

## **Status of residence and period of stay**

When a person of foreign nationality enters Japan, they are given a status of residence and a period of stay is decided. This status and period are then indicated on the individual's passport.

An application is required when an individual is involved in activities beyond those of their status or stays in the country longer than the permitted period of stay.

If these conditions are not obeyed, the individual may be punished or forcibly deported.

### **Status of residence**

The status of residence is the status given by the immigration officer on entering the country in accordance with one's reason for entering the country and reason for staying in the country. Foreign nationals are allowed to be involved in activities within those defined by the status held.

### **Period of stay**

The period of stay is defined according to each status of residence. Foreign nationals are allowed to stay in Japan only for a period within the period of stay.

Staying in Japan longer than the period of stay is not permitted.

## **Enquiries**

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