

For permission to acquire a “Long Term Resident”

Foreigners are required to be checked of their behavior by amendment of the law concerning entry into Japan.

The number of crimes committed by foreigners who have Long Term Resident keeps on increasing. In an effort to prevent an escalation of crime, when a foreigner wishes to acquire a Long Term Resident status, he/she is required to be checked of his/her behavior. Please pay attention to information as follows.

● **This new rule is applied if you are**

- Japanese ancestry
- Japanese ancestry’s child by birth (The child must be minority and single)
- Spouse of Japanese ancestry
- Spouse of Japanese ancestry’s child by birth. (The child must be minority and single)

Japanese orphans left behind in China and their relatives are exempt from the new measure.

★Status of Long Term Resident is given by an Minister of Justice taking into account a foreign national's purpose of entry and stay. This procedure is based on law.

● **How to certify his/her behavior**

It is required to submit a Certification issued by home country’s organization to check the criminal record if a foreigner wishes to enter in Japan under the status of Long Term Resident as Japanese ancestry or his/her family.

For example,

Brazilian・・・Each Police Certificate issued by Brazil Federal Police (Policia Federal) and Civil Police(Policia Civil) of the state of domicile.

Peruvian・・・Police Certificate issued by Peru National Police , Identification Section, Criminal Identification Division, Criminal Record Certificate Issuance Department.(Policia Nacional de Peru, Direccion de Criminalistica, Division de Identificacion Criminalistica, Departamento de Expedicion de Certificados de Antecedentes Policiales)

Philippine・・・Certification (PNPDI Clearance) issued by The Philippine National Police and Certification(NBI Clearance) issued by National Bureau of Investigation.

● **If you have a criminal record in home country**

The foreigner who is certified that he/she violated a law outside Japan by certification and was sentenced to penal servitude, imprisonment, or a fine for the crime (a penalty which is equivalent to paying a fine for violation of the traffic law is not applicable in this case) is not admitted as a good-behavior person. But the following cases are exempt from this new rule.

- ①Ten years have passed since the execution of the sentence was finished
- ②Ten years have passed since waiving of sentence
- ③The suspended term has passed
- ④Five years have passed since the execution of the sentence to pay a fine or its equivalent punishment was finished or waived.

● **If you have a criminal record in Japan**

The foreigner who violated a law of Japan and was sentenced to penal servitude, imprisonment, or a fine for the crime (a penalty for violation of the traffic law is not applicable in this case) is not admitted as a good-behavior person.

