

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 (30 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 (30 Days, 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 (30 days)" is allowed.**

* **If you still cannot return to your home country after (1),(2) or (3) above, you will be able to receive further extension.**

2. Handling in cases where it is not possible to move to the next stage of the technical intern training because the technical intern trainee is unable to take a test such as a skills test

⇒ You will be allowed to **change your status of residence to "Designated Activities (4 Months, Work Permitted)"** until the time you are able to take the test and transfer,

3. Handling in cases where the foreign national has completed technical intern training (ii) but preparations are not yet in place for the foreign national to transfer to "Specified Skilled Worker (i)"

⇒ During the preparations for transition, **permission to change the status of residence to "Designated Activities (4 months, Work Permitted)"** is allowed.

* **The required documents have been simplified** in view of the effects of the recent spread of the COVID-19 disease.

4. 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.**

* Treatment of (1) to (3) **widely apply to those who have to change their plans due to the effects of the COVID-19 disease.**