INTRODUCING THE SPECIFIED RESIDENCE CARD!

A card that combines the Residence Card and My Number Card into one!



This leaflet was created based on information from the Immigration Services Agency website.

On Sunday, June 14, 2026, the new Specified Residence Card system was launched, with applications for issuance being accepted as of Monday, June 15, 2026.

WHAT IS A SPECIFIED RESIDENCE CARD?

A Specified Residence Card is a residence card that has been modified to integrate the function of a My Number Card. In other words, this single card can perform the functions of both a residence card and a My Number Card.



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Images taken from the Immigration Services Agency website.

HOW CAN I APPLY FOR A SPECIFIED RESIDENCE CARD?

You cannot apply solely for the issuance of a Specified Residence Card - you must apply for the card at the same time that you complete another separate immigration-related procedure. **When** and **where** you apply will depend on which procedure you plan to complete.

WHERE TO APPLY:

REGIONAL IMMIGRATION BUREAU WITH JURISDICTION OVER YOUR ADDRESS*
Application for extension of period of stay
Application for change in residence status
Application for permanent residence
Application for extension of the validity period on the residence card
Notification of a change of an item on the residence card (other than address)
Application for reissuance of a residence card due to damage, etc.
Application for exchange of residence card

RELEVANT DEPARTMENT AT MUNICIPAL OFFICE FOR YOUR PLACE OF RESIDENCE
Notification of place of residence after newly landing in Japan
Notification of a change in place of residence
Notification of place of residence after a change in residence status, etc.

**For the time being, you cannot apply for the Specified Residence Card via the online residence application system. If you would like to apply for the Specified Residence Card when completing any of the procedures listed in the table on the left, you will need to visit the Regional Immigration Bureau in person.*

WHEN TO APPLY:

At the same time you complete any of the above procedures

If you have no upcoming immigration-related procedures that you need to complete, but you still want to apply for the Specified Residence Card, you can submit the "Application for exchange of residence card."

FEES

There are two types of fees: one related to the residence card function (paid to the Immigration Services Agency (ISA)) and one related to the My Number Card function (paid to the Japan Agency for Local Authority Information Systems (J-LIS)).

FEES PAID TO ISA — **1,900 yen** (If you use direct-shipping service: 2,600 yen)

FEES PAID TO J-LIS — **600 yen** (If you receive a Digital Certificate: 800 yen)

The amount of fees charged will vary depending on the individual. Please see the Immigration Services Agency website for more details.

POINTS TO NOTE

You are not required to apply for a Specified Residence Card.

Just like the My Number Card, applying for a Specified Residence Card is not mandatory.
You may continue to hold both a normal residence card and a separate My Number Card.

Applying for a Specified Residence Card does not guarantee you will be issued one.

Even if you apply for a Specified Residence Card, depending on your circumstances, you may be issued a normal residence card instead.

It takes at least around two weeks from the time of application to receive the Specified Residence Card.

Even if you have a Specified Residence Card, the My Number card function is only valid until the expiration date of your original period of stay.

Be sure to extend the period of validity of your My Number Card at your municipal office before your original period of stay expires. You can learn more in the multilingual leaflet linked below.

FAQ: How do I extend the validity period of the My Number Card?
https://www.hiecc.or.jp/soudan/info/detail.html?pid=1412358337535&cate=1

The information printed on the new 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

For more details, such as how to pay the fees, the application forms and required documents, FAQs, etc., please see the official Immigration Services Agency website.
https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/tokutei.html

Regarding the Specified Special Permanent Resident Certificate

If you are a Special Permanent Resident, you can similarly apply for a Specified Special Permanent Resident Certificate that integrates the My Number card function. See the Immigration Services Agency website for more details.
https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/tokutei_spc.html

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