



The documents to be submitted have been reduced as given in (1) and (2) below. In addition, we will be responding faster than usual.

	(1) Foreign nationals whose period of stay expired while outside of Japan and before re-entering	(2) Foreign nationals whose certificate of eligibility has expired
Applicable persons	<p>A foreign national whose application details have not changed from the previous application</p> <p>A foreign national who comes under all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A foreign national whose deadline for entry for his or her re-entry permission is January 1, 2020 or later. A foreign national whose period for entry for his or her re-entry permission is due to expire by the date separately designated by the Agency six months or more after the date on which the entry restrictions relating to preventing the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) for the country/region in which the foreign national is staying were lifted. <p>(The re-entry permission period has been extended as above on April 16, 2021.)</p> <p>Note 1. This also applies to those foreign nationals who have less than one month until the expiry date of their period of stay and who have no prospect of re-entering Japan by the deadline.</p> <p>Note 2. This also applies to those under the Special Re-entry Permit System.</p> <p>Note 3. Those who reside in Japan with the status of residence of “Highly Skilled Professional (ii)” are required to file an application for “Highly Skilled Professional (i)” (a, b, or c) according to their previous activities.</p>	<p>A foreign national who have not changed from the previous application</p> <p>* Regarding the valid period of the certificate of eligibility The certificate of eligibility is normally valid for 3 months, but as a special measure, there are periods of time when certificates of eligibility are deemed valid depending on when they were issued (see here for details).</p> <p>Note. This also applies to foreign nationals whose period of validity of their certificate of eligibility is expected to have expired by the planned date of entry into Japan.</p>
Required documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application form * Use the correct "Application Form for the Certificate of Eligibility" for your status of residence. Statement of reasons prepared by the accepting organization, etc. * Prepare the statement of reasons by referring to the attached format (Appended Table 1, Appended Table 2). Copy of the previous residence card * Photos and faxes are acceptable as long as the information on the card can be read clearly. If you are unable to submit it, please submit a written explanation giving the reason why not (no set format required). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application form * Use the correct "Application Form for the Certificate of Eligibility" for your status of residence. Statement of reasons prepared by the accepting organization, etc. * Prepare the statement of reasons by referring to the attached format (Appended Table 1, Appended Table 2). Previously issued certificate of eligibility (Original or a copy) * If you are unable to attach the original or a copy of the previously issued certificate of eligibility for a reason such as having already submitted the certificate of eligibility when applying for a visa, please submit a separate written explanation giving the reason why not (no set format required) or a copy of the receipt for the visa application.
Application due date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six months after the entry restrictions relating to preventing the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) for the country/region in which the applicant is staying were lifted and before the date designated separately by Immigration Services Agency of Japan *The "date designated separately by Immigration Services Agency of Japan" will be announced approximately 3 months prior on the Agency's website, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On or after July 31, 2022, and before the date designated by Immigration Services Agency of Japan *The "date designated by Immigration Services Agency of Japan" will be announced approximately 3 months prior on the Agency's website, etc.

- The processing period in either case is 2 weeks. You may be required to submit other materials of proof, where necessary, in cases where there has been a change in the family relationships from the time of the previous permission in the case of (1) and from the time of the issuance of the previous certificate of eligibility in the case of (2) (in this case, the examination may take more time).
- If you have the status of residence of “Permanent Resident” or “Long-Term Resident”, or “Designated Activities” but your specified activities do not come under the public notice, you do not have to apply for a certificate of eligibility and so please apply for a visa at a diplomatic mission abroad. (See [here for details of “Permanent Resident”](#) or [here for “Long-Term Resident” and “Designated Activities”](#)). In addition, if you wish to obtain some other status of residence and there is no person in Japan acting as an application agent, the visa application should still be made at a diplomatic mission abroad.