

① Japan System for Special Highly-Skilled Professionals (J-Skip)

1 Status of residence

Regardless of the point system, if your **academic background or professional career and annual income** are at least the following levels, you will be granted a “Highly-Skilled Professional (i)” .

a. Advanced Academic Research Activities

(University professors, researchers, etc.)

- Persons with a master’s degree or higher and an annual income of 20 million yen or more
- Persons with more than 10 years of work experience and an annual income of 20 million yen or more

b. Advanced Specialized/ Technical Activities

(Engineers working in companies, etc.)

c. Advanced Business/Management Activities

(Corporate executives, etc.)

- Persons with more than 5 years of professional career and an annual income of 40 million yen or more

After Entering Japan

status of residence “Highly-Skilled Professional” (i) ^{1 year} → (ii)
(※difference in preferential treatment depending on the classification)

2 Additional preferential treatment

In addition to the points-based preferential treatment, you can receive the following expanded preferential treatment:

- If the annual household income is 30 million yen or more, it is possible to employ up to 2 foreign domestic workers. (No requirements for family circumstances, etc.(※))
- In addition to the activities corresponding to the status of residence of “Researcher” , “Instructor” , “Engineer/Specialist in Humanities/International Services” and “Entertainer” , spouses are allowed to work more than 28 hours a week for the activities corresponding to the status of residence of “Professor” , “Artist” , “Religious Activities” , “Journalist” and “Skilled Labor” , even if they do not meet the requirements such as background.
- You can take advantage of priority lanes at the immigration checkpoint of large airports, etc.

※ You are not required to have a child under the age of 13 or a spouse who is unable to engage in daily housework due to illness, etc., or are not required to continue to employ a domestic worker who has been continuously employed in a foreign country for more than one year.

② Japan System for Future Creation Individual Visa (J-Find)

Target : Those who meet all of the following 3 requirements

1. Graduated from a university ranked in the top 100 in two or more out of the three world university rankings (*1), or conferred a degree or professional degree after completing a graduate course at one of those universities
2. Within 5 years after graduation
3. Possession of 200,000 yen for living expenses at the beginning of stay

Granted a status of residence “Designated Activities” (J-Find)

Activities

Maximum period of stay is 2 years (renewal required every 1 year or 6 months) (*2)

Job hunting

Start-up preparation activities

Employment to supplement the funds necessary to carry out the above activities

Spouse/Child

Spouse and children to be supported are granted a status of residence of “Designated Activities” (spouse of J-Find, etc.) and can accompany. In addition, permission to engage in an activity other than those permitted by the status of residence previously granted is required for the spouse or children to be employed.

(*1) (1) QS World University Rankings published by Quacquarelli Simons, (2) THE World University Rankings published by The Times, (3) Academic Ranking of World Universities published by Shanghai Ranking Consultancy

(*2) It means maximum period of stay is a total of 2 years, including past stays using similar programs such as Designated Activities (Continued Job Hunting), the Project to Promote Foreign National Entrepreneurial Activities, the Project for Facilitation of Acceptance of Foreign Entrepreneurs in National Strategic Special Zones, Designated Activities (Start-up Activities after Graduation), etc.