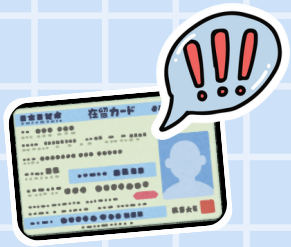
Starting June 14, 2026, the design of Residence Cards and Special Permanent Resident Certificates will change!



Based on information from the Immigration Services Agency official website.

Residence Cards and Special Permanent Resident Certificates issued on or after Sunday, June 14, 2026 will have a new design. See the Immigration Services Agency homepage for more details.



Current Residence Card



New Residence Card

What is a Residence Card?

https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/applications/procedures/whatzairyu_00001.html



Current Special Permanent Resident Certificate



New Special Permanent Resident Certificate

What is a Special Permanent Resident Certificate?

https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/applications/procedures/tetuduki_tokubetu_shomeisho_00001.html

Images taken from the Immigration Services Agency website.

POINTS TO NOTE REGARDING THE CHANGE

If your current Residence Card or Special Permanent Resident Certificate is still valid, you are not required to exchange it for the new design.

Your current Residence Card or Special Permanent Resident Certificate will remain valid until the expiration date shown, so you may continue to use it as a valid card/certificate. You will be issued the new design upon your next renewal.

The information printed on the Residence Card will change.

The following information will no longer be shown on the new Residence Card; instead, it will only be accessible via the IC chip.

・Period of Stay (e.g. 1 year, 3 years) ・Type of Permit ・Date of Permit ・Date of Issue

You can check the content of the IC chip using the “Residence Card Reader Application.” See the Immigration Services Agency Homepage for more details.

https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/applications/procedures/rcc-support.html

The period of validity will change for Special Permanent Resident Certificates and Residence Cards held by permanent residents.

Currently, a permanent resident’s Residence Card expires 7 years after the date of issuance. Under the new format, it will be valid until the cardholder’s 10th birthday after the date of issuance (or the 5th birthday for those under 18). Likewise, the current Special Permanent Resident Certificate is valid until the cardholder’s 7th birthday after issuance, but the new certificates will be valid until the 10th birthday after issuance.

Photographs will also be required for children aged 1 to 15.

Currently, photos are not displayed for those under the age of 16, but under the new format, they will appear on Residence Cards and Special Permanent Resident Certificates for all those aged 1 or older. The new requirements will apply starting from the next renewal or application, so please be sure to submit a photograph.