

① Japan System for Special Highly-Skilled Professionals (J-Skip)

1 Status of residence

Regardless of the point system, if your **academic background or professional career and annual income** are at least the following levels, you will be granted a “Highly-Skilled Professional (i)” .

a. Advanced Academic Research Activities

(University professors, researchers, etc.)

- Persons with a master’s degree or higher and an annual income of 20 million yen or more
- Persons with more than 10 years of work experience and an annual income of 20 million yen or more

b. Advanced Specialized/ Technical Activities

(Engineers working in companies, etc.)

c. Advanced Business/Management Activities

(Corporate executives, etc.)

- Persons with more than 5 years of professional career and an annual income of 40 million yen or more

After Entering Japan

status of residence “Highly-Skilled Professional” (i) ^{1 year} → (ii)
(※difference in preferential treatment depending on the classification)

2 Additional preferential treatment

In addition to the points-based preferential treatment, you can receive the following expanded preferential treatment:

- If the annual household income is 30 million yen or more, it is possible to employ up to 2 foreign domestic workers. (No requirements for family circumstances, etc.(※))
- In addition to the activities corresponding to the status of residence of “Researcher” , “Instructor” , “Engineer/Specialist in Humanities/International Services” and “Entertainer” , spouses are allowed to work more than 28 hours a week for the activities corresponding to the status of residence of “Professor” , “Artist” , “Religious Activities” , “Journalist” and “Skilled Labor” , even if they do not meet the requirements such as background.
- You can take advantage of priority lanes at the immigration checkpoint of large airports, etc.

※ You are not required to have a child under the age of 13 or a spouse who is unable to engage in daily housework due to illness, etc., or are not required to continue to employ a domestic worker who has been continuously employed in a foreign country for more than one year.