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Revision of Immigration Application Fees (effective 1 October 2026)

Fees for change of status of residence, extension of period of stay and permanent residence have risen

The Immigration Services Agency of Japan revised the fees for residence-related applications with effect from 1 October 2026. The fees for a change of status of residence, an extension of the period of stay and permanent residence have risen substantially. A summary of the revision is set out below.

1. Summary of the revision

- The new fees apply to applications **accepted on or after 1 October 2026**.
- The former flat fee has been replaced by fees that **vary according to the period of stay granted**.
- The fee for permanent residence has risen **from JPY 10,000 to JPY 200,000**.
- Different amounts apply to counter (in-person) and online applications, and **online fees are lower**.

2. Fees from 1 October 2026 (change of status / extension of period of stay)

Period of stay granted	Counter (JPY)	Online (JPY)
3 months or less	**10,000**	**10,000**
Over 3 up to 6 months	**18,000**	**15,000**
Over 6 months, under 1 year	**25,000**	**21,000**
1 year	**33,000**	**27,000**
Over 1 year, under 3 years	**48,000**	**42,000**
3 years or more, under 5	**64,000**	**56,000**
5 years or more	**75,000**	**65,000**
Permanent residence	**200,000**	Not available online

* For online applications, a settlement charge (JPY 330 where the period of stay granted is under 3 years; JPY 550 for 3 years or more) is payable in addition to the fee. For example, an online extension granting a 1-year period of stay costs JPY 27,330 in total.

* Before the revision, the fee was JPY 6,000 at the counter and JPY 5,500 online, regardless of the period of stay. Applications accepted on or before 30 September 2026 are charged the pre-revision fee even if permission is granted on or after 1 October.

* The period of stay under the "Engineer / Specialist in Humanities / International Services" status is 3 months, 1 year, 3 years or 5 years.

* Re-entry permits (single JPY 3,500; multiple JPY 6,500; each plus a JPY 220 settlement charge) and certificates of authorized employment (JPY 1,600 plus JPY 220) are also charged at these amounts for online applications filed on or after 1 October 2026.

3. Paying the fee for online applications

- From 1 October 2026, **revenue stamps can no longer be used** for online applications.
- Fees are paid by **convenience-store payment** or **bank payment (Pay-easy, at an ATM or by internet banking)**. Some convenience stores do not offer this service.
- Credit cards and QR-code payments are not accepted.

For step-by-step instructions, please see our English translations of the Immigration Services Agency guides ("Paying at a Convenience Store" and "Paying by Bank") in the News section of our website.

4. Reduced and waived fees

A reduction is available for persons in financial hardship who require humanitarian consideration (JPY 10,000 for a change of status or an extension of the period of stay; JPY 20,000 for permanent residence). Reductions are not available for online applications, so a counter application is required. Fees are waived for certain procedures, such as those relating to the Diplomat and Official statuses.

5. How our office handles the fees

- This revision concerns the fees paid to the government (actual expenses). **Our professional fees have not changed.**
- The fee is determined by the period of stay granted and is not fixed until the examination is complete. Our office therefore, in principle, does not advance the fee: it is **paid directly by the company or the applicant**.
- For permanent residence applications the fee is as high as JPY 200,000, so please discuss the payment method with us when you engage us.
- Applications for a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) carry no government fee and are not affected by this revision.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sources: Immigration Services Agency of Japan, "Revision of residence permission fees as of 1 October 2026" https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/01_00644.html; "Fee amounts and payment methods for online applications (applicable only to applications filed on or after 1 October 2026)" https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/11_00107.html; "Reduction or waiver of residence permission fees on or after 1 October 2026" https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/10_00273.html