



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
Conditions	<p>Foreign nationals who did not change their activities or personal relationships after departing from Japan and before re-entering.</p> <p><b>A foreign national who comes under one of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>A foreign national whose deadline for entry for his or her re-entry permission is January 1, 2020 or later.</b></li><li>• <b>A foreign national whose period for entry for his or her re-entry permission is due to expire within one month of the day 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</b></li></ul> <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 includes special re-entry permission.</p>	<p>Foreign nationals who do not have to make any changes to the contents of their previous application.</p> <p>Although the certificate of eligibility is normally valid for 3 months, as a special measure, certificates of eligibility which were issued between October 1, 2019 and January 29, 2021 will be deemed valid for 6 months from the date on which the entry restriction measures were lifted or April 30, 2021, whichever comes first. This section applies to those whose period of validity has already expired.</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"><li>• <b>Application form</b> * Use the correct "Application Form for the Certificate of Eligibility" for your status of residence.</li><li>• <b>Statement of reasons prepared by the accepting organization, etc.</b> * Prepare the statement of reasons by referring to the <u>attached format (Appended Table 1, Appended Table 2).</u></li><li>• <b>Copy of the previous residence card</b> * 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).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Application form</b> * Use the correct "Application Form for the Certificate of Eligibility" for your status of residence.</li><li>• <b>Statement of reasons prepared by the accepting organization, etc.</b> * Prepare the statement of reasons by referring to the <u>attached format (Appended Table 1, Appended Table 2).</u></li><li>• <b>Previously issued certificate of eligibility (Original)</b> * If you are unable to submit it, please submit a written explanation giving the reason why not (no set format required).</li></ul>

- 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.) 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.