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Status of residence after graduation/completion/withdrawal (including withdrawal from doctoral course with earning all required credits)

A “student” status of residence is valid only when you are enrolled in the university. Even if the residence period of “student” remains valid after graduation, the status of residence becomes void after you graduate. Also, the “Permission to engage in activity other than that permitted under the status of residence previously granted” will simultaneously become invalid.

Those wishing to continue staying in Japan for job-hunting or research are required to change the status of residence from “student” to an appropriate visa based upon the activities/work in Japan and apply for the change of status of residence at the earliest possible.

If the “student” status of visa is a condition of your scholarship, such as Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship or some scholarships offered by private foundations, please be careful about the timing of changing your visa from “student” to another.

Intended applicants:

Those who will stay in Japan after graduation/completion/withdrawal*
Depending on your situation, the kind of VISA you can apply differs as follows:

- After graduation / completion: applicable to (1)-(3)
- After withdrawal: applicable to (1) & (3)
- After withdrawal from doctoral course with earning all required credits: applicable to (1)-(3)

(1) Those who will work in Japan:

Change the status to an appropriate visa based upon the activities/work in Japan.

(2) Those who will continue staying in Japan for job-hunting:

Change the status to “Designated Activities.”

Documents to be submitted to the Immigration Bureau:

- (a) Application Form
- (b) Copy of Passport
- (c) Copy of Residence Card
- (d) Letter of Recommendation from the university (*)

*To obtain a recommendation letter from the university, submit the following documents to the International Student Section:

- (a) Request form
- (b) Professor’s opinion
- (c) Documents that certify your ability to defray necessary expenses while staying in Japan
- (d) Either of them:
 - Copy of diploma or graduate certificate (or an expected graduation/completion certificate)
 - Copy of Certificate of Withdrawal (or an expected Certificate of Withdrawal)
- (e) Documents that prove your continuous effort in finding a job (interview intimation, correspondence with companies by e-mail, etc.)

(3) Who will stay in Japan for less than 90 days after graduation/completion in order to prepare for returning:

Change the status to “Short term stay.”

“Permission to engage in activity other than that permitted under the status of residence previously granted” or “Re-entry permit” will not be issued under the “Short term stay” status.

Procedures:

- (1) Complete application forms and prepare necessary documents. Application forms vary depending on the residence status.

Application forms can be downloaded from the Immigration Bureau website:

<https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/applications/procedures/16-2.html>

(2) Submit applications to the Immigration Bureau.

For more details, contact UTokyo Visa Consulting Service or International Student Section
Visa Consulting Service:

<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/inbound/en/life-visa-vc.html>

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