

Handling of foreign nationals who have difficulty returning to their home country or other country



1. Foreign nationals staying with the status of residence “Temporary Visitor”

⇒ Permitted to extend the period of stay of “Temporary Visitor (90 days)”

2. Foreign nationals staying with the status of residence of “Technical Intern Training” or “Designated Activities (Foreign Construction Worker (No. 32) or Foreign Shipbuilding Worker (No. 35))”

⇒ Permitted to change the status of residence to “Designated Activities (6 Months, Work Permitted)”.

Note 1. This applies to foreign nationals engaging in the same work as before.

*In the case where work that is the same as that done in the past is not found at the employer, it is also possible to be employed in an occupation or doing work in “Work related to that which is the same as that done in the past (the occupation and work in each table in “List of occupation or work to change over to” associated with the occupation and work engaged in during technical intern training (excluding “7. Other”).”

Note 2. Foreign nationals staying with “Designated Activities (Internship (No. 9), and Foreign Manufacturing Worker (No. 42))” and who wish to work at the same accepting organization and work as before will be permitted to work as before.

Note 3. This also applies to foreign nationals who were once granted “Temporary Visitor” or “Designated Activities (6 Months/Work Not Permitted)”.

Note 4. Foreign nationals staying with “Designated Activities (Summer Job) (No. 12)” and who wish to work at the same accepting organization and work as before will be permitted to change their status of residence to “Designated Activities (3 Months, Work Permitted)”

3. Foreign nationals staying with the status of residence of “Student” and who wish to work

⇒ Permitted to change their status of residence to “Designated Activities (permitted to work part-time for up to six months for up to 28 hours a week)”.

As of October 19th, this is applicable regardless of graduation period.

Note: This also applies to former exchange students living abroad under a “Short-Term Stay” or “Designated Activities” (Unable to return to their country and/or unable to work with intention to leave) visa.

4. Foreign nationals staying with other statuses of residence (including foreign nationals in the above 2 or 3 who do not wish to work.)

⇒ Permitted to change their status of residence to “Designated Activities (6 Months, Work Not Permitted)”.

Note. With regard to the above 1-4, an extension will be permitted if the situation is ongoing that the foreign national is unable to return to his or her home country.