

Procedural flow of the new residency management system

At ports of entry

Immigration examination

Besides having a seal of landing verification stamped in their passports, mid to long-term residents will be issued a residence card.

* A residence card will be issued only at Narita, Haneda, Chubu and Kansai Airports when the new system is enforced in July 2012. A mid to long-term resident, who newly enters Japan at a port except for the said four airports, will be sent his/her residence card by recorded delivery to the address of which

At municipal offices

Notification of (a change of) place of residence

By mail

A residence card will be issued at a later date
(At ports of entry other than the airports where residence cards issued)

At Regional Immigration Offices

Notification of (a change of) an item other than the place of

- Notification of a change of name, date of birth, gender, or nationality/region
- Application for updating the validity period of the residence card
(Permanent residents and those younger than 16 years old)
- Application for re-issuance of a residence card
(In case the residence card is lost, stolen, severely damaged or defaced)
- Notification concerning the organization to which the applicant belongs, or the spouse
(Those who reside with employment status or learning status such as "Student" status or with the status of spouse)

Examination of resident status

Mid to long-term residents will be issued with a residence card when granted permission for extension of the period of stay or permission for a change to resident status.