

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



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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 where the spread of COVID-19 is still impacting immigration clearance procedures, **the Agency will take measures to further extend the validity of the Certificate** (refer to “New handling” below).

*The Certificate 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 a Certificate 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

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(3) Applicable certificates of eligibility
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- (4) Period deemed to be valid
- Certificates of eligibility issued between October 1 and December 31, 2019
→ **Until April 30, 2021**
 - Certificates of eligibility issued between January 1, 2020, and January 30, 2021
→ **Until July 31, 2021**
 - Certificates of eligibility issued on or after January 31, 2021
→ **Valid for 6 months from the date of issue**

- (4) Period deemed to be valid
- **Certificates of eligibility issued between January 1, 2020, and July 31, 2021**
→ **Until January 31, 2022**
 - **Certificates of eligibility issued between August 1, 2021, and January 31, 2022**
→ **Valid for 6 months from the date of issue**

(5) Condition to be deemed valid
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[Attached format <For statuses of residence on Appended Table 1 \(e.g., Engineer/Specialist in humanities/International services, Student, etc.\)](#)
[Attached format <For statuses of residence on Appended Table 2 \(e.g., Spouse or child of Japanese national, Long-term resident, etc.\)](#)

* Please resubmit the above document if three months have elapsed since the application for visa.