

How can foreigner nationals enroll in Taiwan's NHI?



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Eligibility for foreign nationals to enroll in the NHI:

- ✓ Foreign resident who holds a resident certificate in Taiwan shall participate in National Health Insurance after a full 6 months of residence (6 months of continuous residence in Taiwan or with one trip abroad not exceeding 30 days when the actual residency period of 6 months is reached after the days abroad have been deducted). However, those who have been employed legally can join NHI upon the date of employment.
- ✓ From December 1, 2017 newborn foreign infant who obtains a resident certificate in Taiwan shall join NHI upon the date of birth.
- ✓ Foreign resident will lose NHI entitlement once his/her resident certificate expires, and should withdraw from the NHI.



Qualifications for Foreign Professionals and Their Dependents to join the NHI:

- ✓ In accordance with the Act for the Recruitment and Employment of Foreign Professionals, which went into force on Oct. 25, 2021, Foreign special professionals and foreign senior professionals who are employers or self-employed business owners have to apply as a group insurance applicant through our branch office, complete the enrollment for themselves from the date their business is founded.
- ✓ Their spouses, minor children, and physically or mentally disabled adult children who are unable to live independently, holding a resident certificate in Taiwan , shall immediately join the NHI as dependents of the employed foreign professionals, foreign special professionals and foreign senior professionals who are employers or self-employed business owners upon receipt of their resident certificates.



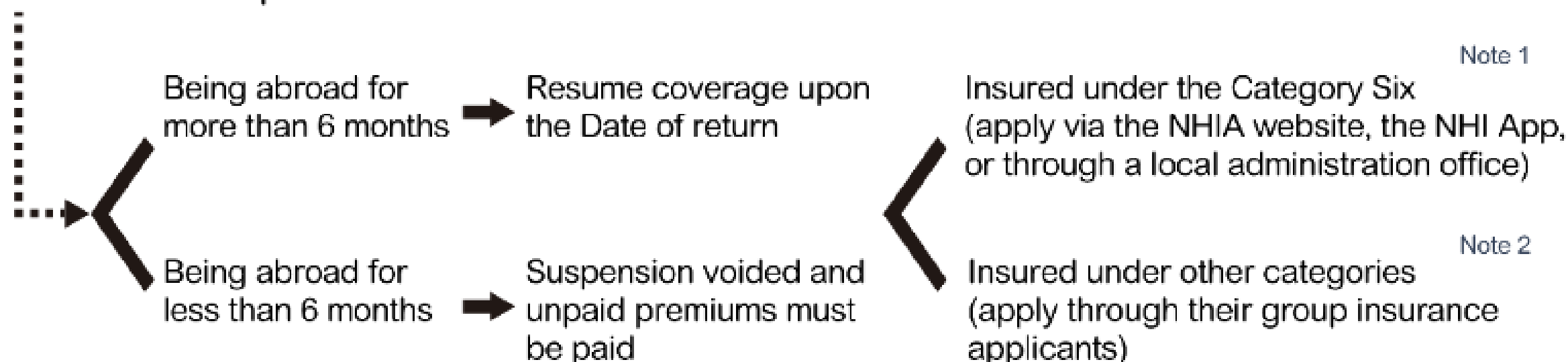
Transition ACT for Amendments to Cancel the Option for Overseas Residents to Suspend Their NHI Enrollment

NHI suspension applications made on or before Dec. 22, 2024

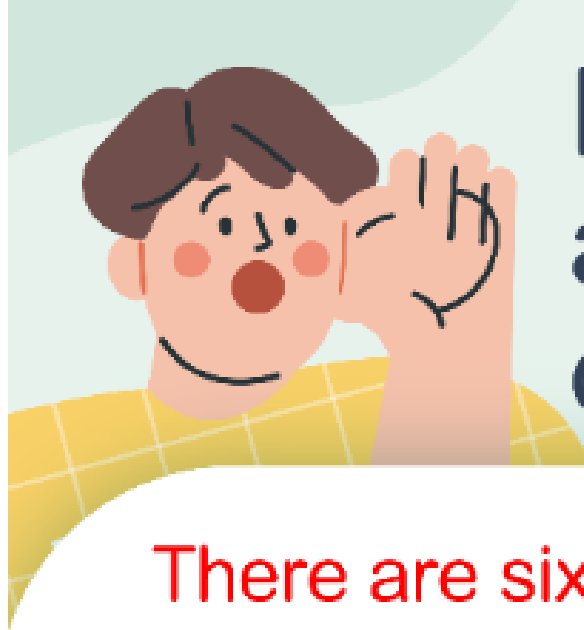
Starting from Dec. 23, 2024

Wait until the insured returning to Taiwan to confirm the validity of the insurance suspension.

No more application will be accepted.



- ★ Note 1: Category Six: Insured persons who are unemployed, have no spouses or lineal blood relatives with whom they can enroll in the NHI program as a dependent, and are enrolled in the insurance program through the village (township, municipal, district) administration offices of their registered domicile (which the foreigner residence permit address belongs).
- ★ Note 2: Other categories: Category One to Three refer to employees of enterprises, owners of businesses, or members of occupational unions, farmer's associations, or fishermen's associations.



How to enroll in the NHI program after the suspension of NHI coverage is canceled ?

There are six categories of the insured, please enroll in the NHI program according to the following orders:

- 1 Employees or owners of a company, an institution, or a business are Category One insured and should be enrolled through the employers.
- 2 Members of an occupational union, a farmer's association, or a fishermen's association are Category Two or Three insured and should be enrolled through the union or association where they hold memberships.
- 3 Insured persons who are not employed, should priority become a dependent of their spouse or lineal blood relative who are NHI insured.
- 4 Insured persons who are not employed and cannot to be a dependent of insured, they would become an insured of Category Six after finish the enrollment through the village (township, municipal, district) administration offices of their registered domicile(which the foreigner residence permit address belongs).

(Please enroll in the NHI program according to the order prioritization , i.e. if the insured's situation fits No. 1, then he/she cannot be enrolled under the condition stated in No. 2, 3 or 4, and so on.)



How to pay the NHI premiums?

- ✓ Insured persons enrolled through a village (township, municipal, district) administration office:
Once enrolled, the NHIA will send a bill to the address you provided monthly; you may pay the premium with said bill. To avoid any missing payments, which may affect your rights to medical treatment when returning to Taiwan, it is recommended to set up a payment transfer agreement via a bank account or a credit card or take advantage of the multiple alternative payment methods that the NHIA offers. You can also download the NHI/ My Health Bank App and go to E-Counter to access your enrollment records and make premium payments.
- ✓ Insured persons enrolled through their companies, occupational unions, farmer's associations, or fisherman's associations:
The premium of insured will be collected by their group insurance applicants which is their companies, unions, farmer's associations, or fisherman's associations, then disburse to the NHIA monthly.

Healthcare Services during Abroad

- ✓ When an insured needs to receive medical treatments in a local medical facility for an unexpected disease, an emergency injury, or an emergency childbirth while being abroad or in mainland China. The insured may submit a request for a reimbursement of such medical expenses (based on NHIA's payment standard) within 6 months of receiving the emergency care, the outpatient treatment, or hospital discharge.
- ✓ Request for reimbursement shall be submitted with a filled NHI Self-Advanced Medical Expenses Reimbursement Application Form, along with the original copies of the medical expense receipts, the itemized statement of expenses, the diagnosis certificate or supporting documents issued by the medical facility (in the case where the insured is hospitalized for five days or more in mainland China, the original copies of medical expense receipts and the diagnosis certificates shall be notarized and verified), and a copy of the exit-and-entry documents. The application form enclosed with the abovementioned supporting documents shall be submitted to the NHIA regional division office overseeing the region that the insured is enrolled.



For more details, please visit the “[Introduction of Reimbursement of Medical Expenses and Relevant Application Form](#)” section on the NHIA website. <https://gov.tw/Jeq>

