

## Regarding Employment Maintenance Support for Technical Intern Trainees etc. with Difficulty Continuing Training due to New Coronavirus Infections

Immigration Services Agency of Japan

### **Purpose**

In order to maintain the employment of Technical Intern Trainees and Specified Skilled Workers with difficulty continuing their training due to the effects of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Immigration Services Agency, in cooperation with the relevant government ministries and agencies, will provide support for re-employment in specific industrial fields, and will also provide a support package for the maintenance of employment in Japan for foreign nationals by granting the status of residence “Designated Activities” under certain conditions (see below).

In addition, the Agency shall promote employment in areas which face difficulties securing human resources due to technical intern trainees etc. being unable to come to Japan.

### **Outline of Support**

The Immigration Services Agency of Japan will be able to quickly and comprehensively grasp the information on Technical Intern Trainees etc. who have difficulty continuing their internship, and provide information to the relevant organizations in various fields so that the Technical Intern Trainees etc. can be reemployed in the specific field in which they wish to work, thereby enabling efficient matching.

Moreover, the Immigration Services Agency of Japan shall respond appropriately to various consultations with foreign nationals in cooperation with the Foreign Resident Information Center etc.

### **Measures for Status of Residence**

- Status of residence: “Designated Activities (Permitted to Work)”
- Period of stay: Maximum 1 year
- Enforcement: From April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Reiwa 2)
- Requirements:
  - The applicant’s remuneration is equal to or greater than the remuneration that would be paid if a Japanese national were to engage in such work.
  - The applicant wishes to acquire the skills necessary for the duties of Specified Skilled Worker.

- The host institution is expected to accept the applicant appropriately (Record of Accepting Foreign Nationals)
- The host institution shall provide guidance and support to the applicant so that they can acquire necessary skills through their work at the organization.
- The host institution should provide the applicant with appropriate support in their daily life during their stay in Japan.