Created based on information from the Immigration Services Agency homepage.

Q: I'm currently working at a Japanese company, and I am planning to apply to extend my period of stay for the first time. When can I apply?

A:

Applications can be submitted from three months before the expiration of your period of stay until the expiration date itself.

If permission is not granted before your period of stay expires, a 'special grace period' will apply, lasting until either permission is granted or two months have passed since the expiration date, whichever comes first. You may continue to reside in Japan under the same residence status during the 'special grace period'.



If you enter the 'special grace period', you may experience issues that could impact your daily life (see below for details.) In order to avoid such issues, it would be best to have the extension of your period of stay approved *before* you enter the 'special grace period'. So, rather than waiting until the end of your period of stay, try to apply for an extension at least 45 days before the expiration date.

ISSUES THAT COULD IMPACT DAILY LIFE DURING 'SPECIAL GRACE PERIOD'

- Your My Number Card or Specified Residence Card (functioning as a My Number Card) can no longer be used for identity verification or as an electronic certificate if you do not complete the procedures for the 'special extension of the validity period' in time.
- Until you submit a notification to your bank with your new residence card information, your bank transactions may be subject to restrictions (e.g., on withdrawing or sending money.)

Even if you apply to extend your period of stay early, there is no guarantee you will receive the results within your current period of stay (e.g., if you are missing some necessary documents). If the expiration date is approaching and you have not yet received your results, make sure to complete the procedure for the special extension of the validity period of your My Number Card or your Specified Residence Card (which functions as a My Number Card) before your period of stay expires.

REFERENCES

① Application for Extension of Period of Stay

The documents required when applying to extend your period of stay will vary depending on factors such as the type of residence status and your company's category. Please check the Immigration Services Agency website for details.

https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/applications/procedures/16-3.html

② FAQ: How do I extend the validity period of the My Number Card?

When you extend your period of stay and get a new residence card, your My Number Card does not automatically extend! You must apply for an extension of the validity period separately.

https://www.hiecc.or.jp/soudan/info/detail.html?pid=7530192337662&cate=1