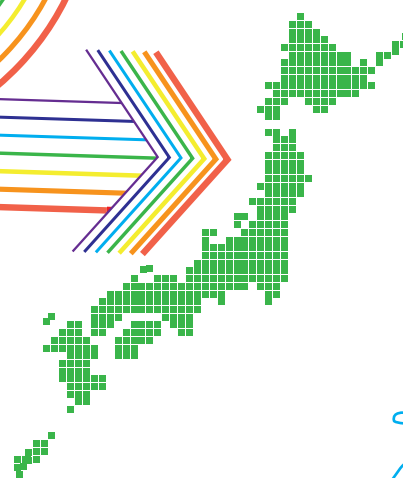


# Immigration control

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“I came to Japan on business for a long-term stay, but I would like to use my vacation time to go back to my home country.”

Those who wish to leave temporarily for a foreign country and re-enter Japan with the same purpose of stay

It is convenient to obtain **re-entry permission\***.

----- \* Special re-entry permission -----

A foreign national in possession of a valid passport and residence card who intends, at the time of departure, to re-enter Japan to continue with the activities in Japan within one year of the departure (within two years for special permanent residents) is not required, in principle, to obtain re-entry permission in advance, and this system is referred to as “special re-entry permission”.

A foreign national who departs from Japan with this special re-entry permission will not be able to extend the period of validity of the special re-entry permission while abroad. Unless the foreign national re-enters Japan within one year (within two years for special permanent residents) of his or her departure (see note), the status of residence will be forfeited.

(Note) If the expiry date of the period of stay comes within one year of the departure, the foreign national is required to re-enter by the expiry date of the period of stay.

