

Immigration Services Agency, June 26, 2020

**For permanent residents who have difficulty re-entering Japan within the valid period of their re-entry permission due to the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) (From June 29, 2020)**

Permanent residents, who have difficulty re-entering within the valid period of the re-entry permission or special re-entry permission due to the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), may re-enter Japan through one of the following methods (\*1). Please consult the Japanese embassy or consulate general in the country where you are staying.

(1) Cases where the valid period of the re-entry permission has expired or is difficult to re-enter Japan within the valid period

In some cases, the valid period of the re-entry permission may be extended at the Japanese embassy or consulate general in the country where the foreign national is staying.

The maximum period of extension is for one year from the expiration date of the period of validity.

If the valid period of your re-entry permission has been extended, please re-enter Japan within the new period of validity. If you are unable to extend the period, please use the method given in (2) to enter Japan.

(2) Cases where the valid period of the special re-entry permission has expired (including cases where the method in (1) cannot be used)

This applies to foreign nationals for whom the expiration date of the valid period of the re-entry permission or special re-entry permission is between January 1, 2020 and one month after the day (\*2) when the entry restrictions were lifted.

Please apply for a “Long-Term Resident” visa at the Japanese embassy or consulate general in the country where you are staying within 6 months of the entry restrictions being lifted.

Once you have been issued with a visa, you will be able to follow the necessary procedures in order to newly enter Japan as a “Permanent Resident” at an airport in Japan.

\*1 Even with regard to foreign nationals who are subject to this measure, if the entry restrictions for the country or region in which you are staying have not been lifted, you will not be permitted to enter Japan except where there are special extenuating circumstances. Please check the website of the Ministry of Justice below.

<http://www.moj.go.jp/content/001327505.pdf>

\*2 The date when the entry restrictions are lifted means the date when both the denial of landing for the country/region where you are staying and the suspension of the validity of the issued visa have been lifted.

For the status of entry restrictions for each country / region, please check the website of the Ministry of Justice below.

[http://www.moj.go.jp/nyuukokukanri/kouhou/nyuukokukanri01\\_00154.html](http://www.moj.go.jp/nyuukokukanri/kouhou/nyuukokukanri01_00154.html) (P)

\*3 Please check the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs below for documents required for procedures (1) and (2).

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb\\_cons/mofaserv.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/mofaserv.html) (P)