning the National Health Insurance Program, please do not hesitate to contact us via:

Website address: <http://www.nhi.gov.tw/English/>

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