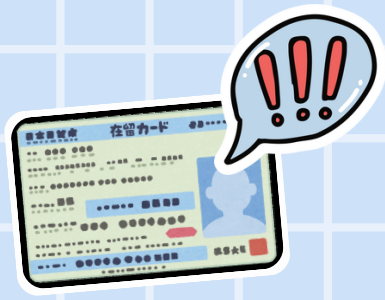
Starting April 15, 2026, additional supporting documents proving Japanese proficiency will be required for applications for the "Engineer, Specialist in Humanities, International Services" residence status.



Based on information from the Immigration Services Agency

For applications submitted on or after Wednesday, April 15, 2026, you will be required to submit the following additional supplementary documents if your affiliated organization (employer) falls under Category 3 or 4.

- **Declaration form regarding the representative of the affiliated organization (employer)**
- If you engage in interpersonal work using your language skills: **Documents proving that you have language skills equivalent to the CEFR B2 level in said language.**

NOTE: If you meet any of the following criteria, you will be considered to have Japanese language proficiency equivalent to CEFR B2.

- You have N2 level or higher on the JLPT
- You have achieved a score of 400 or higher on the BJT Business Japanese Proficiency Test
- You have resided in Japan as a mid-to-long-term resident for 20 years or longer
- You have graduated from a Japanese university
- You have completed either a specialized course or an advanced course at either a Japanese technical college or vocational school.
- You have completed compulsory education and graduated from high school in Japan

For more information about the required documents if your affiliated organization (employer) falls under Category 3 or 4, please see the Immigration Services Agency homepage.

https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/applications/status/gijinkoku.html

Inquiries

Sapporo Regional Immigration Services Bureau
(Main Office + 5 Branch Offices)

https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/about/region/sapporo/index.html

Consultation services are only available in Japanese. If you wish to consult in a language other than Japanese, please contact the Hokkaido Foreign Resident Support Center