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Immigration Services Agency

## **Request from the Immigration Services Agency**

In light of the various circumstances associated with the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and from the perspective of preventing its spread, as a measure to reduce congestion at the immigration counters for residency applications, the immigration counters will be accepting applications to change the status of residence and applications to extend the period of stay from those foreign nationals whose expiration date for their period of stay is due in March, April, May, June or July for an extended period of three months from the expiration date of the period of stay of the relevant foreign national.

In addition, if you are thinking of applying for permission for permanent residence, you will be able to apply at any time during your period of stay in Japan, and so we ask that you apply after the situation has improved.

Moreover, regarding applications for issuance of a certificate of eligibility, foreign nationals coming from the countries subject to denial of landing are not allowed to enter Japan unless there are

special exceptional circumstances, so we recommend that you apply after the situation has improved.

For all other applications, please refrain from coming directly to the Immigration Services Agency offices as much as possible in order to prevent the spread of infection.