

New policy regarding the period of validity of the certificate of eligibility



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Immigration Services Agency of Japan

Handling policy

- For foreign nationals whose entry to Japan has been delayed due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Immigration Services Agency of Japan has taken special measures to extend the validity of the certificate of eligibility (hereinafter "Certificate") required to clear immigration (refer to "Previous policy" below).
- In light of the global outbreak of the omicron variant and measures subsequently taken by the Agency to temporarily bar the entry of foreign nationals as an emergency precautionary measure, **the Agency will take measures to further extend the validity of Certificates** (refer to "New policy" below).
- * **For applications for Certificates made on or after July 31, 2022, and before the date designated by the Immigration Services Agency of Japan with no changes made since the previous application, an expedited new Certificate will be issued, as a rule, when the applicant submits (1) the previously issued Certificate (original or a copy) and (2) a statement of reasons prepared by the accepting organization, etc. See [here](#) for details.**

Previous policy	New policy
<p>(1) Applicable status of residence All statuses of residence subject to a certificate of eligibility</p>	<p>(1) Applicable status of residence All statuses of residence subject to a certificate of eligibility</p>
<p>(2) Applicable region All countries and regions</p>	<p>(2) Applicable region All countries and regions</p>
<p>(3) Applicable certificate of eligibility Issued on or after January 1, 2020</p>	<p>(3) Applicable certificate of eligibility Issued on or after January 1, 2020</p>
<p>(4) Period deemed to be valid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificates of eligibility issued between January 1, 2020 and July 31, 2021 → <u>Until January 31, 2022*</u> • Certificates of eligibility issued between August 1, 2021 and January 31, 2022 → <u>Valid for 6 months from the date of issue</u> <p>* The review of the restrictions on the entry of foreign nationals is suspended between November 30, 2021 and December 31, 2021.</p>	<p>(4) Period deemed to be valid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificates of eligibility issued between January 1, 2020, and October 31, 2021 → <u>Until April 30, 2022</u> • Certificates of eligibility issued between November 1, 2021 and April 30, 2022 → <u>Valid for 6 months from the date of issue</u>
<p>(5) Condition for the certificate of eligibility to remain valid Submission of a document stating that the accepting organization, etc., "is able to continue accepting the foreign national with the same activity contents as were given at the time of the application for the certificate of eligibility" when applying for a visa at a diplomatic mission abroad. Reference format <For statuses of residence on Appended Table 1 (e.g., Engineer/Specialist in humanities/International services, Student, etc.) Reference format <For statuses of residence on Appended Table 2 (e.g., Spouse or child of Japanese national, Long-term resident, etc.)</p> <p>* Please resubmit the above document if three months have elapsed since the visa application.</p>	<p>(5) Condition for the certificate of eligibility to remain valid Submission of a following document stating that the accepting organization, etc., "is able to continue accepting the foreign national with the same activity contents as were given at the time of the application for the certificate of eligibility" when applying for a visa at a diplomatic mission abroad. Attached format <For statuses of residence on Appended Table 1 (e.g., Engineer/Specialist in humanities/International services, Student, etc.) Attached format <For statuses of residence on Appended Table 2 (e.g., Spouse or child of Japanese national, Long-term resident, etc.)</p> <p>* Please resubmit the above document if three months have elapsed since the visa application.</p>