

Information for EPA Philippine Candidates

Procedures of application for renewal of period of residence

Based on the economic partnership agreement, nurse candidates / caregiver candidates those who have status of residence of “designated activities” are given a period of one year eligibility to stay in Japan.

Renewal of residence period should be processed by the following date.

- For the fourth batch candidates for “Kaigofukushishi” (Entered Japan in May 2012)
 - Apply for a renewal of the term of residence until 27th May 2015
 - (Candidates who were exempted from Japanese training are required to apply until 29th May 2015)
- For the fifth batch candidates for “Kangoshi” and “Kaigofukushishi” (Entered Japan in June 2013)
 - Apply for a renewal of the term of residence until 19th June 2015
 - (Candidates who were exempted from Japanese training are required to apply until 28th May 2015)
- For the sixth batch candidates for “Kangoshi” and “Kaigofukushishi” (Entered Japan in June 2014)
 - Apply for a renewal of the term of residence until 11th June 2015

Application can be done three months before the expiration of the authorized period of stay. Some documents required to be prepared by your accepting facilities, so please prepare well in advance. Please submit your application to your local immigration bureau (branch office, extension office).

Documents required for the application:

*Documents have to have been issued in less than 3 months.

1. Application for extension of period of stay

You can download the form from the below website of the Ministry of Justice .

(<http://www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/IMMIGRATION/16-3-1.html>)

Please use the form that can be downloaded under “16 Other purposes”. In addition, under this form, in section “17 Type of activity”, please be sure to check the box by “Nurse and Certified Careworker under EPA, Nurse and Certified Careworker Candidates under EPA, Certified Careworker Candidates.”

2. Photo (4cm x 3cm, without background)
3. Passport and Residence Card
4. Certificate of annual income and the amount of tax paid (to be prepared by your accepting facility). (Examples: imposed tax on residence tax (tax exempt) certificate and tax-paid certificate, or employees' withholding allowance certificate, only when you are not able to submit certificate of annual income at your first renewal)
5. Copy of employment certificate or employment contract (if you are going to submit an employment certificate, please ask the accepting facility to prepare it for you.)
6. A written document that states about the training, work details, place, tenure, and assessment of progress (to be prepared by your accepting facility).

If you neglect processing your application for the extension of period of residence before the expiration date, you will be considered as an illegal resident and will be forced to leave the country aside from being subjected to a punishment under the law. We have sent the same notice to all accepting institutions, so if there should be any problems or needs regarding the application, please ask their assistance in advance.