

# **Employment Gold Card Issuance and Online Application**

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Ladies and gentlemen, good day! I am here from the National Immigration Agency (NIA) of the Ministry of the Interior, to give a simple introduction to the Employment Gold Card and its online application procedure.

First of all, to raise our country's competitiveness, the government has been actively targeting the recruitment of foreign professional talent, and has put a lot of effort into pursuing this goal. One part of such effort is simplifying the procedure for foreign special professionals to apply for the Employment Gold Card.

For this, the NIA has set up an online application platform, to provide a convenient means for foreign special professionals, whether inside or outside Taiwan, to apply for an Employment Gold Card online. Those who obtain this card can then enjoy a number of special benefits, such as not needing to have a definite employer, and being able to claim a special tax concession. So we welcome all foreign friends, as well as residents of Hong Kong and Macau, to apply for an Employment Gold card via our online platform.

The Employment Gold Card has its legal basis in the provisions of Article 8 of the Act for the Recruitment and Employment of Foreign Professionals. It is a 4-in-1 certificate that combines work permit, resident visa, Alien Resident Certificate and re-entry permit. A set of regulations and a set of directions for the card's issuance have also been made, to enable applicants to gain a more concrete understanding of the card.

The four kinds of certificates embodied in the Employment Gold Card involve the authority of three main government agencies: the Ministry of the Interior (MOI), the Ministry of Labor (MOL), and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). For the review process, the applicant fills in application information and submits documentation online. The NIA conducts a preliminary review, then passes the application to the MOL and MOFA for review, after which it returns to the NIA for a secondary review. An application must pass this string of reviews before a card can be issued. Hence, it can be said that the online application saves a great deal of processing time and steps, with the data highway serving in place of the tarmac highway.

This is the webpage for the Employment Gold Card online application platform.

Once the applicant has confirmed acceptance of the conditions, they can proceed with the online application.

Due to the several kinds of certificates incorporated into the Employment Gold Card, the online application form has a relatively large number of items that need to be filled in. To make it feel easier for the applicant, the required information is divided into seven parts, with each part having just a few boxes to fill in.

Furthermore, the platform will send notifications to the applicant at key points of the review process, while prompts and alert messages will be sent when the applicant encounters a problem in the application.

The Employment Gold Card Regulations include the following main points: The application fee must currently be remitted online by international credit card payment, and the entire review process takes approximately 30 working days. Documents can be returned or supplemented online. If the applicant is in Taiwan, they can claim the card at a local NIA service center. If the applicant is outside Taiwan, they can choose to either claim the card at an ROC overseas mission, or alternatively print an Employment Gold Card overseas approval certificate from the online platform, and after using this to enter Taiwan, go to an NIA service center to collect the card.

As regards the processing fee, we will guide the applicant to fill in during the application process, and the platform will automatically calculate the amount and make this known to the applicant.

The notices for Employment Gold Card applicants include the following: First, an applicant must determine whether they meet the qualifying requirements before submitting an application. Second, if the applicant concurrently holds ROC nationality, they must first attend to removing their household registration. Third, the applicant can reapply for the card upon its expiration. And fourth, residents of Hong Kong and Macau can also apply for the card.

This is what the Employment Gold Card looks like.

Here concludes my brief introduction to the Employment Gold Card. Thank you.