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

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1-5 Please note

(1) Legal obligation to make a notification

You are legally bound to notify the Immigration Bureau (Regional Immigration Office) of any matter upon which your residence status is based. These matters must be reported within 14 days. If they are not reported within this period, you are liable to be penalized by law.

Persons holding a working resident status are obliged to report when they change their place of employment. Persons married to a Japanese national or permanent resident, or those who as a spouse reside as dependant of a person involved in designated activities must report separation either by divorce or by death. Notification of your address must be made at the municipal office of where you live. (Refer to [5-2 notifications related to circumstances of residence](#))

(2) Legal obligation to carry your Residence Card at all times

Since the Residence Card must be carried at all times, you must have it with you even if you are in possession of your passport. If a police officer or immigration officer asks you to show your Residence Card, you must do so. If you fail to carry or refuse to show your card, you will be liable to be penalized by law.

(3) Reasons for revocation of status of stay, reasons for forceful repatriation, penalization

Related to (1) and (2) above, below are listed new reasons for revocation of status of stay, reasons for forceful repatriation and penalties.

Regarding the crime of encouraging illegal employment, an employer, even if they are unaware of illegal employment activities of their employee, will be punished for negligence.

Newly added reasons for revocation of status of stay

[1] Illegally acquiring a Special Permission to Stay in Japan

[2] When a person staying in Japan as a spouse with a (Spouse or Child of a Japanese National, etc.), (Spouse or Child of a Permanent Resident) status of stay has failed to continue to engage in the activities of a person with the status of spouse for over 6 months while residing in Japan

* Regarding examples of when a status of stay is not revoked when there are justifiable reasons for a person with the status of spouse not engaging in spousal activities, etc.

http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/info/120703_01.html

[3] When there are no justifiable reason for not having registered one's address, or when a false registration has been made.

* Regarding examples when a status of stay is not revoked when there are justifiable reasons for not having registered one's address, etc.

http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/info/120703_02.html



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Newly added reasons for forceful repatriation

[1] Forgery, etc. of a Residence Card

[2] When one has been sentenced to imprisonment or a more severe penalty for fraudulent registration, etc.

* Even if an employer not aware that the foreign employee is working illegally, they will be punished for negligence, etc. for not confirming if the foreign employee has a working status of stay.

If the employer is a foreign national, it should be noted that the crime of encouraging illegal employment is liable to be penalized by forceful repatriation.

Newly added penalization

[1] Making fraudulent or illegal notifications of any of the notifications required for mid- to long-term residents, or for the illegal receipt, possession or not showing the Residence Card

[2] Forgery, etc. of the Residence Card

■ References:

Ministry of Justice, Immigration Bureau

'To all foreign nationals residing in Japan - Beginning on Monday, July 9, 2012, Start of a new residency management system!'

[http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/pdf/NewResidencyManagementSystem-\(EN\).pdf](http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/pdf/NewResidencyManagementSystem-(EN).pdf)

