Acquisition of the Legal Resident Status of Student

To study at a university in Japan, foreign nationals in principle need to acquire the legal resident status of Student. Foreign nationals with the status of Temporary Visitor cannot enroll in a university in Japan. Moreover, although foreign nationals with the resident status of Dependent, Long-term Resident, etc. can enroll in a university in Japan, university students with a resident status other than Student cannot use various support systems intended for international students, including scholarship programs.

How to apply for the legal resident status of Student A. Those who are in Japan during the enrollment process

Soon after receiving an admission certificate, applicants staying in Japan must take their passport and residence card or alien registration certificate to the nearest Regional Immigration Bureau to apply for the resident status of Student.

- 1) In the case of applying for a change of resident status from Dependent to Student Applicants need to submit the following documents. (Documents must have been issued within six months before submission.)
 - a. "Application for Change of Status of Residence" (Use the application form prescribed by the Immigration Bureau of Japan, containing three pages to be filled out by the applicant and two pages by the educational organization.)
 - b. Admission certificate or a photocopy (When submitting a photocopy, the original must be shown.)
 - c. Other documents (See **Notes** on page 3.)
- 2) In the case of a person with the Temporary Visitor status applying for the resident status of Student (including those who entered Japan without a visa from partner countries with agreements on the mutual exemption of short-term visitors' visas for the resident status of Student)
 To change the resident status from Temporary Visitor to Student, applicants must first apply to the nearest Regional Immigration Bureau to receive a "Certificate of Eligibility" for the Student status, and, after receiving the certificate, submit the "Application for Change of the Status of Residence" to the nearest Regional Immigration Bureau. If the application for change of the status of residence cannot be made in Japan, applicants must apply for a Student visa to a Japanese Embassy or other Japanese diplomatic office abroad.

Applicants for the "Certificate of Eligibility" must submit the following documents. (Documents must have been issued within six months before submission.)

- a. "Application for Certificate of Eligibility (Use the application form prescribed by the Immigration Bureau of Japan, containing three pages to be filled out by the applicant and two pages by the educational organization.)
 - * An example of a completed application form is shown on pages 4 to 6 of this document.
 - * The latter two pages of the application form are to be filled out by the university. Applicants must apply to the Graduate Schools Section, Graduate Schools Administration Division, Hosei University (Email: innovation@hosei.ac.jp; Tel: 03-3264-5326) allowing sufficient time before applying to the Immigration Bureau.
 - * The application form can be downloaded from the website of the Immigration Bureau of Japan. Website of the Immigration Bureau of Japan: http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/
 The application form is available at:
 - http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/english/tetuduki/kanri/shyorui/01-format.html
- b. One ID photo (4 cm length \times 3 cm width, pasted on the application form (a))
- c. Admission certificate or a photocopy (When submitting a photocopy, the original must be shown.) The admission certificate will be issued after the completion of the enrollment process. Apply to the Graduate Schools Section, Graduate Schools Administration Division, Hosei University (Email: innovation@hosei.ac.jp; Tel: +81 3-3264-5326) after the completion of the enrollment process.
- d. One standard-size return envelope (with stamps to the value of 392 yen for simplified registered mail and the address to which the Certificate of Eligibility should be sent (in Japan only))
- e. Other documents (See **Notes** on page 3.)

B. Those who are NOT in Japan during the enrollment process

Applicants who are not in Japan during the enrollment process should select either of the following two ways of applying for the Student status (requesting a proxy in Japan to apply on behalf of the applicant or requesting Hosei University to apply on behalf of the applicant) before submitting the application for admission to Hosei University.

[Requesting a proxy in Japan to apply on behalf of the applicant]

Applicants should send one ID photo to someone who will serve as a proxy applicant and request the person to follow steps 1 and 2 below. The proxy applicant must be the applicant's financial supporter or relative living in Japan.

- 1) Soon after receiving the admission certificate, the proxy applicant must submit the documents listed below to apply for issuance of a "Certificate of Eligibility" of Student status to the nearest Regional Immigration Bureau first, on behalf of the applicant. (Documents must have been issued within six months before submission.)
 - a. "Application for Certificate of Eligibility" (Use the application form prescribed by the Immigration Bureau of Japan, containing three pages to be filled out by the applicant and two pages by the educational organization.)
 - * An example of a completed application form is shown on pages 4 to 6 of this document.
 - * The latter two pages of the application form are to be filled out by the university. Applicants must apply to the Graduate Schools Section, Graduate Schools Administration Division, Hosei University (Email: innovation@hosei.ac.jp; Tel: 03-3264-5326) allowing sufficient time before applying to the Immigration Bureau.
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 - b. One ID photo (4 cm length \times 3 cm width, pasted on the application form (a))
 - c. Admission certificate or a photocopy (When submitting a photocopy, the original must be shown.)
 - d. One standard-size return envelope (with stamps to the value of 392 yen for simplified registered mail and the address of the proxy applicant, to which the Certificate of Eligibility should be sent)
 - e. Other documents (See **Notes** on page 3.)
- 2) The Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Immigration Bureau will ordinarily arrive at the proxy applicant's address about one and a half months after the application. Soon after receiving the certificate, the proxy applicant should send it to the applicant by EMS or registered express airmail so that the applicant can apply for a Student visa at home.
- 3) Soon after receiving the certificate, the applicant must show it and his/her passport at the nearest Japanese Embassy or Japanese diplomatic office abroad to apply for a Student visa.

[Requesting Hosei University to apply on behalf of the applicant]

If applicants have no one who can apply for a Certificate of Eligibility on their behalf (financial supporters or relatives living in Japan), Hosei University will apply on behalf of applicants. In such a case, applicants must send the documents listed below to Hosei University along with the application for admission. If applicants do not enclose the necessary documents with the application for admission, the university will NOT apply on their behalf. Furthermore, if as a result applicants cannot be enrolled in the university due to their failure to obtain a Student visa, admission fees already paid will NOT be refunded.

Applicants who request the university to apply for the Certificate of Eligibility must understand beforehand that a certificate may not be issued in all cases that the university applies for it. Additionally, the documents submitted to the university will NOT be returned regardless of the applicants' success or failure in the entrance exam.

Documents necessary for application

a. "Application for Certificate of Eligibility" (Use the application form prescribed by the Immigration Bureau of Japan, of which the first three pages are to be filled out by the applicant.)

- * An example of a completed application form is shown on pages 4 to 6 of this document.
- * The latter two pages of the 5-page application form are to be filled out by the university. Applicants do not have to fill out and submit these two pages.
- * The application form can be downloaded from the website of the Immigration Bureau of Japan. Website of the Immigration Bureau of Japan: http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/
 The application form is available at:

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- b. One ID photo (4 cm length \times 3 cm width, pasted on the application form (a))
- c. One photocopy of the passport (the page with the ID photo)
- d. "Request for Hosei University's Proxy Application for the Certificate of Eligibility" (Use the form prescribed by the university, available for download on the same webpage as this "Applications Guide on Entrance Examination for International Students".)
- e. Other documents (See **Notes** given below.)

It is also possible for applicants to apply for the Certificate of Eligibility in their home country, instead of requesting a proxy application, but it can take several months to obtain a Student visa.

Notes on "Other documents"

- Applicants may be required to submit documents concerning the payment of school and living expenses, or the background.
- For documents written in a foreign language, their Japanese translations with an official certificate of translation must be attached.

[Inquiries] * Please check any unclear matters beforehand. Immigration Information Center, Tokyo Regional Immigration Bureau 5-5-30 Konan, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-8255, Japan

Tel: +81 3-5796-7112

Notes on filling out the form

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For applicant, part 1

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