

# Individual Work Permits for Adult Children

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Hello, everyone.

The issuance of work permits for adult children is provided for by Article 17 of the Act for the Recruitment and Employment of Foreign Professionals. They are provided for the adult children of foreign professionals who are engaging or have engaged in professional work in Taiwan and have already obtained permanent residency. If the adult children of such foreign professionals have need to work in Taiwan, they can apply direct to the Ministry of Labor for a personal work permit, which will not place any restriction on the kind of work they take up and will be of unlimited duration.

The Ministry of Labor has already established a set of directions for the process of reviewing applications under Article 17.

The conditions for eligibility are as follows: First, the applicant's mother or father must have been engaged in professional work in Taiwan, whether in the past or at present, and must have been approved for permanent residency by the National Immigration Agency. Secondly, the applicant must have been confirmed by the National Immigration Agency as having satisfied one of three requirements as follows:

- (1) Having accumulated a total of 10 years lawfully residing in Taiwan, staying for more than 270 days in each of those years.
- (2) Having entered Taiwan before the age of 16, and having stayed for more than 270 days each year.
- (3) Having been born in Taiwan, and having accumulated a total of 10 years lawfully residing in Taiwan, staying for more than 183 days in each of those years.

The documents required for applications are: (1) an application form, which can be downloaded from the Workforce Development Agency's EZ Work Taiwan website; (2) certification from the National Immigration Agency confirming fulfillment of one of the three residence requirements; (3) a photocopy of the APCR of the applicant's father or mother showing them as engaging or having engaged in professional work in Taiwan; (4) a photocopy of the applicant's passport or ARC; (5) proof of the applicant's relationship with his or her parents; and (6) the original receipt of the processing fee.

The application process and review time are the same as those current for the ordinary foreign professional work permit application procedure, but in this initial stage, applications can only be presented on paper. Once the requisite IT system has been fully set up, applications can also be submitted online, the same as for ordinary foreign professional work permit applications.

The paper document review takes 12 working days, which will be shortened to 7 working days after the online submission of applications commences. There is also a processing fee of NT\$100 per application.

Thank you.