

Visa (resident status) flowchart for non-Japanese children

START

What is your visa (resident status)?

- PR: Permanent Resident (Eijusha) (永住者)
- Spouse/Child of Japanese (Nihonjin-no-haigushatou) (日本人の配偶者等)
- Long-term resident (Teijusha) (定住者)
- Spouse/Child of PR (Eijusha-no-haigushatou) (永住者の配偶者等)

You can engage in any type of work (no restriction on working activities*)

Points to note on PR application (永住申請) (*requirements gotten harder since May of 2019)

Am I eligible to apply for PR?

- My father/mother has been continuously staying in Japan for 10 years or longer
- We are granted "3-year/5-year visa/period of stay" (as shown in the residence cards)
- It's been 3 years or longer since getting married as a spouse
- I've been living in Japan for 1 year or longer as a dependent (and as a minor-age child)
- We follow the laws of Japan
- We pay taxes in time (resident taxes, etc.)
- Social insurance (pension and health insurance) has been paid in time (without delay) for the past 2 years (It takes about 1 year to receive a PR application result. Applicants with dependent visa need to be careful for overwork and follow the work hours permitted by the immigration office)

「Dependent (Kazoku-Taizai)」 (家族滞在) (Dependent children whose parent is on activity-based visa)
e.g. a company employee/director, cook, teacher/professor, engineer

Yes

Are you eligible to apply for PR (永住者)? (applying PR with parent(s))

No

Work

What to do after finishing high school? (Graduating from Japanese high school)

With **Dependent visa** you can work up to 28 hours per week if you obtain a permission to work part-time from the immigration office (official name: Application for permission to engage in activity other than that permitted under the status of residence previously granted/Shikakugai-katsudokyoku in Japanese) (資格外活動許可)

NEW !

You can change your visa (to work fulltime) if you graduate from a **Japanese high school**.



Conditions:

- You came to Japan by the age of 17 and finish **Japanese high school** (Evening high school/correspondence-course high school is included)

① Graduate from primary- school (shogakko), middle-school (chugakko), and high school (koko/koutougakko)

You can change your visa from "Dependent" (Kazoku Taizai) (家族滞在) to "**Long-Term Resident**" (Teijusha) (定住者) if you find a fulltime job with work contract
You can engage in any kind of work
You can work more than 28 hours per week by changing your visa to "Long-Term Resident"

② Graduate from middle school (chugakko) and high school (koko/koutougakko)
③ Graduate from high school (koko/koutougakko)

You can change your visa from "Dependent" (Kazoku Taizai) (家族滞在) to "**Designated Activities**" (Tokutei Katsudo) (特定活動) if you find a fulltime job with work contract
*You need your parent to be your guarantor.
You can engage in any kind of work. * (some exceptions apply)
You can work more than 28 hours per week by changing your visa to "Designated Activities"
*Please note that your working activity is designated with a piece of paper attached to your passport, and there are many kinds of activities specified with "Designated Activities" visa.

④ Enrolled in Japanese high school in the middle of school year

You can change your visa from "Dependent" (Kazoku Taizai) (家族滞在) to "**Designated Activities**" (Tokutei Katsudo) (特定活動) if you have Japanese proficiency (N2), find a fulltime job with work contract
*You need your parent to be your guarantor.
You can engage in any kind of work. * (some exceptions apply)
You can work more than 28 hours per week by changing your visa to "Designated Activities"

Study

University/College/ Professional Training College (Senmon Gakko)/ Specialized Training College (Senshu Gakko)

You can study with your "Dependent" visa

Do I need to change my visa if:
- My parents are returning home (to their home country)
- I need to apply for a scholarship

No

Continue studying with "Dependent" visa

Attention!

If you cannot find any visa that is applicable to the work you want to engage in the future, you **may consider changing your visa to those visas granted to those who finish Japanese high school** (as shown above)

Yes

Change visa to "**Student**" (留学)

Graduate from University/College/ Professional Training College (Senmon Gakko)/ Specialized Training College (Senshu Gakko)
Now I want to start "**Working**"
You need to confirm the visa(resident status) applicable to you
Resident status varies depending on the work you engage

You want to be a cook, beautician, makeup artist, animator, nursery/kindergarten teacher, voice actor, manufacturer/creator
(Note) Depending on the type of the work you want to engage, you **may not be able to change your visa** to "Engineer/Specialist in Humanities/International Services" (技術・人文知識・国際業務) even if you graduate from a university/college/professional training college

Company director/Startup → "**Business Manager**" (経営・管理)
You need capital fund and management skill

Certified care worker (Kaigo Fukushima) → "**Nursing Care**" (介護)
You need to pass the national exam

System engineer, accounting, translator/interpreter, trading "**Engineer/Specialist in Humanities/International Services**" (技術・人文知識・国際業務)
For those who graduated from university/college/professional training college with expertise/skills

Work that requires Japanese language proficiency → "**Designated Activities**" (item-46) (特定活動46号)
For those who graduated from Japanese university/graduate school and passed Japanese-language proficiency test N1
To engage in a job that requires Japanese proficiency (Japanese skill required for the job) with work duties relating to what you have studied at school.
e.g. Restaurant, hotel, taxi driver, factory work

Graduate from professional training school (senmon gakko) for cooking/pastry making/baking bread → "**Designated Activities**" (特定活動)
You can work at a hotel or restaurant as a cook/pastry chef
Please note that this is available only for those who graduate from a specially-assigned "professional training schools"
(Also note that this "Designated Activities" visa is granted up to 5 years)

To work in industries facing shortage of skilled workers → "**Specified Skilled Worker**" (Tokutei Gino) (特定技能)
(Construction, manufacturing, restaurant, accommodation/hospitality, nursing care industries)
You need to pass the following:
① Skills exam ② Japanese language test (Japan Foundation Test for Basic Japanese or Japanese Language Proficiency Test N4 or higher)
*Important note: "Specified Skilled Worker-(i)" visa is issued on an annual basis and up to 5 years
*You cannot apply for PR with this visa