

Measures for Afghans who have entered Japan from Afghanistan with the assistance of the Japanese government

Afghans who have entered Japan from Afghanistan with the assistance of the Japanese government are granted a status of residence such as “Student”, “Engineer/Specialist in Humanities/International Services”, or “Dependent” etc., in accordance with the activities that they intend to carry out in Japan. Afghans who have entered Japan with the status of residence of “Temporary Visitor” due to reasons of emergency may also apply to change their status of residence if they wish to carry out these kinds of activities after their approved period of stay (90 days) expires.

On the other hand, regarding Afghans who have entered Japan with a status of residence of “Temporary Visitor” and wish to stay beyond the approved period of stay (90 days) and who will not engage in the aforementioned activities, it has now been decided to accept applications for a change of status of residence to “Designated Activities” (1 year) with work permission, on the condition that a Guarantor* guarantees to provide the necessary support to allow such Afghans (and their spouses and children living in Japan) to continue to live a secure life in Japan and to provide them with funds to return to Afghanistan or leave Japan when it becomes possible to return to Afghanistan or leave Japan. In addition, it has been decided to accept applications for an extension of period of stay while it is recognized that the circumstances in Afghanistan have not improved.

Afghans to whom the above applies are asked to consult their [nearest Regional Immigration Services Bureau](#).

Please also consult your [nearest Regional Immigration Services Bureau](#) about bringing your spouses and children to Japan if you have been granted a status of residence of “Designated Activities” (1 year).

* It is assumed that the Guarantor will in principle be the same Guarantor as at the time a visa application was made; however the Guarantor does not need to be the same as the Guarantor at the time of visa application, as long as the Guarantor is able to guarantee to

provide the necessary support for the Afghans (and their spouses and children living in Japan) to lead a secure life in Japan and to provide them with funds to return to Afghanistan or leave Japan when it becomes to do so.