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Based on information from the Immigration Services Agency

Guidelines for Permanent Residency - Legal Requirements (Simplified version)

① Demonstrate good moral character

You must obey the law and conduct your daily life in a manner that does not invite social criticism as a resident.

② Have sufficient assets or skills to maintain an independent livelihood

You must have the assets or skills needed to provide a stable living in the future without becoming a burden on the public.

③ Align with Japan's national interest

a. In principle, you must have been living in Japan continuously for more than 10 years.

b. You must have never been sentenced to a fine or imprisonment, and you must have properly fulfilled your public obligations.

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c. You must be residing in Japan with the maximum period of stay available for your current residence status.

Transitional measures: Until March 31, 2027, if you already hold a 3-year period of stay, you will continue to be treated as "residing with the maximum period of stay". From April 1, if you hold a 3-year period of stay as of March 31, 2027, you will be treated as "residing with the maximum period of stay" only for your first application for permanent residency under that status, and only if you receive the result of that application within that period of stay.

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d. Your current residence status must meet the landing permission criteria set forth in the Ministry of Justice ordinance.

f. You pose no risk of harm from a public health perspective.

If you are a Spouse or Child of either a Japanese national, a Permanent Resident, or a Special Permanent Resident, you are not required to comply with ① and ②. In addition, if you have been recognized as a Refugee, a Person Subject to Complementary Protection, or a Resettlement Refugee, you are not required to comply with ②.



For details on each requirement, points of note, and "Special Provisions Regarding the Principle of 10-year Residency," please check the Immigration Services Agency's website.

https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/applications/resources/nyukan_nyukan50.html