



When I extend my period of stay or change my status of residence and I receive a new residence card, do I also need to get a new My Number Card?



If you receive your new residence card and your My Number Card has not yet expired, you have until its expiration date to apply for an **extension of validity**. If your My Number Card has **already expired, you will need to have it reissued (for a fee)**.

If your My Number Card has not yet expired



Extension of Validity for the My Number Card

If you receive your new residence card and your My Number Card has not yet expired, you have until its expiration date to apply for an 'extension of validity'. The expiration date will then be extended to the same validity period as your new residence card.

*Please note that for adults, the validity period of the My Number Card can be extended up to 10 birthdays (5 for minors) from the date of issue. If you wish to extend the validity period beyond that, you will need to have your My Number Card reissued.

My Number Card 'Special Extension of the Validity Period'

When you apply for an 'extension of the period of stay' or 'change of residence status' and you clearly will be unable to receive your new residence card before your My Number Card expires, you can apply for a **Special Extension of the Validity Period (2 months), free of charge, before your My Number Card expires.**

If you receive your new residence card within the 2-month Special Extension period, you can apply to extend the validity period of your My Number Card to the same expiration date as your new residence card.

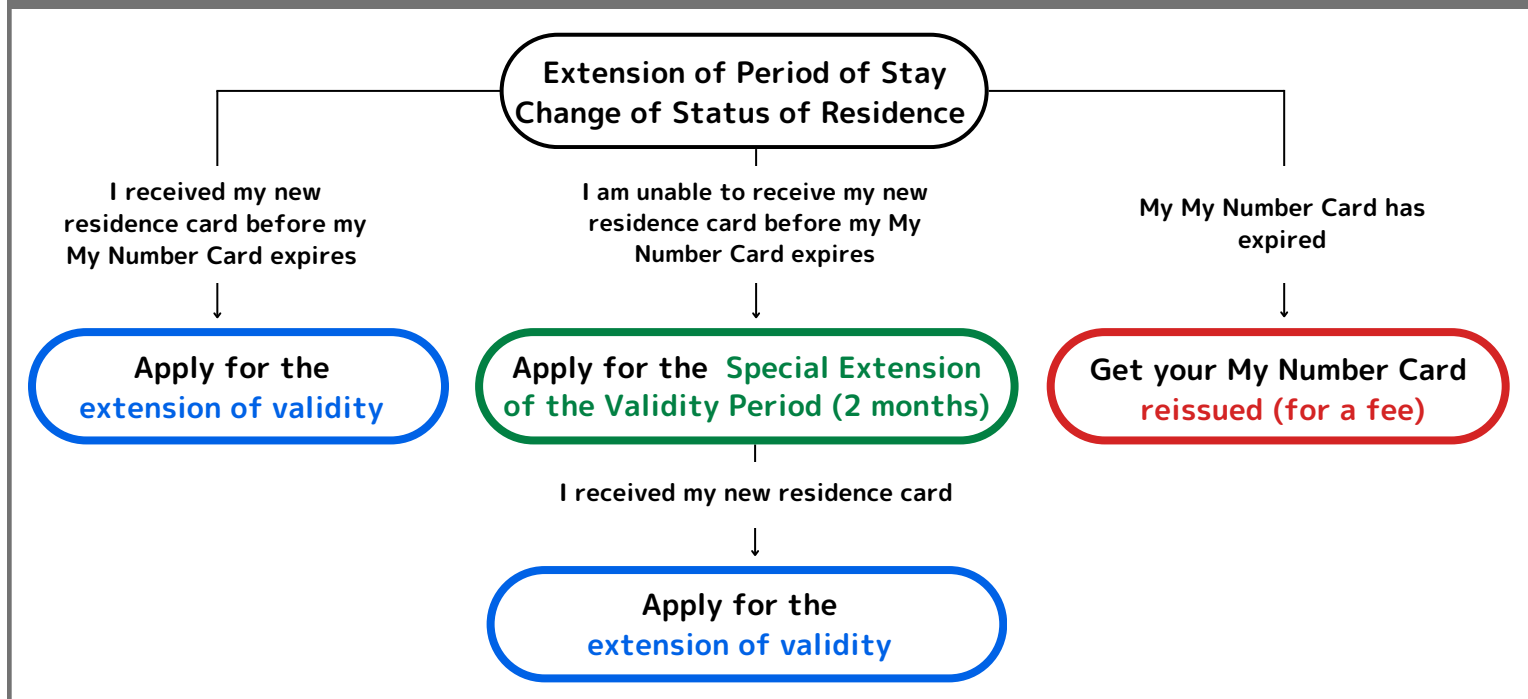
*When applying for the Special Extension, you must show that you have already applied for an 'extension of the period of stay' or 'change of residence status'. (i.e. ① your residence card with a stamp saying "applying for an extension of the period of stay" in the bottom right corner on the back of the card, or ② the completion email you received when you applied online for a renewal of your period of stay, etc.)

If your My Number Card has already expired

Reissuing your My Number Card

If the validity of your My Number Card is not extended and it expires before you receive your new residence card, you will need to have it reissued. You will be charged a 1,000 yen fee for the procedure.

Process for extending the Validity Period of your My Number Card



Points to note

- For foreign residents of Japan with a fixed period of stay, the expiration date of the My Number Card is the same as the expiration date of their residence card (this excludes those with a status of Special Permanent Resident, Permanent Residents, or Highly-Skilled Professional (ii)).
- Foreign residents of Japan with a fixed period of stay will not receive a notification letter informing them that their My Number Card is about to expire.
- When you extend your period of stay or change your residence status, the new information is not automatically reflected on your My Number Card. You must apply separately to extend the validity period of your My Number Card.



References

[To Foreign Residents with a My Number card](#)
(Immigration Bureau HP)

Languages available: Japanese, English, Chinese (Simplified/Traditional), Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnamese



Did you know?

From December 2, 2024, current health insurance cards will no longer be issued and the system will shift to one where the My Number Card will be used as your insurance card. If you do not yet have a My Number Card, please obtain one and register it as a health insurance card.

*Health insurance cards still valid on December 2, 2024, will remain valid for a maximum of 1 year. Cards become void when they expire, or there is a change in insurer due to changing jobs or relocation.

