

Taiwan 2nd Generation National Health Insurance

Understanding Taiwan's Statutory Benefits Program

Effective from 1 January 2013, in addition to the regular NHI premium, insured units (employers) are required to withhold a new premium, called the "supplementary premium," before paying out certain categories of income, and making premium payments to the National Health Insurance Administration (NHIA) accordingly.

The National Health Insurance Program (hereafter referred to as NHI) is compulsory for Taiwanese nationals residing in Taiwan and for foreign nationals living in Taiwan with legal residency (e.g., holders of an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)).

Due to various factors, including financial pressure, an aging population, advancements in medical technology, and increases in medical benefits, the Taiwanese government recognized the need to secure additional funding for the NHI program. For this purpose, the Executive Yuan promulgated the 2nd Generation NHI program, which became effective on 1 January 2013.

1. NHI Supplementary Premium Charge

1.1 Employers' (insured unit) supplementary premium contribution:

The supplementary premium payable by employers is calculated based on the following formula:

Employer Supplementary Premium = (total payroll expense falling under tax category 50/79A/79B for the month - Total employees' insured amount for the month reported to the NHI Bureau according to the rate table) × Supplementary Premium Rate (2.11%)

1.2 Individual contributions:

A withholding system for individual contributions to 2nd Generation NHI was implemented on 1 January 2013. When an insured unit pays out any of the following 6 income categories to individual income earners, the insured unit becomes the supplementary premium withholder and shall withhold the employee's supplementary premium for NHIA.

Employee Supplementary Premium = (amount subject to 2nd Generation NHI as per the table below) × Supplementary Premium Rate (2.11% starting from 2021)

Starting from 1 January 2015, the following individuals are exempt from paying supplementary insurance premiums: members of low-income households; elderly individuals with low income; children and adolescents receiving living assistance; recipients of physical and mental disability living allowances; families facing special circumstances requiring financial aid; individuals classified as economically disadvantaged; and individuals whose professional service income is lower than the statutory minimum wage.

In addition, stock dividend income, interest income, and rental income are exempt from supplementary insurance premiums.

Income Type	Notes	Income Tax Category	Lower Limit ¹	Upper Limit ²
Cumulative bonus paid to an employee in excess of 4 times the monthly premium rateable wage	Unaccounted for bonuses paid to the insured person, derived at the premium rateable wage (e.g. year-end bonus, festival bonus, stock bonus), with a cumulative amount exceeding four times the monthly premium rateable wage	50、79A、79B	None	Cumulative bonus in excess of 4 times the monthly premium rateable wages; excess portion capped at NTD10 million per single payment
Moonlighting incomes	Salary earned from any source other than the normal insured unit	50、79A、79B	The lower limit per single payment is set at the minimum monthly basic salary (NTD 29,500 for 2026)	Capped at NTD10 million per single payment
Professional practice	Payment to individual professional service providers (without deducting necessary expenses or costs)	9A 9B	NTD 20,000 per single payment	Capped at NTD10 million per single payment
Stock earnings	Dividends paid to shareholders	54、71G	For those enrolled as employers or self-employed business owners: a single payment exceeding the insured amount by NTD 20,000. For those NOT enrolled as employers or self-employed business owners: NTD 20,000 per single payment	For those enrolled as employers or self-employed business owners: the single payment in excess of the insured amount is capped at NTD10 million. For those NOT enrolled as employers or self-employed business owners: NTD10million per single payment
Interest paid to individuals	Interest on public debts, corporate bonds, financial investments, various kinds of short-term commercial papers, deposits, and other loans	5A、5B、5C、52、73G	NTD 20,000 per single payment	Capped at NTD10 million per single payment
Rent paid to individuals	Rental earnings of the general public (without deducting necessary losses and expenses)	51、74G	NTD 20,000 per single payment	Capped at NTD10 million per single payment

¹ For income reaching the lower limit, the full income amounts will be taken into account for the computation of the supplementary premium.

² For income exceeding the upper limit, the supplementary premium is calculated based on the upper limit.

2. Exemptions

The following groups of beneficiaries are exempt from supplementary premium withholding:

Group	Income Category Exempted from Withholding	Supporting Documents Required for Exemption
Persons who are ineligible for, or have lost eligibility to join, the NHI program	All 6 types of incomes (or revenues) are fully exempt	Individuals who are ineligible to join the NHI program must notify the premium withholder. The premium withholder shall verify the eligibility status with the NHIA.
Category 5 insured persons: members of low-income households		Proof of low-income household status issued by rural township, urban township, city, or district public offices
Category 2 insured persons: members of an occupational union with no specific employer, or self-employed persons; seamen serving on foreign vessels who are members of the National Seamen's Union or the Master Mariners' Association	Salary income earned from sources other than the normal insured unit	Proof of premium payment made or enrolment records under the relevant occupational union
Independently practicing professionals and technicians, or self-employed persons who join an occupational union (insured based on professional practice income)	Income from professional practice	Income-earning period: 1. If enrolled in NHI as an independently practicing professional or technician: supporting documents issued by insured units 2. If enrolled under an occupational union: proof of enrolment or premium payment under the occupational union
Members of low-to-medium income households	Single payment of the following income categories not exceeding the Monthly Basic Salary: 1. Income from professional practice 2. Stock earnings 3. Interest income 4. Rental income	Proof of low-to-medium income household status issued by rural township, urban township, city or district public office
Persons meeting the financial difficulty standards under Article 100 of the National Health Insurance Act		Proof of financial difficulty (shall meet the requirement of National Health Insurance financial difficulty recognition standards)
Low-to- medium income elderly persons		Proof issued by the competent government authority
Disabled persons receiving a handicapped living allowance		
Disadvantaged children and youth receiving living assistance		
Households receiving support due to special circumstances		

3. Premium Payment Methods and Deadline

An insured unit (or supplementary premium withholder) is required to make premium payments by the prescribed due date. An overdue charge of 0.1% of the amount payable per day will be imposed for each late day following a 15-day grace period, until the premium is paid in full or the maximum overdue charge of 15% is reached.

3.1 Regular Premium Payment

A monthly billing statement will be issued by the NHIA to the insured unit before the 25th of the following month. The premium must be paid by the end of that month or within a 15-day grace period following the payment deadline.

Example: The January billing statement will be issued before 25 February, and payment must be made by the end of the grace period, i.e., 15 March..

3.2 Supplementary Premium Payment

When making payments, the insured unit (or supplementary premium withholder) shall prepare and print the supplementary premium payment form through either NHI software or the NHIA website (<https://eservice.nhi.gov.tw/2nd/>).

In general, supplementary premium payments must be made by the end of the month following the payment date (for the six categories of income), or within a 15-day grace period after the payment deadline. However, for dividends, interest, and rental income derived from trust property, supplementary premiums may be paid in a lump sum by the end of January of the following year.

There are two main types of payment forms:

- i. Supplementary Premium Contribution by Insured Unit (employer);
- ii. Supplementary Premium Contribution by Income Earners (including employees) for the six categories of income.

In the event of underpayment, the supplementary premium withholder (insured unit) must make up the shortfall by completing the relevant payment forms. In the event of overpayment, the supplementary premium withholder may apply for a refund from the NHIA or offset the excess amount against future premium payments.

4. Filing Methods and Deadline for Supplementary Premium

The supplementary premium withholder (insured unit) must submit the supplementary premium withholding filing to the NHIA by 31 January of the following year. If January includes three (3) or more consecutive national holidays, the filing deadline may be extended to 5 February.

Filing methods:

1. Manual filing – Corporate seals are required on the lodgement form.
2. Electronic filing via CD/DVD (recommended for filings with more than 60,000 entries per filing) – Multimedia such as CD/DVD shall be submitted along with the filing report. Corporate seals are required on the lodgement form. Filing results will be emailed to the premium withholder after being processed by the NHI administration.
3. Online filing – Online filing can be lodged through a Certifying Authority (CA) approach, a non-CA approach, or with the use of the National Health Insurance Card of the premium withholder.

The CA approach requires a Ministry of Economic Affairs Certification Authority (MOEACA) Card (工商憑證) or a Ministry of the Interior Certification Authority (MOICA) Card (自然人憑證), and is available only to insured units with approved online access. Under the non-CA approach, the premium withholder submits the filing directly through the NHIA website, and the filing results will be emailed to the designated email address on the next working day. Alternatively, filings may be submitted using the premium withholder's NHI card via the NHIA website, with results likewise emailed on the next working day.

Each income category paid to individual income earners (including employees) on different payment dates must be reported separately. For example, if a part-time employee receives 12 payments of moonlighting income exceeding the Monthly Basic Salary (2026: NTD 29,500) on 12 different dates, the employer must report 12 separate entries in the NHI filing.

In addition, where different income categories are paid on the same payment date, each transaction must still be reported separately.

However, in cases involving the dissolution, closure, merger, or transfer of ownership of a profit-seeking enterprise, or the deactivation or change of an agency or organization, the supplementary premium withholder (insured unit) is required to submit the filing within 10 days.

5. Supplementary Premium Withholding Certificate

If an individual requires a supplementary premium withholding certificate, he or she may request a copy from the premium withholder.

Certificates are generally generated before May of the following year and may be used as supporting documentation for individual income tax deductions..

6. Working with an Outsourcing Agent

Please complete the form below on a monthly basis and provide it to your outsourcing agent for assistance with filing and processing NHI supplementary premium payments.

Income Type	Applicable Amount for the Month	Copy of Beneficiary's ID Attached (Y/N)
Cumulative bonuses paid to employees in excess of four times the monthly premium rateable wages (if payroll is outsourced to GT, this item is not required)		
Moonlighting incomes (including income paid to part-time workers)		
Income paid to individual professionals		
Dividends paid to shareholders		
Interest paid to individuals		
Rent paid to individuals		

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