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## **Application procedure**

### **About Specified Skilled Workers scheme**

At the 197<sup>th</sup> Diet Session, “A bill to partially amend Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act and the Act for Establishment of the Ministry of Justice” was passed. The bill was officially announced on 14 December, 2018 and Japan started accepting foreigners with specified skills from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019.

In order to clarify the interpretation of laws and regulations regarding this system and points to keep in mind when operating the system, GoJ has published the "Operational Guidelines for Accepting Foreigners with Specified Skills".

- [“Operational Guidelines for Accepting Foreigners with Specified Skills” \(JPN only\)](#)  
(the guideline can be downloaded from the link)

### **Residency Applications for Foreigners with Specified Skills**

Residency applications from foreign persons who wish to enter and live in Japan with the residential status of “Specified Skilled Worker” can be accepted at regional immigration offices.

For detail, please refer to following web pages.

- **For foreign persons who plan to enter Japan**
  - [Applying for a certificate of eligibility](#) (Applications and other formats can be downloaded from the link)
- **For foreign persons who already have residency in Japan and who wish to change their residential status to SSW**
  - [Applying to change the residential status](#) (You can download application forms and other materials from the link)
- **Foreign persons who are already residing in Japan with SSW status and who wish to extend the period of stay**
  - [Applying to extend the period of stay](#) (You can download application forms and other materials from the link)

### **Application for registration (renewal) as a registered support organization**

For those who wish to provide supports as registered support organization, application can be accepted at regional immigration offices and branch offices (except for airport branch offices).

For detail, please refer to the following links:

○ [How to file application to be a registered support organization](#) (Application and other forms can be downloaded from the link)

○ [Applying to renew the registration as the registered support organization](#) (Application and other forms can be downloaded from the link)

How to obtain approval as application agent

Employees of registered support organizations are required to obtain prior approval from the Director-General of the Regional Immigration Office before filing various applications for residence pertaining to foreign nationals with specified skills.

**For detail, please refer to the following links:**

○ [Applying to be application agent](#) (Application and other forms can be downloaded from the link)