

Introduction to  
the Replacement  
and Issuance of  
New UI No. for  
Foreign Nationals

**Time of replacement:  
Starting from January 2, 2021**



National Immigration Agency,  
Ministry of the Interior

## 1. What is the UI No. for foreign nationals?

UI No. for residents and permanent residents are assigned upon approval of their application cases

After the applications of residents and permanent residents are approved, the National Immigration Agency will automatically assign the UI No. for foreign nationals (namely Resident Certificate numbers).

### Visitors may apply for the UI No. if needed

After visitors enter Taiwan, if they need to open bank accounts or declare taxes, they may apply for the UI No. at the National Immigration Agency ("Record of UI No. in the Republic of China" will be issued after approval).

## 2. What is the difference between the original UI No. and the new UI No.?



### Original UI No.

2 English letters +  
8 numbers

### New UI No.

1 English letter + 9 numbers  
(same format as the ID No.  
of ROC citizens)



### 3. Who may apply for the new UI No.?

#### Permanent residents

Foreigners who are going to apply for or have already held an Alien Permanent Resident Certificate (APRC).

#### Residents

Foreign nationals who are going to apply for or have already held a resident certificate (including foreigners, nationals without household registration in the Taiwan Area, residents of Hong Kong and Macau, and people of the Mainland Area)

#### Visitors

Visitors who are going to apply for or have already been assigned with a UI No.

### 4. Will the original UI No. be invalidated?

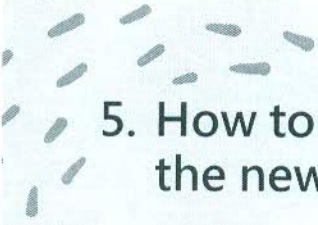
(1) The original UI No. will be invalidated completely from **January 1, 2031**.

**YES**

(2) UI No. replacement period:

From January 2, 2021 to December 31, 2030.

(The original UI No. will still be usable before it is invalidated.)



## 5. How to replace the original UI No. with the new UI No.?

### **Principle : Simultaneous Replacement**

When foreign nationals apply for extension, change of information, or reissuance of their resident certificate, NIA will simultaneously issue them with a new UI No.

In above cases, applicants have to pay only the original fee for their application, with NO extra charge for the change to the new UI No.

### **Exception : Request the new UI No. before the expiry of a resident certificate**

For those who merely request the new UI No. before the expiry of their resident certificates, no application fee will be charged for the UI No. replacement from January 2, 2021 to January 2, 2022. (In order to expedite the replacement process, as well as to avoid applicants waiting in lines, the policy mentioned above prioritizes foreign nationals except for migrant workers.)