

Revisions to the “Technical Intern Training Program Operative Manual for Sending Organizations”

Following enforcement of the revised Immigration Control Act, changes to the re-entry permit system have been made effective from July 9th, 2012. As a result of these changes, the following revisions have been made to the Technical Intern Training Program Operative Manual for Sending Organization.

P60 [Note 17:Prohibition against withholding passports, etc]

Previous version

alien registration cards

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Revised version

resident cards

P66 8-7. Support for temporary return and re-entry to Japan

Previous version

Cooperating with supervising organizations and implementing organizations in Japan, sending organizations should provide the necessary support to technical intern trainees who need to temporarily return home for ceremonial family occasions. In order for them to re-enter Japan with technical intern trainee status of residence, it is essential that formalities for “re-entry permission” are completed in Japan before they physically return. Sending organizations should cooperate with supervising organizations and implementing organizations to support such trainees in obtaining re-entry permission.

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Revised version

Cooperating with supervising organizations and implementing organizations in Japan, sending organizations should provide the necessary support to technical intern trainees who need to temporarily return home for ceremonial family occasions. The “special re-entry permit” system was introduced in the amended Immigration Control Act, which came into effect on July 9, 2012, rendering application for re-entry permits unnecessary. Those exiting Japan under special re-entry need to have a valid passport and resident card and convey their intent to re-enter Japan to the immigration inspector at the port of exit. The period during which re-entry is permitted is through to the end of

the period of stay, and permission to extend the effective period cannot be received from overseas.

◆(Appendices)**Agreement concerning Technical Intern**

Training Program (Model Agreement)

P81 Chapter 4 Treatment of Technical Intern Trainees

Article 17 (Temporary Return of Technical Intern Trainees)

Previous version

In connection with temporary return to their home countries of technical intern trainees with status of residence “Technical Intern (i)(b)” or “Technical Intern (ii)(b)” during their stay in Japan, temporary return within [the number of days] can be permitted when the Supervising Organization and the Implementing Organization find it appropriate to do so and the Regional Immigration Bureau permit re-entry into Japan.

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Revised version

In connection with temporary return to their home countries of technical intern trainees with status of residence “Technical Intern (i)(b)” or “Technical Intern (ii)(b)” during their stay in Japan, temporary return within [the number of days] can be permitted when the Supervising Organization and the Implementing Organization find it appropriate to do so and it is done by special re-entry permission procedures (or the Regional Immigration Bureau permits re-entry into Japan).

P82 Chapter5 Roles and Duties of Sending Organization and Supervising Organization

Article 20(Guidance of Matters to be Observed by Technical Intern Trainees)

Previous version

(5) During stay in Japan, they shall keep their passports on their own responsibility and take the certificate of alien registration along.

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Revised version

(5) During stay in Japan, they shall keep their passports on their own responsibility and take the resident card along.