

Post-Graduation Status of Residence: 'Designated Activities'

When international students who are enrolled in Okayama University as regular students want to continue looking for employment in Japan after graduation, the status of residence must be changed from 'College Student' to 'Designated Activities.' If the application is accepted the applicant is allowed to stay in Japan after graduation for 6 months. The period of stay may be renewed only once for a maximum total extension period of one year. In addition, if you have been engaged in entrepreneurial activities during your studies and wish to continue doing so after graduation, you are allowed to stay in Japan for up to two years after graduation to continue your entrepreneurial activities under certain requirements, please check this URL for details.

(<https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/applications/status/designatedactivities14.html>)

International students MUST understand that they cannot continue seeking employment in Japan with a 'College Student' visa after they have graduated. By definition they are no longer 'College Student.' In addition, when applying for a change in status of residence, International students require a recommendation from Okayama University.

***No applications for a Recommendation from the university will be accepted after the graduation. Please apply and obtain it BEFORE the graduation day.**

[Required documents to apply for a change of Status of Residence]

- Application form for Change of Status of Residence
 - Photo (4cm×3cm) • Passport
 - Resident card (or Alien Registration Certificate)
 - Documents certifying that the applicant can defray expenses incurred during the extended stay in Japan
 - Certificate of Graduation
 - Recommendation from the university
 - Documents certifying that the applicant will continue job-hunting
 - Certificate for payment of fee: 4,000yen (revenue stamp: available at SEIKYO 'co-op' or post office)
- *Additional document may be required at the discretion of the immigration authorities.

[Recommendation Letter]

The Recommendation letter from the university is issued at the International Affairs Department.

A further set of procedures and documents are required to obtain a Recommendation letter from the university.

The application must be submitted to the International Affairs Department **BEFORE** the graduation.

Please note that all the submitted documents will not be returned, so that you have to photocopy them prior to the submission.

- The signature and seal of applicant's supervisor are required on the application.
- Documents certifying that the applicant can defray all the expenses incurred during the extended stay in Japan such as a bankbook copy or a Certificate of the deposit balance of the applicant's bank account, etc.
- Certificate of expected graduation date. • Copy of Residence Card (both side)
- Documents certifying that the applicant is continuing their job hunting. (**shows continuous job search over multiple months during the school year.**)

*If you can not provide them, you need to obtain the letter stating the reasons by your supervisor with their signature and consult with the immigration office by yourself.

[Attention]

- Documents certifying that an applicant is continuing their job hunting are ; the visit records to the Career Development Center, HelloWork (Public employment security office), companies, having interviews etc... (**Please note that attending job fair and seminar is not accepted as job hunting.**)
- Applications may be rejected if the applicants are looking for employment outside of the major field of their course of study. Therefore, looking for employment outside of an applicant's field of study is NOT considered looking for employment.
- Successful applicants for a change of status of residence must submit monthly reports on their employment search to the International Student Office by the 10th of each month. Individuals who fail to submit monthly employment search reports will not receive a recommendation from the university for the second extension to their visa.
- Applicants who have changes in their contact information, who will leave Japan, or who have found employment, please inform the International Student Office immediately.