

1. Handling of residence applications for those who are unable to return to their home country

(1) Foreign nationals staying as a "Temporary Visitor"

⇒ Permission to extend the period of stay for "Temporary Visitor (90 days)" is allowed.

(2) Foreign nationals staying with "Technical Intern Training" or "Designated Activities (Foreign Construction Workers or Foreign Shipbuilding Workers)" and who wish to work at the same accepting organization and engage in work as before

⇒ Permission to change the status of residence to "Designated Activities (3 Months, Work Permitted)" is allowed.

(3) Foreign nationals staying with some other status of residence (including those in the above (2) and who do not wish to work)

⇒ Permission to change the status of residence to "Temporary Visitor (90 days)" is allowed.

* Regarding (1) to (3) above, if the situation is ongoing so that you cannot return to your home country, you will be able to receive an extension.

2. Handling of applications for issuance of certificates of eligibility

(1) Measures regarding the period of validity of the certificate of eligibility

⇒ A certificate of eligibility that is usually valid for "3 months" will be treated as valid for "6 months" for the time being

(2) Cases of a request seeking to change the commencement time of activities for a pending application

⇒ An examination will be conducted based only on the statement of reasons prepared by the accepting organization.

(3) Cases of submitting a certificate of eligibility afresh, such as in the case of a person whose period of validity has passed having departed from Japan and before re-entering Japan

⇒ An examination will be conducted based only on the written application and the statement of reasons prepared by the accepting organization. * Regarding (1) to (3) above, widely applied to those whose plans have had to change due to the effects of the COVID-19 disease.

3. Handling of foreign nationals outside of Japan using their re-entry permission during the residence application

If a foreign national outside of Japan with re-entry permission (including special re-entry permission) has applied for permission to change the status of residence or applied for an extension of the period of stay before departing from Japan but is unable to re-enter Japan due to the impact of COVID-19, it will be possible for a relative in Japan or a staff member of the accepting organization, etc. to receive the residence card pertaining to the permission applied for, and it is possible for the foreign national who is outside of Japan to apply for landing using the re-entry permission.