

# LIVING GUIDE MORIOKA

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## A new residency management system will start on July 9, 2012.

A new residency management system aims to keep necessary information seamlessly for managing the residency of foreign nationals, and ensure further convenience for those foreign nationals who are residing legally in Japan. What exactly is the new residency management system?

### < Four major changes of the new residency management system >

The new residency management system will be applied to all foreign nationals residing legally in Japan for the mid- to long-term. Another new system will be applied to special permanent residents.

#### ① "A resident card" will be issued in place of an alien registration certificate

• A resident card will be issued to mid- to long-term residents when granted permission pertaining to residence, such as landing permission, permission for change of resident status and permission for extension of the period of stay.

• The resident card has a "valid period".

	Aged 16 or over	Under the age of 16
Permanent residents	7 years from the date of issuance	Until the foreign national's 16th birthday
Persons other than permanent residents	Expiration date of the period of stay	Expiration date of the period of stay or the foreign national's 16th birthday, whichever comes earlier of

#### ② The period of stay will be extended to a maximum of 5 years

• By changing the maximum period of stay to "5 years," the period of stay set for each resident status will be modified as shown below.

Major resident status	Period of stay (Those in bold are new)
Employment status	<b>5 years</b> , 3 years, 1 year, <b>3 months</b>
"Student"	<b>4 years and 3 months</b> , <b>4 years, 3 years and 3 months</b> , <b>3 years, 2 years and 3 months</b> , 2 years, 1 year and 3 months, 1 year, 6 months, <b>3 months</b>
"Spouse or Child of Japanese National""Spouse or Child of Permanent	<b>5 years</b> , 3 years, 1 year, <b>6 months</b>

#### ③ The re-entry permit system will be changed - A special re-entry system will be introduced -

• Foreign nationals in possession of a valid passport and resident card who exit and subsequently want to re-enter Japan within 1 year of their departure from Japan will, in principle, not be required to apply for a re-entry permit. This is called "a special re-entry permit."

• If you depart with a usual re-entry permit, the upper limit of the valid period for the re-entry permit will be extended from 3 years to 5 years.

#### ④ The alien registration system will be abolished

• "The alien registration certificate" will be deemed, for a certain period, equivalent to the resident card after the start of the new residency management system. Therefore, mid- to long term residents are asked to keep their alien registration certificates until a resident card is issued.

• If you are a permanent resident, you will be required to apply for a resident card, in principle, within 3 years from the start of the new residency management system.

If you are a foreign national other than a permanent resident, you will generally receive your resident card when granted permission for an extension of the period of stay or other permission after the start of the new system.

For detailed information, please refer to the website of Immigration Bureau of Japan (available in Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish and Portuguese)

URL ⇒ [http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newinniact\\_1/](http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newinniact_1/)



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Q. After the start of the new system, where can I take necessary procedures?

A. Concerning the place of residence, please notify the city office of Morioka, and concerning other changes or examination of resident status, please visit the Morioka branch of Sendai Immigration Bureau.



Please take note of the following procedures which will start **on July 9, 2012.**

### < Procedures at the city office of Morioka >

● **The Alien Registration Law will be abolished and foreign residents (mid- to long term residents) will be subject to the Basic Resident Registration Law**

- A description certificate of the Alien Registration card will be replaced with a resident record.
- Multinational households (family composed of Japanese and non-Japanese individuals) will be able to get a certificate of residence (a copy of the resident record, "jyumin-hyou") listing all members of the household.
- Morioka City will send Provisional Resident Records to the foreign nationals residing in Morioka City in May, 2012 so that they can confirm or correct their resident records.

● **Notification (Change) of place of residence**

▽ **Moving-in & out of Morioka City**

A mid- to long term resident who has changed his/her place of residence is asked to notify the new residence within 14 days of moving.

When you are moving out of Morioka city, visit the city office of Morioka and request for issuing your moving-out certificate at the change-of-address desk in advance.

< What to bring >

**When moving-in, moving-out or change of address within Morioka**

- Your resident card

**At new resident city/town office**

- Your resident card and moving-out certificate

☆ **Where to call**

- Morioka City Office, Resident Registration Division(1<sup>st</sup> floor) Phone:019-651-4111(ext. 2129 or 2133)
- Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) Telephone counseling services for foreigners in foreign languages (until March 30, 2012)  
Phone: 0570-066-630, (For IP telephone or PHS user: 048-610-8779)

☆ **Change-of-address desk**

Morioka City Office- Resident Registration Division, Tamayama Branch Office- Tax and Resident Division, Other offices of Morioka City



### < Procedures at the Morioka branch of Sendai Immigration Bureau >

● When you file any of the following notifications or applications, please be sure to take your passport, photo and resident card with you.

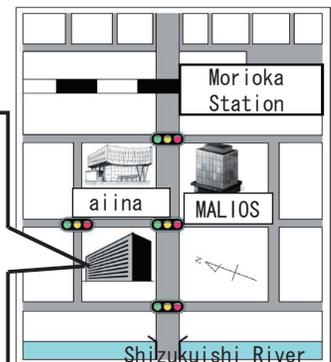
- ▽ notification of a change of name, date of birth, gender, nationality or region
- ▽ application for renewal of the validity period of the resident card
- ▽ application for re-issuance of a resident card

● When changes have been made to the matters required for your resident status, please bring your resident card. If you notify Tokyo Regional Immigration Bureau by mail, please enclose a copy of your resident card.

● **Examination of resident status**

A new resident card will be issued to a mid- to long term resident when a renewed period of stay, permission to change his/her resident status or a permanent resident permit is granted, or acquisition of resident status is admitted.

The Morioka branch of Sendai Immigration Bureau  
Phone: 019-621-1206  
(The Second Morioka Joint Government Building, 6<sup>th</sup> floor)



Morioka International Relations Association will hold a briefing session on the new residency management system. The person in charge will explain and answer your questions.  
Time: April 28, 2012 Saturday 13:30 ~ 15:00  
Place: Plaza Odette, The 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Main Conference Room  
Capacity: 50 seat (first-come-first-served basis)