

The Act for the Recruitment and Employment of Foreign Professionals has been in force since February 8, 2018.

Employed foreign professionals

專 Enrollment eligibility 眷

The company (employer) they work for shall have them enrolled starting from the date when they are hired for those with an alien resident certificate in the region of Taiwan.

[S]aid person's spouse and minor children, and children over twenty years old who are unable to live independently due to physical or mental disability, having obtained documentary proof of residence, shall enroll in National Health Insurance starting from the date when said professional starts to hold documentary proof of residence.

How to apply for enrollment

The employer shall have the following supporting documents ready, and apply to the jurisdiction's NHI business department:

- The work permit or alien residence certificate issued by the Ministry of Labor or Ministry of Education.
- The employment gold card, combining in one the work permit, the residence visa, the alien residence certificate, and re-entry permit, issued by the National Immigration Agency under the Ministry of the Interior.
- Other required documents such as any dependents' alien residence certificates.

Non-employed foreign professionals

專 Enrollment eligibility 眷

Those with documentary proof of residence in the region of Taiwan shall be enrolled in National Health Insurance as soon as they have stayed in Taiwan for six months.

Family members

- Those with documentary proof of residence in the region of Taiwan shall be enrolled in National Health Insurance as soon as they have stayed in Taiwan for six months.
- Starting from December 1, 2017, foreign newborns who are born in the region of Taiwan with documentary proof of residence shall be enrolled in National Health Insurance starting

How to apply for enrollment

Residence supporting documents shall be enclosed and enrollment thus applied for with the local township, county-level city, or district office.

To apply for an NHI IC Card	Requirements on suspension or reinstatement of enrolled status	Withdrawal from National Health Insurance when no longer eligible	To apply for a refund of self-paid, up-front medical care costs
An NHI IC Card Application Form shall be completed, with one 2" profile photo and photocopies of the documentary proof of residence attached, placed in a self-prepared enveloped, and be mailed out or delivered in person to the group insurance applicant, so that the latter may enclose an enrollment declaration form and apply for the NHI IC Card with the National Health Insurance Administration (NHIA).	During valid residence, if a person expects to leave Taiwan for more than six months, he/she can choose to continue with the enrollment or organize suspension of the enrolled status. If such person chooses to suspend the enrolled status, the application must be submitted to the jurisdiction's NHIA business section.	If the documentary proof of residence is canceled, abolished, or expires, the person shall be withdrawn from the National Health Insurance program.	For the retroactive enrolled period, if there are self-paid, up-front medical care costs, such payment may also be refunded according to Articles 55 and 56 of the National Health Insurance Act, with enclosure of receipts.

