

3. Status of Residence (ZAIRYU SHIKAKU)

Immigration Control

The status of residence and period of stay of foreigners are determined upon entering Japan. Foreigners are authorized to engage in certain limited activities during their stay in Japan based on status of residence.

The period of stay is regulated according to status of residence.

Status of Residence permitting work

(Limited to specific activities)

Status of Residence	Period of Stay	Example Occupations
Diplomat	During mission	Ambassadors, ministers, consuls, and their family
Official	During mission	Foreign government officials and their family
Professor	3 years or 1 year	University professors, etc.
Artist	3 years or 1 year	Artists, composers, writers, etc.
Religious Activities	3 years or 1 year	Missionaries dispatched by foreign religious organizations, etc.
Journalist	3 years or 1 year	Foreign newspaper correspondents, etc.
Investor/Business Manager	3 years or 1 year	Executives and managers of foreign-affiliated companies
Legal/ Accounting Services	3 years or 1 year	Attorneys and certified public accountants
Medical Services	3 years or 1 year	Doctors, dentists, etc.
Researcher	3 years or 1 year	Researchers for public/private organizations
Instructor	3 years or 1 year	School language instructors, etc.
Engineer	3 years or 1 year	Mechanical engineers
Specialist in Humanities / International Services	3 years or 1 year	Private language instructors, designers, interpreters, etc.
Intracompany Transferee	3 years or 1 year	Transferees from foreign companies
Entertainer	1 year, 6 months or 3 months	Singers, dancers, actors/actresses, professional athletes, etc.
Skilled Labor	3 years or 1 year	Cooks for non-Japanese cuisines, jewelry processors, pilots, sports instructor, etc.

Status of Residence not permitting work

Status of Residence	Period of Stay	Representative Activities
Cultural Activities	1 year or 6 months	Researching Japanese culture etc.
Temporary Visitor	90, 30 or 15 days	Sightseeing, short business trips, etc.
College Student	2 years or 1 year	Students at a university, junior college
Pre-college Student	1 year or 6 months	Students in high school or vocational school
Trainee	1 year or 6 months	Technical training
Dependent	3, 2, or 1 year, 6 or 3 months	Spouse or unmarried minor supported by a foreigner living in Japan

Permission to work depends on contents of individual permits

Status of Residence	Period of Stay	Representative Activities
Designated Activities	3 or 1 year, or 6 months	Housemaids of diplomats, those on working holiday, technical interns, etc.

Status of Residence that permits working based on one's position

(Permitted to work due to lack of activity restrictions)

Status of Residence	Period of Stay	Representative Activities
Permanent Resident	Indefinite	Those who have received permission for permanent residence by the Minister of Justice
Spouse or Child of a Japanese National	3 years or 1 year	Spouse or biological or adopted child of a Japanese national
Spouse or Child of a Permanent Resident	3 years or 1 year	Spouse of those with permanent resident or special permanent resident status, or their biological child who was born and is currently living in Japan
Long-term Resident	3 years or 1 year	Indo - Chinese refugees, 2 nd or 3 rd generation Japanese settlers, etc.

Permission from the Immigration Bureau is required to engage in any activities not authorized by your status of residence. Without legal permission, you will be severely punished by law. Please check your passport and confirm your Status of Residence and Period of Stay. All immigration-related procedures are handled by your local District Immigration Bureau regional or branch office (determined by your address or where you currently reside) and must be done in person. You will be required to present your passport, all corresponding applications and necessary documents.

Nagoya Regional Immigration Bureau Toyohashi Port Branch Office (see map on p.109)
(NAGOYA NYUKOKU KANRI KYOKU TOYOHASHI KO SHUCCHOJO)

Toyohashi Port Joint Government Building
3-11 Jinno Futo-cho, Toyohashi TEL: 0532-32-6567

Telephone Consultation available (Japanese only) Mon ~ Fri 9 am ~ noon, 1 pm ~ 4 pm

Refer to "Community Facilities"(p.109)and"Directions using public transportation"(p.119)

Nagoya Regional Immigration Bureau
(NAGOYA NYUKOKU KANRI KYOKU)

3rd Floor Nagoya Center Building, 2-2-13 Nishiki, Naka-ku, Nagoya
Business and Employment Inspection Department TEL : 052-223-7514
Student and Trainee Inspection Department TEL : 052-223-7586
Permanent Residence Inspection department TEL : 052-223-7585

Questions about your Status of Residence
Foreign Resident General Information Center

3rd Floor Nagoya Center Building, 2-2-13 Nishiki, Naka-ku Nagoya
TEL : 052-223-7336 / 7337

Consultation in	(English Chinese Spanish Portuguese Korean Filipino)	available Monday through Friday 9 am ~ 4 pm
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Types of Procedures

The following are some general procedures related to immigration. You will be required to present your passport, alien registration card, as well as other various documents. It is recommended to consult the Immigration Bureau, as different procedures require different documents.

Examples

<p>"I have been here for a while on business, but would like to return home for the holidays."</p> <p>When you wish to temporarily travel outside the country and then re-enter Japan under the same Purpose of Stay</p> <p>Apply for a Re-entry Permit</p> <p>SAI NYUKOKU KYOKA</p>	<p>"I am here as a student. Can I work part-time?"</p> <p>When you wish to engage in activities not permitted by your Status of Residence</p> <p>Apply for a Permit for Activities Other Than Those Permitted</p> <p>SHIKAKUGAI KATSUDO KYOKA</p>
<p>"I would like to continue teaching as a language teacher."</p> <p>When you wish to stay beyond the Period of Stay permitted by your Status of Residence</p> <p>Apply for Permission to Extending Period of Stay</p> <p>ZAIRYUKIKAN KOSHIN</p>	<p>"I would like to marry a Japanese."</p> <p>When you wish to remain in Japan and change your Purpose of Stay</p> <p>Apply for a Change Status of Residence</p> <p>ZAIRYU SHIKAKU HENKO</p>
<p>"We (a foreign couple) have had a baby."</p> <p>When, either at birth or if you lose your Japanese citizenship, you come to reside as a foreigner</p> <p>Apply for Aquisition Status of Residence</p> <p>ZAIRYU SHIKAKU WO SHUTOKU</p>	<p>"I have lived in Japan for a long time, so I want to stay here for the rest of my life."</p> <p>When you wish to have permanent residence in Japan</p> <p>Apply for Permission for Permanent Residence</p> <p>EIJU KYOKA</p>
<p>"The company that I will work for asked me to hand in a certificate saying that I am allowed to work."</p> <p>Request for a Certificate of Authorized Employment</p> <p>SHURO SHIKAKU SHOMEI SHO</p>	<p>When you call your relative(s) to come live with you in Japan</p> <p>Apply for an Application for The Issuance of Certificate of Eligibility</p> <p>ZAIRYU SHIKAKU NINTEI SHOMEI SHO</p>