

UCI NATIONAL CLASSIFIER COURSE

Chiang Mai, Thailand 22-23 January 2027

The UCI is pleased to announce a National Classifier Course for Physical Impairment Classification, to be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand from the 22 to 23 January 2027. Arrivals are expected on the 21 January and departures on the 24 January.

The course and all materials will be in English, so participants are required to have at minimum intermediate English skills to be able to benefit from attending the course. Please find further information on the course on the following page.

It is the responsibility of the participant or their federation to cover travel and visa costs. Please note that UCI does not arrange travel or visas but can provide support and guidance in the process and provide visa support letters.

Participants are also required to cover a non-refundable course fee of 150 EUR, payable in advance after confirmation of participation. This includes accommodation, meals and airport transfers as well as teaching costs. The course will take place at the 700 years National Training Centre in Chiang Mai. Accommodation and meals will also be located at the 700 years National Training Centre. Further details will be provided to the selected participants closer to the event.

If you are interested in attending, please apply via the [following link](#) no later than **15 November 2026**.

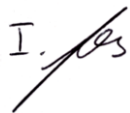
We will consider applications sent after that date, but without guarantee that your application will be accepted. Please be advised that the number of slots are limited, and we may not be able to accept all applications. Priority will be given to one candidate per nation to ensure equal education opportunities across as many federations as possible.

Notification of Acceptance will be provided to applicants by the **end of November**. Successful candidates will be sent course details and pre-reading material, as well as information on travel and accommodation.

If you require further information, please contact para@uci.ch.

We are looking forward to receiving your applications and we remain at your disposal for any further information.

Kind regards,



Isabella Zens
UCI Classification Coordinator

The purpose of the UCI National Classifier Course is to train participants to conduct Athlete Evaluation at National level. This course represents the first step on the Classifier pathway and is suited to participants with basic knowledge of Para Cycling and/or Classification.

There are two types of UCI Classifiers who classify Athletes with a Physical Impairment (PI):

1. Medical Classifier
2. Technical Classifier

The UCI recommends Classifiers meet the following requirements:

Medical Classifier: A certified health professional in a field relevant to the Eligible Impairment category, e.g. medical doctor or physiotherapist who has knowledge and experience in dealing with people with physical impairments, such as spinal cord lesions and neurological impairments as defined by the sport class profiles, and who are trained to assess muscle strength, range of motion, balance and coordination.

Technical Classifier: Sport specific and/or technical experts with an extensive background in the sport of cycling e.g. certified coaches, bike fit experts, experts in human movement science or equivalent with the ability to analyse gait and assess the athlete on the bicycle/tricycle/handcycle.

Further information can be found in the [UCI Classifier Pathway](#) on the Para Cycling Classification [webpage](#).

It remains at the discretion of the National Federation/National Paralympic Committee to certify a person as a National Classifier. They may require a candidate to participate in a practical National Classification opportunity prior to being certified. While UCI runs the training course, no certification is provided at the end, but a recommendation is made to the National Federation/National Paralympic Committee that a participant possesses the competencies to be certified nationally.

We recommend that participants complete the [IPC learn Classification fundamentals](#) course prior to participating.