

**New Foreign National Acceptance System
Starts April 1, 2019!**



A New Status of Residence “Specified Skilled Worker” has been created

This is a system to accept foreign nationals that have a certain level of expertise and skill and can begin work immediately in response to circumstances of serious labor shortages.



Specified Skilled Worker (i)*

This is a status of residence applicable to foreign nationals who work in jobs that require **considerable knowledge of or experience in Specified Industry Fields**

- Period of stay: Renewed annually, every 6 months or every 4 months, for a **maximum stay of up to 5 years in total**
- Skill Standards: Confirmed by exams, etc. (those who have successfully completed Technical Intern Training (ii) are exempt from exams, etc.)
- Japanese Language Level: Proficiency in Japanese language required in daily life and at workplace need to be confirmed by exams, etc. (those who have successfully completed Technical Intern Training (ii) are exempt from exams, etc.)
- Accompanied by family members: Basically not permitted.
- **Eligible for Support** by Accepting Organizations or Registered Support Organizations

* The “Specified Skilled Worker” has two types, Specified Skilled Worker (i) and Specified Skilled Worker (ii). Specified Skilled Worker (ii) is a status of residence for foreign nationals engaged in jobs that require **proficient skills in Specified Industry Fields**.

Immigration Services Agency of Japan

Inquire with the following for details about the general system, immigration and residency procedures and registered support organizations, etc. **Ministry of Justice**

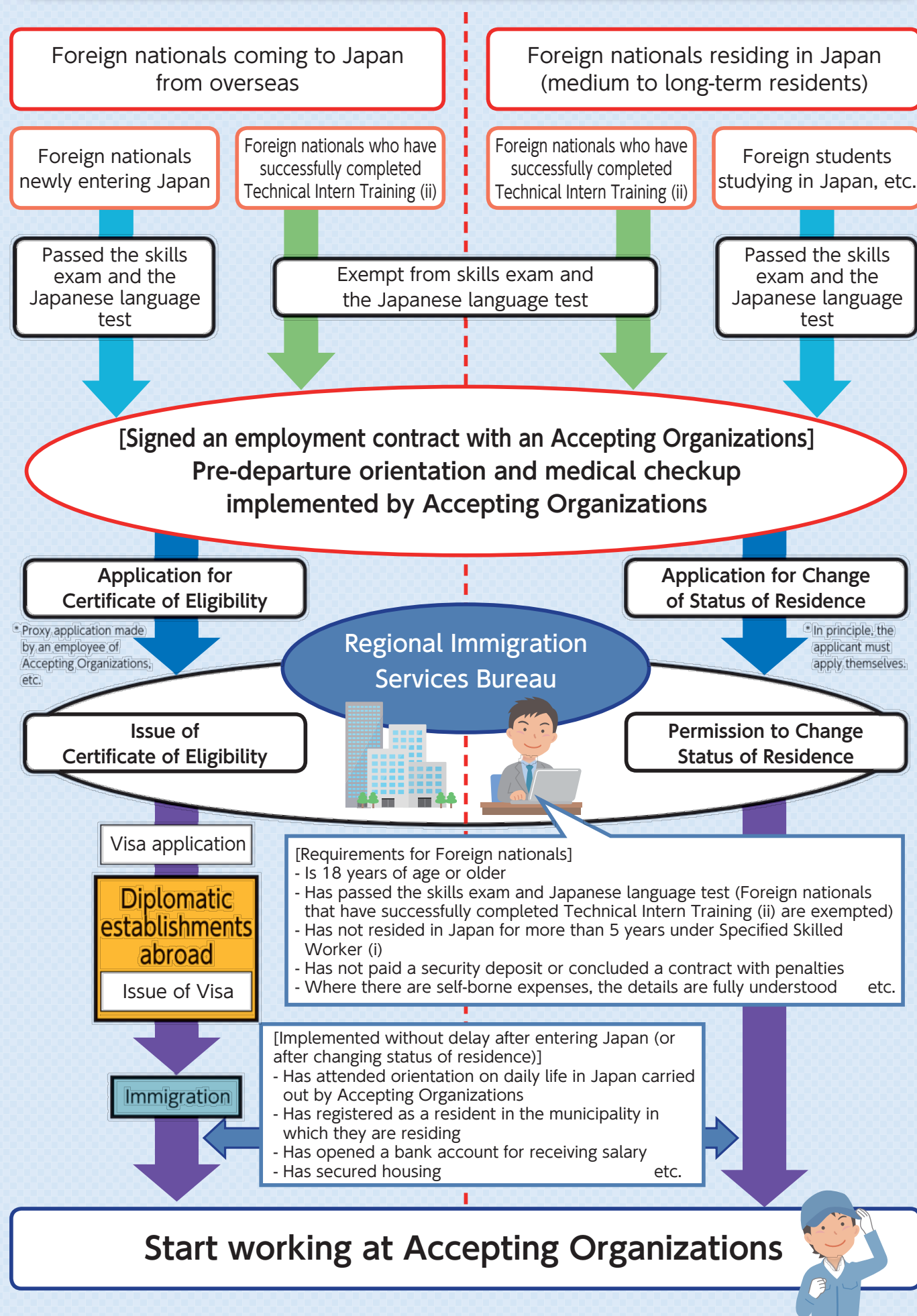
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- Please see the Ministry of Justice website for more information about the “Specified Skilled Worker” Residential Status.
→ Search for “Ministry of Justice Specified Skilled Worker”

Please see the Ministry of Justice website
for information on Specified Industry Fields



Overview of Procedure for Accepting Specified Skilled Workers (i)



Specified Industry Fields and Jobs

| | Specified Industry Fields | Competent Ministry or Agency of Industry Fields | Jobs to Engage in |
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| 1 | Nursing care | Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In addition to Nursing care (assistance with bathing, feeding and excretion responding to the physical and mental condition of the user), other related support services (assistance with recreation and functional training, etc.) Note: Visiting services are not included (1 test category) |
| 2 | Building cleaning management | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interior building cleaning (1 test category) |
| 3 | Machine parts & tooling industries | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Casting ● Metal press ● Finishing ● Welding ● Forging ● Factory sheet metal work ● Machine inspection ● Die casting ● Plating ● Machine maintenance ● Machining ● Aluminum anodizing ● Painting (13 test categories) |
| 4 | Industrial machinery industry | Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Casting ● Painting ● Finishing ● Electrical equipment assembling ● Welding ● Forging ● Iron work ● Machine inspection ● Printed wiring board manufacturing ● Industrial packaging ● Die casting ● Factory sheet metal work ● Machine maintenance ● Plastic molding ● Machining ● Plating ● Electronic equipment assembling ● Metal press (18 test categories) |
| 5 | Electric, electronics and information industries | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Machining ● Finishing ● Printed wiring board manufacturing ● Industrial packaging ● Metal press ● Machine maintenance ● Plastic molding ● Factory sheet metal work ● Electronic equipment assembling ● Painting ● Plating ● Electric equipment assembling ● Welding (13 test categories) |
| 6 | Construction Industry | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Formwork/construction ● Earthwork ● Interior finishing/material mounting ● Heat-retention and cool-retention ● Plastering ● Roofing ● Scaffolding ● Spray urethane insulation ● Concrete pumping ● Telecommunications ● Carpentry ● Offshore civil engineering ● Tunnel and Propulsion ● Reinforcement construction ● Plumbing ● Construction machinery and construction ● Reinforcing bar joints ● Building sheet metal work (18 test categories) |
| 7 | Shipbuilding and ship machinery industry | Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welding ● Finishing ● Painting ● Machining ● Iron work ● Electrical equipment assembling (6 test categories) |
| 8 | Automobile repair and maintenance | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Automobile everyday inspection and maintenance, Regular inspection and maintenance, Disassembly (1 test category) |
| 9 | Aviation Industry | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Airport ground handling (ground driving support services, baggage and freight handling services) ● Aircraft maintenance (maintenance of aircraft and equipment, etc.) (2 test categories) |
| 10 | Accommodation Industry | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Providing accommodation services, such as working at the front desk, planning/public relations, hospitality, restaurant services (1 test category) |
| 11 | Agriculture | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General crop farming (cultivation management, collection/shipping/sorting of agricultural products, etc.) ● General livestock farming (breed management, collection/shipping/sorting of livestock products, etc.) (2 test categories) |
| 12 | Fishery & aquaculture | Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fishery (production and repair of fishing gear, search for marine animals and plants, operation of fishing gear and machinery, capture of marine animals and plants, processing and storage of catch, ensuring health and safety, etc.) ● Aquaculture industry (production, repair and management of aquaculture materials, breed management, collection (harvesting) and processing of aquaculture animals and plants, ensuring health and safety, etc.) (2 test categories) |
| 13 | Manufacture of food and beverages | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General food and beverage manufacturing (manufacturing/processing and health and safety of food and beverages (excluding liquor)) (1 test category) |
| 14 | Food service industry | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General restaurant industry (food and beverage processing, customer service, store management) (1 test category) |

FAQ

Q Is educational background in the home country required?

A There are no particular requirements in regard to applicants' educational backgrounds. However, there is a minimum age requirement for specified skilled workers – they must be over 18 years of age.

Q What are the areas in which Specified Skilled Worker (ii) are recognized?

A This is recognized for the "Construction" and "Shipbuilding and Ship Machinery" industries

Q When transitioning from Technical Intern Training (ii) to Specified Skilled Worker (i), how much relevance is required between the activities of the technical intern training and the activities of the specified skilled worker?

A The required relevance between Specified Skilled Worker activities in which foreign nationals are engaged and the Technical Intern Training (ii) activities is specified in the application guidelines for each field. Please check the guidelines.