

# Residence Visa

## What should I do to get this visa?



I need a help to prepare required documents for visa application. I want advices for my foreign employee whose visa is expired soon. I want to find a way to continue staying in Japan though I divorced my Japanese husband. I want my child to come to Japan. Such topics are constantly heard in life consultation of Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center. By looking at cases of foreign residents married to Japanese, let's think about residential visa problem this month.

### ● What is Residence Visa?

It is a qualification which recognizes you to stay in Japan. The Minister of Justice considers individual cases/reasons of foreign residents and permits them to stay in Japan for certain period of time. In order to acquire this visa, you must have special reasons and prove why you have to live in Japan. Thus, there is no limitation on employment. This visa allows you to work freely as Japanese citizens. However, you need to extend period of stay since this visa is not permanent residence visa.

### ● I want to have a Japanese spouse. Can I acquire the residence visa?

If you marry a Japanese citizen, generally your entry to Japan is permitted and you are able to stay in Japan.

- 1 ) If you come to Japan as a spouse of Japanese citizen, certificate of eligibility (Spouse of Japanese National) is granted.
- 2 ) If you are already in Japan and married a Japanese citizen, your certificate of eligibility will be changed to "Spouse of Japanese National". With this certificate, you can work as Japanese citizens do.
- 3 ) If you stay in Japan in illegal way and married a Japanese citizen, still deportation cannot be avoided. However, the marriage is a circumstantial reason which is concerned in final judgment of the Minister of Justice.

### ● My Japanese husband past away (or divorce me). We do not have a child. Should I go back to my home country?

If you already have marriage visa (that is certificate of eligibility – Spouse of Japanese National) but your Japanese spouse past away, you lost a reason to stay in Japan. So you need to return to your home country. But if your married life in Japan is long enough or you have to take care of husband's parents, permanent residence visa might be granted. Even in divorce case too, you have a chance to acquire the visa if you are with child(ren) recognized by former spouse. For people living in Japan over 4~5 years, it is better to change the certificate of eligibility from Spouse of Japanese National to permanent residence visa.

● I want my child to come to Japan and start living together with my husband.

A foreign resident has child(ren) with his/her former spouse, but left them in mother country. And now s/he has got certificate of eligibility – Spouse of Japanese National. If the resident wants to live with the child(ren) in Japan, permanent residence visa is obtainable in most of cases.



## ● Is it possible to invite my parents to live in Japan?

Parent living in mother country gets old enough, but no one can take care of them. My husband agrees to live with him/her in Japan. Such case is very common. In general, permanent residence visa is provided to only applicants who fulfill requirements or conditions notified by the Minister of Justice. But the condition does not mention anything about parent of foreign resident. So this case is considered as special case since the parent finds hard to live alone in home country. Except this case, the visa is very difficult to acquire.

# April 2009 Application for admission has begun

Fujimi city has 12 day-care centers totally, 6 for public and another 6 for private. Admission can be applicable from 18<sup>th</sup> Nov (Fujimino Exchange Center), 19<sup>th</sup> Nov (Mizutani Community Center) and 20<sup>th</sup> Nov (Fujimi City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor). Application form is distributed in Fujimi city child-rearing support division (049-252-7105), every branch office and day-care center. Please bring child for the application and submit the application form and maternity record book.

A new regulation of the Road Traffic Law, “Obligation of wearing seatbelt on backseat” started on 1<sup>st</sup> June has passed notice period of 4 month. From October, we are obliged to follow this regulation. If anyone does not wear seatbelt in backseat when you drive in highway or driveway, you have 1 point deducted. For safety driving, every passenger should not forget to wear seatbelt.

**Check seatbelt  
in backseat! It  
becomes an  
obligation  
from October**

Need more information on Japanese day-care center, nursery school and kindergarten! Our staffs have given a lot of efforts into this book in which helpful information for mothers like application for admission, vaccination and hospital is contained. And now it is available in 6 languages for free of charge.

some public facilities. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need this guidance book.

- Living Guidance translated in 6 languages is available.

[www.ficec.jp/living/](http://www.ficec.jp/living/)