

In regard to all foreign exchange students in Japan affected by Covid 19:



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Immigration Services Agency of Japan

1 For those who desire to continue their education

You may renew your “Student” visa and be permitted to continue taking classes

⇒ Those wishing to transfer to another institution may also renew their visa under this guideline.

⇒ Additionally, those who have or will surpass the 2 year limit set on the Student visa will be able to renew.

⇒ Those with permission to do so may work part-time for a maximum of 28 hours per week.

2 For those who do not wish to continue their education

(1) For those with “Student” resident status and demonstrated difficulty returning to their home countries, a change of status from “Student” to “Designated Activities” is possible for a period of up to 6 months.

⇒ Even without prior arrangements you can obtain permission to work part-time for a maximum of 28 hours per week.

※ As of October 19th, your date of graduation is not required.

(2) For graduates in 2020 currently holding “a Student visa” who have demonstrated difficulty returning to their home countries

⇒ Even after graduation, holders of this visa are permitted to work up to 28 hours a week as part-time.

3 Regarding graduates who have been hired to work in Japan

Resident status changes (Engineer/Specialist in Humanities/International Services) are available with limitations.

4 Regarding graduates who wish to find employment in Japan (limited to university, technical school, and vocational school graduates).

Changing your resident status to “Designated Activities” grants permission to seek employment in Japan for up to 1 year from the date of graduation.

⇒ Under normal circumstances this permission is limited to 1 year however those who have or will surpass 1 year may still renew.

⇒ Additionally, those with permission to work may do so part-time for up to 28 hours per week.