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Immigration Services Agency

**Extension of the period for acceptance of applications and extension of the application examination results in order to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)**

**Extension of the period for acceptance of applications**

In light of the various circumstances associated with the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and from the perspective of preventing its spread, as a measure to reduce congestion at the immigration counters for residency applications, the immigration counters will be accepting applications to change the status of residence and applications to extend the period of stay from those foreign nationals (excluding foreign nationals with the status of residence of “Designated Activities (Departure Preparation Period”)) whose expiration date (see note) for their period of stay is due in March, April, May or June for an extended period of three months from the expiration date of the period of stay of the relevant foreign national.

Note. This includes those who are required to apply for acquisition of a status of residence in March, April, May or June such as those who were born in Japan.

## **Extension of the period for receipt of the examination results**

The period for receipt of the examination results (issuance of a residence card, etc.) with regard to foreign nationals who have a residence card (mid to long-term residents) and have already applied for permission to change their status of residence or an application for extension of the period of stay is normally for two months from the date of expiration of the period but will be extended for a further three months instead.

In order to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), please do not come to the Immigration Services Agency unless unavoidable.

\* Points updated on April 27

The period for receipt of the examination results (issuance of the residence card, etc.) has been extended for three months.

(Note) Please note that you will not be able to depart from Japan with a re-entry permit or a special re-entry permit on or after the expiration date of your period of stay.



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Information related to the novel coronavirus  
(COVID-19) from the Immigration Services Agency →  
(Ministry of Justice website)



[Notice from the Tokyo Immigration Bureau]

To prevent the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Tokyo Immigration

Bureau has restricted access to the immigration facilities. You will have to wait outside until your turn.