

April 17, 2020
Immigration Services Agency

Regarding employment support for Technical Intern Trainees, etc. who have been let go, etc. due to effects of COVID-19 and are unable to continue their training

Due to the effects of COVID-19, some Technical Intern Trainees and Specified Skilled Workers have been let go, etc. and are facing difficulty continuing training. In order to provide support to maintain the employment of said intern trainees, etc. in Japan, the Immigration Services Agency of Japan will collaborate with relevant ministries and agencies to support the re-employment of said Trainees in the specified industrial fields, and, provided the applicant meets certain conditions, allow permission to change status of residence to “Designated Activities.”

【Target】

Technical Intern Trainees and Specified Skilled Workers who have been let go, etc. due to effects of COVID-19 and are unable to continue training, work.

*Consult local immigration bureau for more details.

【Status of Residence · Period of Stay】

Designated Activities (Work permitted) · Maximum of 1 year

【Approved Activities】

Activities performed at accepting organization to acquire skills necessary for work as a Specified Skilled Worker

Specific activities are stipulated as follows.

Activities engaged in under contract with the below Japanese public or private organization in order to obtain the skills (limited to those which can be proven through examination) listed in the right-hand column under “Specified Skilled Worker” of Appended Table I (2) of the Ministerial Order to Provide for Criteria Pursuant to Article 7, paragraph (1), item (ii) of the Immigration Control and Refugee Act (Ministry Justice Order No. 16 of May 24, 1990.)

Name of Corporate Body: ○○○ Co., Ltd.
(Head Office Address ○○ Prefecture ○○ City ○○ Town 00-00 No.00)

【Conditions】

- A) The Applicant pursuing work under these special measures must receive no less compensation than a Japanese national would receive for comparable work.
- B) The Applicant must wish to obtain the skills necessary to work as a Specified Skilled Worker at the Accepting Organization, (limited to those Applicants who wish to work in a specified field which requires passing a technical examination.)

Regarding Manufacturing Industry Category 3 (Machine Parts and Tooling Industry, Industrial Machine Manufacturing Industry, Electrical/Electronic Information Related Manufacturing Industry), approval is limited to individuals let go from their job or technical training position who were already working or training in the related field.
- C) The Accepting Organization must wish to employ the Applicant after understanding that the Applicant wishes to obtain the skills necessary for work as a Specified Skilled Worker.
- D) The Accepting Organization must be expected to fairly employ the Applicant (Have experience in hiring foreign nationals (those with working visas or permission to engage in activities outside of approved residence status), and have obeyed immigration and labor laws, etc.)
- E) The Accepting Organization must be expected to secure a supervisor and to properly provide the instruction necessary for the Applicant to obtain the skills necessary for work as a Specified Skilled Worker, as well as the support necessary for daily life (including providing contact information for consultations with relevant administrative organizations, and if necessary, accompanying the Applicant to said organizations.)

(NOTE) Regarding support, it is also possible for the support to be provided by either the Applicant's former supervising organization, or the Registered Support Organization that the Accepting Organization plans to commission upon the Applicant's shift to Specified Skilled Worker.
- F) The Accepting Organization must promptly report to the Regional Immigration Bureau if it becomes difficult to hire the Applicant.