

○ Residence Status Applications for Those Facing Difficulty Returning to Their Country

Applications of individuals who are recognized as having difficulty returning to their country due to inability to secure flights or safely return to their hometown will, in principle, be handled as follows.

- ① Individuals with the status of “Short Term Stay”
⇒ will be permitted an extension of period of stay for 30 days.
- ② Individuals with the residence status of “Technical Intern Training” or “Designated Activities (Foreign Construction Workers and Shipbuilding Workers)” who intend to continue employment with the same employer or work in the same field
⇒ will be permitted a change of status of residence to “Designated Activities (30 days, labor permitted.)”
- ③ Individuals with a status of residence other than those listed above, (including individuals with the status of residences mentioned in ② who do not intend to continue working,)
⇒ will be permitted a change of status of residence to “Short Term Stay, 30 days)”

○ Applications for Certificates of Eligibility

Applications for Certificates of Eligibility by those individuals affected by landing restrictions placed due to COVID-19 will, in principle, be handled as follows.

- ① In cases where applications have already been submitted
⇒ screening and review procedures will be temporarily suspended.
- ② In cases where applications have already been submitted, but the applicant wishes to change the starting date of their intended activities,
⇒ a statement of reason from the intended employer or sponsor must be submitted for screening.*
- ③ In cases where individuals left the country with the intent of re-entry, but their status of residence expired while abroad, and they have applied for a new Certificate of Eligibility,
⇒ a statement of reason from their employer or sponsor along with the application form must be submitted for screening.*

*Additional documents, such as a statement of reason, may be submitted, but screening procedures for situations ② and ③ will be also be temporarily suspended.