

Information for EPA Philippine Candidates
Procedures of Application for Extension of Period of Stay

Based on the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), candidates for nurse/caregiver living in Japan with Status of Residence “Designated Activities” will be given one year’s extension through Application for Extension of Period of Stay. When to apply for Extension of Period of Stay varies depending on at which Batch candidates belong.

(See below)

- For the seventh Batch candidates for “Kangoshi” and “Kaigofukushishi” (entered into Japan in June 3rd 2015)
- For the eighth Batch candidates for “Kangoshi” and “Kaigofukushishi” (entered into Japan in June 2nd 2016)
- For the ninth Batch candidates for “Kangoshi” and “Kaigofukushishi” (entered into Japan in June 7th 2017)

→Apply by **7th June 2018**

(Candidates who were exempted from Japanese training are required to apply by **20th July 2018**)

Application can be accepted three months prior to expiration date of Status of Residence. Some documents need to be prepared by applicants’ accepting facilities, therefore please arrange all the necessary paperwork properly in advance. Submission of application should be done at local Immigration Bureau, including Branch Offices and Extension Office.

Requirements:

*All the documents must be issued within three months at the time of application.

1. Application Form for Extension of Period of Stay

The form is downloadable from URL below;

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

Please use the form “16 Other purposes”. Also, for “Type of activity” in the section 17, please make 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. From accepting facilities: Certificate showing annual income and the amount of tax paid (“*Gensen Chosyu Hyo*”), only for those who will apply for extension for the first time (i.e. First-time applicants, who cannot submit ① and ② below)

From local city hall: ①Certificate of Residence Tax (“*Kazei/Hikazei Shomei Sho*”, stating either (i) How much Residence Tax will be imposed or (ii) No Residence Tax is imposed) and ②Tax Certificate (“*Nozei Shomei Sho*”, stating how much annual income was and how much tax has been paid in one year)

5. Copy of Employment Certificate or Employment Contract (if applicants are going to submit Employment Certificate, please ask accepting facilities to prepare for this)
6. Document summarizing description/details of the training, tasks, workplace, period of capacitation and assessment of progress for candidates (to be prepared by your accepting facility)

In case that applicants fail to submit Application for Extension of Period of Stay by expiration date, currently holding Status of Residence loses validity and cause illegal status, which can also lead to deportation from Japan. Therefore, it is of crucial importance that all EPA candidates should seek for help with accepting facilities in preparing necessary paperwork and consultation upon need.