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For permanent residents who have difficulty re-entering Japan within the valid period of their re-entry permission due to the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Permanent residents, who have difficulty re-entering within the valid period of the re-entry permission or special re-entry permission due to the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), may re-enter Japan through one of the following methods (*1). Please consult the Japanese embassy or consulate general in the country where you are staying.

(1) Cases where the valid period of the re-entry permission has expired or is difficult to re-enter Japan within the valid period

In some cases, the valid period of the re-entry permission may be extended at the Japanese embassy or consulate general in the country where the foreign national is staying.

The maximum period of extension is for one year from the expiration date of the period of validity.

If the valid period of your re-entry permission has been extended, please re-enter Japan within the new period of validity. If you are unable to extend the period, please use the method given in (2) to enter Japan.

(2) Cases where the valid period of the special re-entry permission has expired (including cases where the method in (1) cannot be used)

This applies to foreign nationals for whom the expiration date of the valid period of the re-entry permission or special re-entry permission is between January 1, 2020 and **April 30, 2023**.

Please apply for a “Long-Term Resident” visa at the Japanese embassy or consulate general in the country where you are staying by **April 30, 2023**.

Once you have been issued with a visa, you will be able to follow the necessary procedures in order to newly enter Japan as a “Permanent Resident” at an airport in Japan upon arrival.

*1 Please check the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs below for documents required for procedures (1) and (2).

https://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/mofaserv.html (opens the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

*2 If a foreign national subject to this measure entered Japan with a status of residence other than “Permanent Resident” according to (1) or (2) below without using this measure, and if the foreign national applies for permanent residence within 6 months after entering Japan, the applicant is examined based on the Application for Permanent Residence submitted, a petition ([Reference Form 1 separately provided](#)), and a copy of the previous residence card. (Other documents may be requested as needed.)

(1) If the foreign national entered Japan with a status of residence other than “Permanent Resident” within the period of validity of the visa applied for by

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(2) If the foreign national entered Japan by **October 31, 2023** without a visa and with a status of residence other than “Permanent Resident”

However, please note that a fee of 8,000 yen per person is required to obtain permanent residence after entering Japan.

Please further note that if the foreign national submits an application for permanent residence more than 6 months after entering Japan, the same verification documents as those required for regular permanent residence applications need to be submitted.

A foreign national who becomes a mid- to long-term resident by obtaining a permanent residence permit is required to notify his/her place of residence to the municipality where he/she will live after the permanent residence permit has been received.