

Exemption from the compulsory health insurance if posted to Switzerland

Posted workers who are exempted from compulsory contributions to the Swiss social insurance (AHV/IV) based on an intergovernmental social security agreement may be exempted from compulsory health insurance upon request if the employer ensures that for the period of exemption his employee has a minimum insurance cover in accordance with the Federal Act on Health Insurance KVG. This also concerns the family members accompanying them who are not in gainful employment*. (*Art. 2 Para. 5 KVV*).

*Family members include the spouse and children up to the completed age of 18 and children who have not yet reached the age of 25 and who are in education

The following documents are mandatory to decide on a request for exemption:

- Written request for exemption from the compulsory health insurance
- Short-term residence, residence permit or settlement permit (does not apply to Swiss nationals)
- Posted workers from Chile, India, Japan, Macedonia, San Marino or Turkey: Agreement on Social Security Certificate of Coverage (letter of assignment)
- Posted workers from Albania, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, China, Israel,
 Canada, Kosovo, Montenegro, the Philippines, Quebec, Serbia, South Korea, Tunisia,
 Uruguay or the USA: Declaration by the employer in Switzerland that the posted worker is covered by a health insurance in accordance with the compulsory health insurance KVG
 throughout the entire period of employment in Switzerland (guarantee statement).

The person or the employer concerned can not withdraw the exemption without a specific reason.