

3 Status of Residence

Foreign nationals residing in Japan must have a status of residence issued based on landing permission or permission to acquire a status of residence, in principle. The statuses of residence are divided into six groups and 38 types, according to whether or not the foreign national aims to work in Japan or he/she is a permanent resident with no restrictions on work activities, or other factors.

(1) Procedures

For the following procedures, please consult the Hiroshima Regional Immigration Bureau/Branch Office.

A	Permission to change a status of residence
	If you wish to change your current aim of staying in Japan
B	Permission to extend the period of stay
	If you wish to stay in Japan for longer than the permitted period of stay
C	Permission to engage in an activity other than those permitted under the status of residence
	If you wish to engage in a work activity (part-time job) other than those permitted under your status of residence
D	Permission for permanent residence
	If you wish to live in Japan permanently
E	Permission to acquire a status of residence
	If you are to stay in Japan as a foreign national due to birth, expatriation of your Japanese nationality, or other reasons
F	Permission for re-entry
	If you wish to temporarily travel abroad and return to Japan with the same aim of staying in Japan Special Re-entry System: Foreign nationals who possess a valid passport and Residence Card may leave Japan and return within one year without applying for re-entry permission, in principle. However, if the expiration date of the period of stay comes within one year after the date of departure from Japan, the relevant person must re-enter Japan by said expiration date.
G	Extension of the validity period of a Residence Card
	If you extend the validity period of your Residence Card Those whose Residence Cards have a validity period shorter than their period of stay (this is applicable to some people aged under 16) and those with a status of residence of “Permanent Resident” or “Highly Skilled Professional 2” must extend the validity period of their Residence Cards.
H	Reissuance of a Residence Card due to loss or other reasons
	If you have lost your Residence Card due to loss, theft, or other reasons Notify the police of this fact and then carry out the necessary procedures.

(2) Special Act on Immigration Control

(Special Act on the Immigration Control of, Inter Alia, Those Who Have Lost Japanese Nationality Pursuant to the Treaty of Peace with Japan)

① Special permanent resident

◆ Eligible persons

Persons from North or South Korea or Taiwan who have stayed in Japan since at least September 2, 1945 and persons who were born in Japan and have stayed in Japan since that date, as well as their descendants (including children born thereafter)

◆ Application procedures

If descendants of those who have lost their Japanese nationality in accordance with the enforcement of the San Francisco Peace Treaty are to reside in Japan due to birth or other reasons, they must apply for permanent residence at the municipal office of their residence within 60 days of the occurrence of the event.

② Re-entry permit

The term of validity for a re-entry permit for special permanent residents is six years. If extraordinary circumstances occur during their stay abroad, an extension of the re-entry period may be allowed for up to one year if they apply for the extension of the re-entry period at the Japanese Embassy or Consulate abroad.

The term of validity for a special re-entry permit is two years. It cannot be extended abroad.

For details of the Special Act on Immigration Control, please contact the Hiroshima Regional Immigration Bureau/Branch Office or the municipal office of your residence.

③ Extension of the validity period of a Special Permanent Resident Certificate / Re-issuance of a Special Permanent Resident Certificate due to loss, etc.

Procedures can be performed at the municipal office of your residence.

Contact

Hiroshima Regional Immigration Bureau/Branch Office
Municipal government office

(3) Notification by Medium to Long-term Residents

Foreign nationals with a status of residence of “Engineer/Specialist in Humanities/International Services” or “Skilled Labor,” which allows them to work in Japan, must submit a notification to the Immigration Services Agency of Japan if they sign a new employment contract or their contract is terminated.

Foreign nationals with a status of residence of “Student” or “Technical Intern Training,” which allows them to belong to an institution, must submit a notification to the Immigration Services Agency of Japan if they leave their institutions or transfer to another institution.

They must also submit a notification if the name or address of an institution with which they have signed an employment contract or to which they have belonged changes.

For those with a status of residence of “Spouse or Child of Japanese National” etc., in the case of divorce with or death of the spouse referred to in the status of residence, please report it to the Immigration Services Agency of Japan.

(4) Consultation on Status of Residence

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