

To mid and long term residents (announcement)

● Have you changed your alien registration certificate to a residence card?

Before



Alien registration certificate

After



Residence card



1. The Alien Registration Act has been repealed and an **alien registration certificate** needs to be replaced with a **residence card**.
2. If you are a **mid or long term resident**, please change your alien registration certificate to a residence card at the nearest location among **Regional Immigration Bureaus, Immigration Offices of the Bureaus, or their Branch Offices** (hereinafter referred to as “**Regional Immigration Bureaus, etc.**”) (except at Immigration Offices or Branch Offices which have jurisdiction solely over an airport).
3. Because offices are expected to be very crowded right before the expiry date, it is recommended that you change your alien registration certificate to a residence card as soon as possible. **You can apply as early as today.**

○ Check on the **expiry date**.



Of those who the new residency management system is applied to;

• In cases where the status of the alien registration certificate is;

Permanent Resident

• In case of a mid or long term resident whose status of the alien registration certificate is;

not a Permanent Resident

(Note 1) The latest status, etc. is printed on the back of the certificate in cases where the individual has received approval of change of status, etc.

(Note 2) An alien registration certificate in folio of the size of a health insurance certificate (A5-size thick paper) has been issued to those under the age of 16.

In case of

Permanent Resident

○ Those who were at the age of 16 or older on the day when the new system came into effect (July 9th, 2012)

The alien registration certificate of those who were at the age of 16 or older on the day when the new system came into effect (July 9th, 2012) will be deemed a residence card until July 8th, 2015 when the new system will have passed three years since it came into effect.

Please change your alien registration certificate to a residence card at **Regional Immigration Bureaus, etc.** through;

- **Application of a residence card**

(Application can be made any time during the above period of time.)

or,

- **Application of renewal of validity period of a residence card**

(Application is accepted from two months before the expiry date of the “deemed period”.)

○ Those who were under 16 years of age on the day when the new system came into effect (July 9th, 2012)

The alien registration certificate of those who were under 16 years of age on the day when the new system came into effect will be deemed a residence card in the following term.

- Those whose 16th birthday will have come by July 8th, 2015 → Until the said birthday
- Those whose 16th birthday will come on or after July 9th, 2015 → Until July 8th, 2015

Please change your alien registration certificate to a residence card at **Regional Immigration Bureaus, etc.** through;

- **Application of a residence card**

(Application can be made any time during the above period of time.)

or,

- **Application of renewal of validity period of a residence card**

(Application is accepted from six months before the expiry date of the “deemed period”.)

【 Period of time during which an alien registration certificate is deemed a residence card 】

Subjects		Expiry date of the validity period
Those 16 years old or older		July 8 th , 2015
Those under 16 years old	Those whose 16th birthday will have come by July 8th, 2015	16 th birthday
	Those whose 16th birthday will come on or after July 9th, 2015	July 8 th , 2015

In case of a mid or long term resident who is

not a Permanent Resident

○ Those who were at the age of 16 or older on the day when the new system came into effect (July 9th, 2012)

The alien registration certificate of those who were at the age of 16 or older on the day when the new system came into effect (July 9th, 2012) will be deemed a residence card until the expiry day of period of stay or July 8th, 2015 when the new system will have passed three years since it came into effect, whichever comes first.

A residence card will be issued at the time of approval of renewal application for period of stay, etc. in the future.

○ Those who were under 16 years of age on the day when the new system came into effect (July 9th, 2012)

The alien registration certificate of those who were under 16 years of age on the day when the new system came into effect will be deemed a residence until the expiry date of period of stay, July 8th, 2015, or the person’s 16th birthday, whichever comes first.

For those whose “deemed period” will be until the expiry date of period of stay, **a residence card will be issued at the time of approval of renewal application for period of stay, etc.** in the future.

For the rest, please make **application of renewal of validity period of a residence card**. (Application is accepted from six months before* the expiry date of the “deemed period”.)

(* Note) For those whose 16th birthday will come on or after July 9th, 2015, application is accepted from two months before the expiry date of the “deemed period”.

【 Period of time during which a certificate of alien registration is deemed a residence card 】

Subjects		Expiry date of the validity period
Those whose status has been determined as “Designated activities” (Applicable only to those granted permission to stay for 5 years for specified research activities, etc.)	Those 16 years old or older	The expiry date of period of stay or July 8th, 2015, whichever comes first.
	Those under 16 years old	The expiry date of period of stay, July 8th, 2015, or the person’s 16th birthday, whichever comes first.
Other than those above (Those who have been approved for a period of stay of more than three month)	Those 16 years old or older	The expiry date of period of stay
	Those under 16 years old	The expiry date of period of stay or the person’s 16th birthday, whichever comes first.