

# New handling regarding the period of validity of the certificate of eligibility



## Handling policy

- In consideration of foreign nationals whose entry to Japan has been delayed due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Immigration Services Agency of Japan has taken special measures to extend the validity of the certificate of eligibility (hereafter “Certificate”) required for immigration clearance (refer to “Previous handling” below).
- In light of the current situation, **the Immigration Services Agency will take measures to further extend the validity of the certificate of eligibility**(refer to “New handling” below).

**As well, certificate of eligibility issued on or after August 1, 2022 is valid for “3 months” from the date of issue.**

\*Certificate of Eligibility is for certifying the adequateness of the conditions for landing at the time of issuance. An excessive extension of the period of validity thereof may increase the possibility of changes in circumstances at the time of entry and the time of issuance of the Certificate. Therefore, the period of validity of certificate of eligibility may not be further extended after the expiration of each period listed below. **However, for applications for Certificates made on or after July 31, 2022, and before the date designated by Immigration Services Agency of Japan with no changes made since the previous application, an expedited new Certificate will be issued, as a rule, by an applicant’s submission of (1) the previously issued Certificate (original or a copy) and (2) a statement of reasons prepared by the accepting organization, etc.** See [here](#) for details.

Previous handling	New handling
(1) Applicable statuses of residence All statuses of residence subject to a certificate of eligibility	(1) Applicable statuses of residence All statuses of residence subject to a certificate of eligibility
(2) Applicable regions All countries / regions	(2) Applicable regions All countries / regions
(3) Applicable certificate of eligibility <b>Issued on or after January 1, 2020</b>	(3) Applicable certificates of eligibility <b>Issued on or after January 1, 2020</b>
(4) Period deemed to be valid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of eligibility issued between January 1, 2020, and January 31, 2022 → <b>Until July 31, 2022</b></li> <li>• Certificate of eligibility issued between February 1, 2022, and July 31, 2022 → <b>Valid for 6 months from the date of issue</b></li> </ul>	(4) Period deemed to be valid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Certificate of eligibility issued between January 1, 2020, and April 30, 2022</b> → <b>Until October 31, 2022</b></li> <li>• <b>Certificate of eligibility issued between May 1, 2022, and July 31, 2022</b> → <b>Valid for 6 months from the date of issue</b></li> </ul>
(5) Condition to be deemed valid Where a document is submitted stating that the accepting organization, etc. “is able to continue accepting the foreign national with the same activity contents as were given at the time of the application for the certificate of eligibility” at the time of applying for a visa at a diplomatic mission abroad. <a href="#">Attached format &lt;For statuses of residence on Appended Table 1 (e.g., Engineer/Specialist in humanities/International services, Student, etc.)</a> <a href="#">Attached format &lt;For statuses of residence on Appended Table 2 (e.g., Spouse or child of Japanese national, Long-term resident, etc.)</a>	(5) Condition to be deemed valid Where a document is submitted stating that the accepting organization, etc. “is able to continue accepting the foreign national with the same activity contents as were given at the time of the application for the certificate of eligibility” at the time of applying for a visa at a diplomatic mission abroad. <a href="#">Attached format &lt;For statuses of residence on Appended Table 1 (e.g., Engineer/Specialist in humanities/International services, Student, etc.)</a> <a href="#">Attached format &lt;For statuses of residence on Appended Table 2 (e.g., Spouse or child of Japanese national, Long-term resident, etc.)</a>
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