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Immigration Services Agency

“Justifiable reasons” in the procedure for revocation of the status of residence in cases where it is not possible to engage in the activities related to the status of residence due to the spread of the novel coronavirus disease

Even in cases of a foreign national who is residing in Japan with one of the statuses of residence (“Engineer/Specialist in Humanities/ International Services”, “Skilled Labor”, and “Student”, etc.) listed in Appended Table I of the Immigration Control Act and has not been engaging in the activities related to such status of residence for a period of 3 months or more, if there is a “justifiable reason” as to why the foreign national has been residing without engaging in the activities, he or she will not be subject to revocation of the status of residence.

In this regard, due to the spread of the novel coronavirus disease and the impact of the infection prevention measures, for example, if the foreign national comes under one of the following cases and it is deemed that he or she is unable to engage continuously in the activities related to the status of residence for 3 months or more, it is considered that a “justifiable reason” exists for residing without engaging in the activities.

- (i) If the workplace of the foreign national is seeing a slump in business (or is refraining from conducting business) and has had no choice but to make the foreign national temporarily stop working.
- (ii) If the foreign national has left the previous workplace and is using the Internet to search for a new job, or has prospects to be able to get a new job but is currently unable to visit the company in person.
- (iii) If the educational institution the foreign national is enrolled in is closed (including cases where the educational institution the foreign national is planning to go on to in the future is closed).
- (iv) If the foreign national is unable to proceed with the procedures necessary for admission to another educational institution after the educational institution he or she was enrolled in closed.
- (v) If hospitalization for treatment of an illness, including the novel coronavirus infection, has been prolonged and the foreign national is temporarily absent from an educational

institution.