

Multilingual Living Information



A New Residency Management System & Resident Registration System for Foreign Residents (*Information for after July 9, 2012)

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1-2 Procedures at port of entry

At the port of entry, when you have been granted a new landing permit as a mid- to long-term resident, you will be issued a Residence Card. However, for the time being, the Residence Card will be issued only at 4 airports: Narita, Haneda, Chubu and Kansai. If you have been issued a Residence Card and your residence in Japan has been decided, you should take the Card to the municipal office of the district where your residence is and make a notification of your residence address at the office.

If a Residence Card is not issued at the port of entry, and 'Residence Card will be issued at a later date' has been stamped on your passport and your residence in Japan has been decided, you should take your passport to the municipal office of the district of your residence and make a notification of your address. Your Residence Card will be sent to you later by registered post to the address you have registered..

1-3 Procedures at the municipal office

If your present residence address is not written on your Residence Card, you should bring it to the municipal office of the district of your residence and have the office write your address on the card. If you move to another city, ward, town, etc., you should go to the municipal office of your former address and make a report of your move out, and go to the municipal office of the district of your new address and make a report of moving in. If you present your Residence Card when you make a notification of moving in to a new address (if you move to an address in the same municipality, a notification of a change in address (tenkyo todoke)) at the municipal office, this will mean that the notification of change in address (jukyochi no henko todokede) has been simultaneously made to the Immigration Bureau.

