

## The Foreign Resident Registration System Will Change on July 9

### **Main Changes**

#### **Residence Records (*Juminhyo*) Will Also Be Created for Foreigners**

Under the new system, for example, households with both Japanese and foreigners will be able to obtain a copy of their residence records that includes every member of the household.

#### **Persons for Whom Residence Records Will Be Made**

Foreigners residing in Japan for medium to long durations (not temporary visitors, such as tourists) that have an address in Japan and fall under one of the categories below are eligible:

- **Medium to long-term residents (recipients of residence cards)**

This refers primarily to persons whose status of residence is “spouse or child of a Japanese national,” “long-term resident,” “engineer,” “specialist in humanities/international services,” “student,” and “permanent resident.”

Residence records will not be made for anyone whose period of stay is three months or less, regardless of their status of residence. In addition, residence records will not be made for anyone whose status of residence is “short-term stay,” “diplomat,” or “official.”

- **Special permanent residents**
- **Persons granted landing permission for temporary refuge or permission for a provisional stay in Japan**
- **People in a transitional period without status of residence (i.e., babies born in Japan or persons who have renounced Japanese citizenship)**

#### **The Procedure for Moving In and Out of Municipalities Will Change**

You will have to officially notify Katsushika City when you intend to move to another city in Japan. After you submit the notification, you will receive a certificate verifying that you are moving out. Please bring the certificate and the residence cards or special permanent resident certificates of everyone in your household when you register in your new city.

#### **Residence Cards and Special Permanent Resident Certificates Will Be Issued Instead of Alien Registration Cards**

Medium- to long-term residents will receive residence cards, and special permanent residents will receive special permanent resident certificates. Please see the table that lists the replacement period for residence cards.

For a fixed period of time, your current alien registration card will serve as a residence card or special permanent resident certificate.

### Procedure for Switching to a Residence Card

Status of Residence	Procedure for Switching	Where to Apply
Permanent resident	Apply within three years of July 9 to switch to a residence card	Immigration Bureau
Persons other than permanent residents	You can switch to a residence card when you change your status of residence or renew your period of residence	Immigration Bureau

Persons who do not qualify to receive a residence card (persons without a status of residence, persons whose status of residence is “short-term stay,” and persons whose period of residence is three months or less) should return their alien registration card to the Immigration Bureau.

### **If You Have Not Registered Your Move or Extended Your Period of Residence, Please Do So Immediately**

Residence records will be created on the basis of your foreign resident registration information. A copy of your provisional residence record will be sent to you around May. If you have moved to a new address but have not notified city hall yet, it may not be possible to confirm your address, and your residence record may not be created.

Also, if you have not extended your period of residence or updated your status of residence because you have not completed the necessary procedures at the Immigration Bureau or city hall, please complete the necessary procedures immediately.

We would like to ask everyone to help us make the transition to the new system as smooth as possible.

#### Inquiries

##### Inquiries regarding Residence Cards

Immigration Bureau Website

[www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact\\_1/en/index.html](http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/en/index.html)

Immigration Information Center

(Weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.)

Tel: 0570-013904 (for IP phones, PHS, and calls from overseas, please dial 03-5796-7112)

##### Inquiries regarding Residence Records

Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications Website

[www.soumu.go.jp/main\\_sosiki/jichi\\_gyousei/c-gyousei/zairyu\\_english.html](http://www.soumu.go.jp/main_sosiki/jichi_gyousei/c-gyousei/zairyu_english.html)