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#### 1-4 Alien registration card

When you register as an alien, you will be issued with an alien registration card within around 2-4 weeks. Persons under the age of 16 are issued with this card on the day of registration. Your alien registration card is proof of your identity in Japan. All persons over the age of 16 must carry their alien registration card with them at all times.

#### Alien registration card



**Alien registration card**

- Date when landing permission was granted  
The date when permission to land at an airport or seaport was granted is printed here.
- Status of residence  
Shows whether the foreigner has been granted any form of landing permission/status of residence whatsoever under immigration law.
- Period of stay  
The period during which you can stay in Japan is stated in Japan. If you continue to stay over this period, you will be regarded as overstaying.
- The deadline for undertaking procedures for renewal of alien registration is stated here. It does not indicate your period of stay.

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### Alien registration card with no status of residence

What does  
“no status of residence”  
on an alien registration card mean?

Quick  
explanation



Even foreigners who are considered to be illegal residents (such as those illegal residents who have continued to stay in Japan after their period of stay has already expired, and those illegal residents who have entered Japan through improper means such as illicit entry or invalid passports) are required under the Alien Registration Act to register as aliens under the immigration laws, and must carry with them at all times the alien registration card which will be issued when they apply for this registration. In these circumstances, the alien registration card will state **No status of residence** in large red letters, in order to show that the person has no confirmed status of residence (See the photograph on the left).

Illegal residents whose status of residence has not been confirmed may not take part in any kind of labor whatsoever, and must immediately take out designated procedures under immigration law.

“No status of residence” is printed on the alien registration card (enlarged)  
Engagement in labor is prohibited.

Source: Immigration Bureau, Ministry of Justice “Immigration control instructions” pamphlet