

## 2. Right after arriving in Japan

### 2-1 Receiving your Residence Card

All foreign nationals entering and staying in Japan over 90 days are given a status of residence and are allowed to engage in activities permitted under that status of residence. Your period of stay in Japan is also determined by your status of residence. Besides having a seal of landing verification stamped in their passports, a residence card will be issued at Narita, Haneda, Chubu, and Kansai Airports to mid- to long-term residents who have landing permission in Japan. If you land at any other port of entry, the seal of landing verification will be stamped in the passport and a residence card will be issued and mailed to a mid- to long-term resident after completion of the residency procedure at the municipal office of the city/town/village. In this case, the residence card will be mailed by the Regional Immigration Office to the reported place of residence.



	Visa	Status of Residence / Visa status
<b>What:</b>	A visa is a recommendation issued by Japanese diplomatic offices overseas and does not guarantee the entry of its beholder into Japan.	All foreigners receive a status of residence when entering Japan. It is the status for your activity in Japan. The status is given to you at the time of your immigration inspection.
<b>Who:</b>	Jurisdiction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Japanese Embassies and Consulates)	Jurisdiction of the Ministry of Justice (Regional Immigration Bureau)
<b>Where:</b>	Affixed to your passport after your application to a Japanese diplomatic office overseas.	Indicated on a landing permission stamp affixed to your passport and on your residence card.
<b>Important:</b>	If your visa is not a multiple entry visa, your visa loses its effect once you enter Japan on the visa	If you no longer engage in the permitted activity, your status of residence loses its effect before it expires.

**Regardless of whether or not you are carrying your passport, you are required to always carry your residence card with you and to present it to an immigration inspector, immigration control officer, police officer or other officials if such official asks you to present your residence card.**  
**If you do not have your residence card on you or do not present it, you may receive a penalty.**

#### 【Important Notice!】

There are some cases where the Minister of Justice may revoke the status of residence.

One of the cases is if you have failed to continue to engage in the primary activity corresponding to that status “Student” for three months or more.

For more details, please access to the immigration bureau website.

< Revocation of Status of Residence > <http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/english/tetuduki/zairyuu/torikeshi.html>

< Immigration Bureau Japan: Q&A (Q9) > <http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/english/tetuduki/zairyuu/qa.html>