

Eligibility to take the skills exams and tests to measure the Japanese proficiency of specified skilled workers

Foreign nationals who are mid to long-term residents (*) or those who previously resided in Japan as a mid to long-term resident are eligible to take the skills exams and tests to measure the Japanese proficiency of specified skilled workers (hereinafter referred to as “exams and tests”) which are held in Japan except for those who fall under any of the following items. Even if those falling under any of the following items take the exams and tests held in Japan and pass, they will not be treated as successful examinees under the Japanese immigration procedures.

- I International students who have been dismissed or expelled from school.
- II Technical intern trainees who have disappeared from the organizations implementing technical intern training.
- III Persons residing in Japan with the status of residence of “Designated Activities (application for refugee recognition)”
- IV Persons residing in Japan with the following status of residence and who currently are engaged in activities based on the deliberated plan:
 - A) Status of residence of “Technical Intern Training”
 - B) Status of residence of “Trainee”
 - C) Status of residence of “Designated Activities (Human Resource Development Program for International Promotion of Japanese cuisine)”
 - D) Status of residence of “Designated Activities (International Promotion Program of Traditional Cuisine)”
 - E) Status of residence of “Designated Activities (Domestic Acceptance of Employees from Overseas Subsidiaries in the Manufacturing Industry)”
 - F) Status of residence of “Designated Activities (Internship)”
 - G) Status of residence of “Designated Activities (Projects to Encourage Foreign Entrepreneurs to Start a Business)”
 - H) Status of residence of “Business Manager (Program to Promote Start-ups)”

(*) In further detail, mid to long-term residents refer to foreign nationals who do not come under any of the following items (1) through (4), and who have been issued with a residence card.

- (1) Persons granted permission to stay for 3 months or less.
- (2) Persons granted the status of residence of “Temporary Visitor”.
- (3) Persons granted the status of residence of “Diplomat” or “Official”.
- (4) Persons stipulated by an Ordinance of the Ministry of Justice as being equivalent to the foreign nationals mentioned above.