

# ATTN: INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS GRADUATING THIS SPRING!



If you are planning to change to the **Specified Skilled Worker** (*tokuteigino*) residence status after graduating this spring, be sure to apply early!

## SUPPORT DESK FOR INT'L STUDENTS



The Regional Immigration Services Agency of Japan has a **consultation service** to help support international students with employment. If you need to consult regarding the Specified Skilled Worker residence status or would like them to review your application and necessary documents, **no appointments will be necessary** until **March, 31st 2020**. \*Necessary documents vary depending on your future employer, so please be sure to review the checklist before submitting.

## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR TAXES AND INSURANCE?

- ① National Tax (*kokuzei*)
- ② Local Tax (*chihozei*)
- ③ National Health Insurance Tax (*kokumin hoken ze*)
- ④ National Pension Plan Payments (*kokumin nenkin hokenryo*)



You will need to submit documents proving your payments of the four items listed above when applying for the new residence status.

If it becomes clear during the application for the new visa that you have not paid any of the above 4, it may take longer for your application to be processed. Save time, and be sure to pay your taxes and insurance!

## FOR THOSE WORKING PART-TIME JOBS



If you are working **more than one part-time job**, you must file a **Final Tax Return** (*kakutei shinkoku*), and when you apply for the change in residence status, you will need to submit "tax payment certificate 3 (*nozei shomei sho sono 3*)" that is issued by the tax office.

For those of you who **do not need to file a Final Tax Return**, you will need to submit a **tax certificate** (*kazei shomei sho*) issued by the municipal public office or tax office, as well as the **statement of earnings** (*gensen choshu hyo*) issued by your employer.

If you have lost your statement of earnings from the fiscal year listed on the tax certificate, you will need to ask your employer for another copy.

## FOR THOSE WITH DEPENDENT FAMILY

Dependent family members of Specified Skilled Workers (i) are not able to obtain the "dependent" visa. However, **family members of international students** who have changed to Specified Skilled Worker (i) and who had the status of "**dependent**" will be able to change to the status of "**designated activities**" and continue to live in Japan.



**Please be sure to follow the procedures for a change in status of residence with the Immigration Services Agency.**



If there is anything you don't understand, please feel free to contact us!