

Guidelines for Nationals Without Registered Permanent Residence in the Taiwan Area Applying for Registered Permanent Residence in the Taiwan Area

I. Legal Basis:

- (I) Article 10 of the Immigration Act.
- (II) Articles 2, 24, 26, 27, and 30 of the Regulations Governing the Stay, Residence, and Registered Permanent Residence Permits for Nationals without Registered Permanent Residence in the Taiwan Area.
- (III) Article 4 of the Enforcement Rules for the Act Governing Relations between the People of the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area.

II. Applicable Subjects:

- (I) Underage children born abroad, holding foreign passports upon entry into the ROC, whose parent(s) were nationals with registered permanent residence in the Taiwan Area at the time of their birth.
- (II) Born abroad, holding ROC passports upon entry into the ROC, whose parent(s) were nationals with registered permanent residence in the Taiwan Area at the time of their birth.
- (III) Born domestically without birth registration, entering the ROC with domestic or foreign passports after going abroad, whose parent(s) were nationals with registered permanent residence in the Taiwan Area at the time of their birth.
- (IV) In cases where one of the following circumstances applies, and the individual does not hold household registration or possess a Mainland China passport:
 - 1. One parent is a national with registered permanent residence in the Taiwan Area, and the other parent is a person of the Mainland China Area, and the child is born in the Mainland China Area and is under one (1) year of age.
 - 2. Children born in the Mainland China Area whose parents are both nationals with registered permanent residence in the Taiwan Area.

III. Application Items and Procedures:

- (I) For individuals residing overseas, in Hong Kong, or Macau: Applicants shall submit their applications for single-entry permits and copies of Taiwan Area Permanent Resident Certificates (hereinafter referred to as "Permanent Resident Certificate copies") to embassies, consulates, representative offices, or other diplomatic agencies authorized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (hereinafter referred to as "the overseas missions"), or to the Service Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Hong Kong or Macau. These applications will be forwarded by the overseas missions to the National Immigration Agency (NIA) of the Ministry of the Interior for review. Upon approval, the Permanent Resident Certificate copies will be mailed to the overseas missions for further distribution to the applicants. Applicants should enter the Republic of China (ROC) within the validity period of the Permanent Resident Certificate copies and, after entry, proceed to the Service Centers located in the municipalities or counties (cities) under

the jurisdiction of the administrative corps of the NIA. There, they should exchange the Permanent Resident Certificate copies for Taiwan Area Permanent Resident Certificates (hereinafter referred to as "Permanent Resident Certificates"), and use the Permanent Resident Certificates to apply for initial household registration at the household registration offices in the intended jurisdiction of residence.

- (II) For individuals in the Mainland China Area: Upon authorization by the applicant's relatives or spouse residing in the Taiwan Area, the NIA issues the Permanent Resident Certificate copies to those granted permission to permanently reside in the Taiwan Area. Applicants should enter the ROC within the validity period of the Permanent Resident Certificate copies and, after entry, proceed to the Service Centers of the NIA. There, they should exchange the Permanent Resident Certificates, and use the Permanent Resident Certificates to apply for initial household registration at the household registration offices in the intended jurisdiction of residence.
- (III) For individuals in the Taiwan Area: Applicants apply to the NIA for permanent residence in the Taiwan Area. Upon approval, the NIA issues the Permanent Resident Certificate. Holders of the Permanent Resident Certificate should proceed to the household registration office in their intended jurisdiction of residence to apply for initial household registration.

IV. Required Documents:

- (I) Application Form for Entry, Residence, and Registered Permanent Residence in the Taiwan Area of the Republic of China with a color, uncovered head photo (following the same specifications as a national ID photo).
- (II) Health examination certificate issued within the last three (3) months (to be conducted by public or private hospitals designated by the Ministry of Health and Welfare, and in compliance with the health examination checklist for residence or registered permanent residence as determined by them). For applications submitted abroad, if the Ministry of Health and Welfare has not designated hospitals in the country of residence, examinations may be conducted by qualified local hospitals. For children aged six (6) to twelve (12) coming from visa-exempt countries or regions, only proof of vaccination against measles and German measles is required. Children from non-visa-exempt countries or regions must also provide stool tests for intestinal parasites and tests for Hansen's disease. Children under six (6) years old may substitute original or photocopies of vaccination certificates in foreign languages, or provide original or photocopies of vaccination certificates (or children's health handbooks) issued by medical institutions in the ROC.
- (III) A valid original and photocopy of the Taiwan Area Resident Certificate or Alien Resident Certificate (if available, otherwise exempt).
- (IV) A nationwide police criminal record certificate from the country of residence or domicile issued within one (1) year from the date of issuance. However, the following circumstances are exempt from submission:
 - 1. Minors.
 - 2. Individuals who previously resided in the ROC as nationals without

household registration in the Taiwan Area, whose residence period expired without applying for an extension before leaving the ROC, and subsequently reapply for residency and receive approval, with each departure within three (3) months before reapplying for residency.

- (V) Original and photocopy of foreign passport or documents proving ROC nationality. For those who have entered the ROC, also provide the original and photocopy of the entry permit.
- (VI) Proof of registered address: Refers to one of the following documents with the correct registered address: Household Certificate, national identification card, property ownership certificate, recent property tax bill, or original and photocopy of lease agreement (choose one). However, if the registered address is the same as that of the applicant's parents and the Household Certificate (or national ID card) has already been submitted, this requirement is exempt.
- (VII) For individuals born in mainland China, in addition to providing supporting documents according to Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 7 of the Act Governing Relations between the People of the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area, one of the following documents should be submitted:
 - 1. The original certificate verified by the Straits Exchange Foundation (SEF) proving that the individual is not registered in mainland China.
 - 2. The original certificate of cancellation of mainland China household registration verified by the SEF.
 - 3. The document certifying the loss of mainland China citizenship, verified by the overseas mission.
 - 4. Other documents sufficient to prove the loss of mainland China citizenship.
- (VIII) For applicants who are minors, they are required to provide consent from both parents or legal guardians for their registered permanent residence in the ROC. In cases where parents are divorced, a consent letter from the parent exercising or bearing the rights and obligations of the minor child should be submitted.
- (IX) Letter of Authorization: If submitting the application through a representative, a letter of authorization should be provided. The authorized representative must personally sign or affix a seal at the designated signature area on the application form (exempt for parents acting on behalf of minor children).
- (X) Registered return envelope, with recipient's name, address, postal code, and telephone number filled out (exempt for self-collection).
- (XI) Other supporting documents:
 - 1. For individuals born overseas, submit the original and photocopy of the foreign birth certificate containing the full names of both parents.
 - 2. For individuals born domestically, provide the original and photocopy of the Chinese or English birth certificate issued by a domestic medical institution.
 - 3. Both parents' Household Certificate or national ID card, original and photocopy, after completing the marriage registration in the Taiwan

Area; if the marriage registration is not completed in the Taiwan Area, the original and photocopy of the foreign marriage certificate should be submitted.

4. In cases of premarital pregnancy and the mother not being a national with registered permanent residence in the Taiwan Area at the time of birth, proof of the absence of marital relationship during the conception period (from 181 days prior to the child's birth date to 302 days after) and certification of parent-child relationship issued by qualified public or private hospitals or institutions (after returning to the ROC, individuals born in the Mainland China Area must additionally provide certification of parent-child relationship issued by qualified public or private hospitals or institutions in the ROC) should be provided. Personal affidavits and declarations are not accepted. However, applicants who obtain the status of legitimate children under foreign law or submit finalized court judgments are exempt from this requirement.
5. Children born out of wedlock who are permanently resided based on the mother's residency should carry the mother's national ID card or Household Certificate, both original and copy, and an affidavit of unmarried status. For those permanently residing based on the father's residency, the applicant should provide the Household Certificate showing the father's acknowledgment or official documents verifying the acknowledgment in accordance with relevant laws, both original and copy.
6. Other necessary supporting documents.

Documents submitted in accordance with the preceding paragraph, if produced overseas, must be authenticated by the overseas missions. The NIA may request the submission of a translated version verified by overseas missions or certified by a domestic notary public. If produced in Hong Kong, Macau, or Mainland China, they must be authenticated by the Service Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Hong Kong or Macau, or the SEF. For documents that require submission of both original and photocopies, the original will be returned after verification.

V. Fees:

- (I) Permanent Resident Certificate: NTD 600.
- (II) Permanent Resident Certificate copies: NTD 900.

VI. Notes:

- (I) In cases where the information provided is incomplete or inaccurate, applicants shall have fifteen (15) days from the day following the receipt of written notification from the NIA to rectify the issue. For applications submitted overseas, in Hong Kong, Macau, or Mainland China regions, or in overseas application cases, the rectification period is three months. Failure to rectify within the specified period will result in the rejection of the application.
- (II) The determination of minority shall be based on the date of application

acceptance at the Service Centers of the NIA or the overseas missions.

- (III) For applicants born in the Mainland China Area who have been granted permission and issued the Permanent Resident Certificate copies, additional requirements may include providing a certificate of health examination and proof of parent-child relationship. Upon submission of the required documents, the Permanent Resident Certificate will be issued. If the parent-child relationship cannot be confirmed through the provided documents, the Permanent Resident Certificate will not be issued, and the individual must adhere to regulations regarding departure from the ROC.
- (IV) The validity period of the Permanent Resident Certificate copies starts from the day after issuance and lasts for six (6) months. If the individual does not enter the ROC within this period, they may apply for a one-time extension within the validity period, limited to six (6) months. However, for applicants under Item 1 of Subparagraph 4 of Point 2, they must submit their application within thirty (30) days (excluding receipt date and holidays) before the child reaches one (1) year of age. The validity period of their Permanent Resident Certificate copies shall not exceed fifteen (15) days before the child reaches one (1) year of age.
- (V) Individuals holding the Permanent Resident Certificate copies upon entry into the ROC must apply for the Permanent Resident Certificate at the Service Centers of the NIA within thirty (30) days from the day after entry. If the applicant is a minor, the certificate must be collected by their legal guardian. However, for applicants under Item 1 of Subparagraph 4 of Point 2, they must complete the exchange of the Permanent Resident Certificate before reaching one (1) year of age.
- (VI) Applicants entering the country with ROC passports, who apply for settlement with the NIA and are granted the Permanent Resident Certificate, if holding a valid entry permit, the NIA will concurrently cancel the entry permit. If entering with a foreign passport, or with entry and exit permits for Hong Kong or Macau residents, upon receiving the permanent residence approval notice, individuals should present their foreign passport or entry and exit permits to the Service Centers of the NIA in their registered jurisdiction to obtain the Permanent Resident Certificate.
- (VII) Applicants should, within thirty (30) days from the day after the issuance of the Permanent Resident Certificate or entry registration certificate, proceed to the household registration office in their intended jurisdiction of residence to apply for initial household registration. After completing the registration, individuals must use their ROC passport with the national ID number assigned to complete the first departure from the ROC.

VII. Processing Time (excluding receipt date, holidays, supplementary document submission, and mailing time):

- (I) Permanent Resident Certificate and its copies: Seven (7) days.
- (II) Exchange of Permanent Resident Certificate Copies for Permanent Resident Certificate: Three (3) days.