

Guide to Support for Continuous Employment for Foreigners Who Have Been Dismissed, etc.

In order that **foreign workers** such as technical interns who have been dismissed, etc. and are having difficulties with continuing their training due to the spread of the novel coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) **can be re-employed or continue employment**, as a special measure for the time being, **permission is being given for the “Designated Activities (Employment Permitted)” status of residence for a maximum of one year.**

* If someone has already stayed in Japan for one year under this measure but finds it difficult to return to their home country, then the period of stay can be extended for six months.

Eligible persons

The following persons who entered into an employment contract* for a new occupation or job:

- Technical interns who were dismissed, etc. and are having difficulties with continuing their training
- Foreign workers who were dismissed, etc. and are having difficulties with continuing their employment training
(Status of employment: “Specified Skilled Worker”, “Engineer/Specialist in Humanities/ International Services”, “Skilled Labor”, etc.)
- International students whose preliminary offer of employment was cancelled
- Those who have completed technical internships and are having difficulty returning home, etc.



* Only applies to those who desire to continue residing in Japan in order to work in specified industrial fields and to acquire necessary skills for specified skilled workers.

Application Procedure

Foreigners should apply to the Regional Immigration Bureau or Branch Office that has jurisdiction over their residence for permission to change their status of residence to “Designated Activities (Employment Permitted)”.

Out of the above eligible persons, **those who are having difficulty in finding a new occupation or job can receive assistance from the Japanese government by being matched with a recruitment agency.**



Please send enquiries to the nearest Regional Immigration Bureau or Branch Office

List of contact details: <http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/soshiki/index.html>



Matching Assistance Process

STEP 1

Write your name, contact details, desired area (specified industrial field) and other required items in the “Agreement to Handling of Personal Information” and submit it*.

* In the case of “Specified Skilled Worker”, submit it to a Regional Immigration Bureau. For persons with other statuses of residence, submit it to the Immigration Services Agency.

“Agreement to Handling of Personal Information” →



STEP 2

Provision of your details to an employment agency from the Immigration Services Agency via a related Ministry, etc.

STEP 3

Matching with a new occupation or job by the employment agency.

STEP 4

Entering into an employment agreement with the company for the new occupation or job.



STEP 5

Application to Regional Immigration Bureau or Branch Office for change of status of residence to “Designated Activities (Employment Permitted)” and approval thereby