

(1) Confirm your residence status

Foreign nationals must have an appropriate residence status to work in Japan.

Your residence status is written on your “residence card.” (Please refer to “1. Procedures for living in Japan (1) Residence procedures” regarding residence cards.)

Your residence status determines what activities you are allowed engage in and for how long.

When you look for a job in Japan, you first need to confirm whether your residence status allows you to work.

If you earn any income from work that is not allowed by your residence status, you will be subject to being charged with “working illegally.”

If you would like to get a job that is not allowed by your residence status, you must first obtain permission to engage in an activity other than what is permitted (“*shikakugai katsudo kyoka*”) from the Immigration Bureau.

If you need to prove your eligibility to your prospective employer for a certain job due to your residence status, you may apply for a certificate of authorized employment (“*shuro shikaku shomeisho*”) at the Immigration Bureau.

★Where to make enquiries regarding residence matter:

Immigration Information Center for Foreign Nationals

TEL: 0570-013904 (03-5796-7112)

<http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/english/info/index.html>