



1. Foreign nationals who have been issued with a certificate of eligibility or foreign nationals who have applied for a certificate of eligibility

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Normally valid for 3 months, but as a special measure certificates of eligibility will be handled in the following manner:

- Certificates of eligibility issued between **January 1, 2020**, and **July 31, 2021**, will be treated as valid **until January 31, 2022**.
- Certificates of eligibility issued between **August 1, 2021**, and **January 31, 2022**, will be treated as valid **for 6 months** from the date of issue.

*A certificate of eligibility is for certifying the adequateness of the conditions for landing at the time of issuance. An excessive extension of the period of validity thereof may increase the possibility of changes in circumstances at the time of entry and the time of issuance of the certificate of eligibility. Therefore, the period of validity of a certificate of eligibility may not be further extended after the expiration of each period listed above. However, for applications for certificates of eligibility made **on or after July 31, 2022, and before the date designated by Immigration Services Agency of Japan** with no changes made since the previous application, an expedited new certificate of eligibility will be issued, as a rule, by an applicant's submission of (1) the previously issued certificate of eligibility (original or a copy) and (2) a statement of reasons prepared by the accepting organization, etc. See [here](#) for details.

(2) Foreign nationals who have applied for a certificate of eligibility

If a decision has been made to change the starting date of the activities for an application currently being processed, in principle, an examination will be conducted based **only on the statement of reasons prepared by the accepting organization**.

2. Foreign nationals who departed from Japan with re-entry permission while in the process of applying for residence

If a foreign national who departed from Japan with re-entry permission (including special re-entry permission) submitted an application for permission to change the status of residence, an application for permission to extend the period of stay or an application for permanent residence before leaving Japan and is unable to re-enter Japan due to the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), **a relative in Japan or a staff member of the accepting organization, etc. will be permitted to receive the residence card for the permission relating to the application in place of the applicant, and the applicant outside of Japan will be able to apply for landing with the re-entry permission.**

3. Foreign nationals whose period of stay expired while outside of Japan with re-entry permission

(1) Foreign nationals who are not required to apply for a certificate of eligibility ("Permanent Resident" etc.)

Please apply for a visa at a **diplomatic mission abroad in the country where you are staying**.

* See [here](#) for details of "Permanent Resident".

* See [here](#) for details of "Long-Term Resident (not prescribed in the public notice)" and "Designated Activities (not prescribed in the public notice)".

(2) Foreign nationals who are required to apply for a certificate of eligibility (students and technical intern trainees, etc.)

If a foreign national applies once again for a certificate of eligibility in such cases as where a foreign national, who resides in Japan as a mid to long-term resident (student, technical intern trainee, etc.), is unable to re-enter Japan due to the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) while outside of Japan with re-entry permission, and the foreign national's period of stay has expired, in principle, an examination will be conducted based **only on the application form and the statement of reasons prepared by the accepting institution**. * See [here](#) for details.

(3) Foreign nationals who reside in Japan as a "Highly Skilled Professional (ii)"

Please apply for a certificate of eligibility according to your previous activities as a "Highly Skilled Professional **(i)**" following the procedure in (2) above.

(You will get a "Highly Skilled Professional (i)" visa, and then you can complete necessary procedures to enter Japan as a "Highly Skilled Professional (ii)" at a Japanese airport when entering Japan.)