

Termination of the special measures for the visa status of persons who have difficulty in returning home due to the effects of the spread of COVID-19



May 31, 2022
Immigration Services
Agency of Japan

Future measures

- Taking into consideration factors such as the situation in which an increasing number of people depart from Japan, the Immigration Services Agency of Japan will take measures to encourage foreigners to whom a special visa status is granted to return home depending on the period of stay they currently hold, as follows:

(1) Those whose visa status expires by June 29

These people will be allowed to extend their permitted period of stay as follows:

- a) Those who stay in Japan for "Designated Activities (6 months)," etc.: "Designated Activities (4 months)"
- b) Those who stay in Japan for "Temporary Visitor (90 days)": "Temporary Visitor (90 days)"

(Note 1) They can continue to work within the currently permitted scope.

(Note 2) "Designated Activities (4 months)" and "Temporary Visitor (90 days)" will be permitted as a "measure taken only on this occasion" when the applicants extend their period of stay next time.

(2) Those whose visa status expires on June 30 or thereafter

These people will be allowed to extend their permitted period of stay as a "measure taken only on this occasion" as follows:

- a) Those who stay in Japan for "Designated Activities (6 months)," etc.: "Designated Activities (4 months)"
- b) Those who stay in Japan for "Temporary Visitor (90 days)": "Temporary Visitor (90 days)"

(Note 1) They can continue to work within the currently permitted scope.

(Note 2) Permission for residence due to difficulty in returning home is given only on this occasion. Preparations for returning home should be made within the period permitted on this occasion.

(Note 3) If the period of stay permitted as specified above expires, extension of the permitted period of stay will not be allowed.

(3) Those who newly wish to change their status of residence due to difficulty in returning home

The measure taken "only on this occasion" as specified in Section (2) above will be allowed only if the permitted period of stay based on the currently held visa status expires by November 1, 2022.

(Note) "Designated Activities (support to maintain employment)" will be permitted for up to 1 year (* "only on this occasion").

* Those who seeks a permission given "only on this occasion" is required to submit a written confirmation.

Persons for whom the special measures will be terminated



	Persons for whom the special measures will be terminated	Previous treatment	New treatment
1	Former technical intern trainees	Designated Activities (6 months; having difficulty in returning home and being permitted to work)	Designated Activities (4 months; having difficulty in returning home and being permitted to work)
2	Former students studying in Japan	Designated Activities (6 months; having difficulty in returning home and being permitted to work for 28 hours per week or less)	Designated Activities (4 months; having difficulty in returning home and being permitted to work for 28 hours per week or less)
3	Former persons who stay for medium- to long-term residence	Designated Activities (6 months; having difficulty in returning home and not being permitted to work) (*)	Designated Activities (4 months; having difficulty in returning home and not being permitted to work) (*)
4	Persons who stay for a short period of time	Temporary Visitor (90 days; having difficulty in returning home and not being permitted to work) (*)	Temporary Visitor (90 days; having difficulty in returning home and not being permitted to work) (*)
5	Persons covered by support to maintain employment	Designated Activities (up to 1 year; receiving support to maintain employment and being permitted to work)	Designated Activities (up to 1 year; receiving support to maintain employment and being permitted to work) (Note) 4 months at the time of renewal
6	Internship (Public Notice No. 9) Foreign employees in the manufacturing industry (Public Notice No. 42)	Designated Activities (6 months; having difficulty in returning home and being permitted to work)	Designated Activities (4 months; having difficulty in returning home and being permitted to work)
7	Former personnel to support foreigners' household chores	Designated Activities (6 months; having difficulty in returning home and not being permitted to work) (*)	Designated Activities (4 months; having difficulty in returning home and not being permitted to work) (*)

* To be permitted to work for 28 hours per week or less if permission for activities outside the visa status is obtained