

In Japan, you can engage in the ground handling service at airport with the status of residence for "Specified Skilled Worker".

For Foreign Workers

The specified skilled worker is system under which organizations accept foreign nationals with a certain level of expertise and skills as ready-to work workers.



	Specified Skilled Worker (i)	Specified Skilled Worker (ii)
Period of stay	5 years in total (Renewal is every 1 year, 6 months and 4 months)	No upper limit (Renewal every 3 years, 1 year and 6 months)
Skill Levels	Evaluated by tests, etc.	Evaluated by tests, etc.
Japanese Language Proficiency Levels	Evaluated by tests, etc.	Evaluation by tests, etc. is not required
Duration of family member's stay	not allowed	Possible if requirements are met (Spouse, Children)
Support by accepting organizations or registered support organizations	Eligible	Not eligible

If a specified skilled worker (i) acquires proficient skills through work experience and is recognized as a specified skilled worker (ii), it is, in principle, possible to continue working without an upper limit on the period of stay.
(Possible to be accompanied by family members, if requirements are met)

Main operations in the ground handling service



1. Aircraft support on ground

Guiding and removing an aircraft to the aircraft parking area while giving signals.



2. Baggage and Cargo Handling

Sorting and loading customer's baggage and cargo into containers.



3. Loading Baggage and cargo onto aircraft

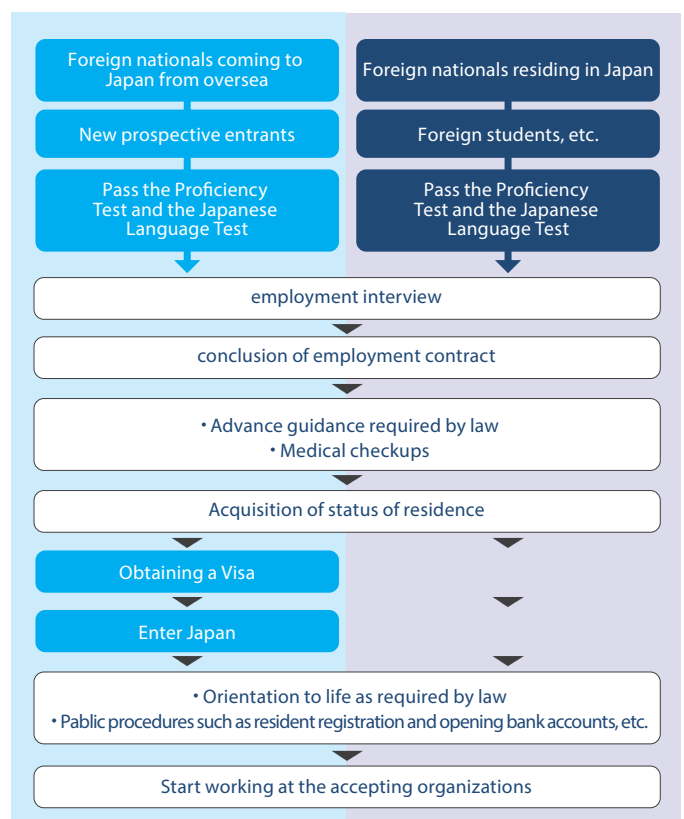
Work to transfer baggage and cargo and load them onto aircraft.



4. Aircraft cleaning

Work to clean the aircraft, wash the fuselage, and replenish supplies in the cabin.

Overview of flow to start working in Japan



Frequently Asked Questions about the Specified Skilled Worker System

Q&A

Q1 I would like to take specified skilled worker test, but I don't know the schedule. How can I find it?

A You can find examination-related information including the test schedule on the website of Immigration Services Agency and also the websites of Japan Aeronautical Engineers' Association. (<https://exam.jaea.or.jp/>).

Q2 What do I have to do in order to obtain a specific specified skilled worker visa?

A As a general order, you would first take and pass both the proficiency test and the Japanese language proficiency test N4 or higher, and after that, search for companies that will accept specified skilled foreign workers.

Q3 Can a foreign student who has returned to his/her home country become a Specified Skilled Worker (i)?

A You can become one even if you have returned to your home country. However, you must pass both the proficiency test and the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT N4 or the Japan Foundation Test for Basic Japanese).

Q4 What should I do if I want to continue to stay in Japan after completing 5 years under the Specified Skilled Worker (i)?

A Unless you marry a Japanese national or meet the other criteria for status of residence and wish to change your status of residence, you will basically return to your home country. In case of a Specified Skilled Worker (i), if you pass the Specified Skilled Worker (ii) examination, the limitation of the period of stay in Japan will be removed.

Q5 I live overseas, can I still apply? Can I get a visa to take the test?

A You can apply. You can also come to Japan with a Temporary Visitor Visa and take the exam in Japan.

Available supports from accepting organizations under Specified Skilled Worker System

Under the Specified Skilled Worker System, you can receive various supports from the accepting organizations for living and working in Japan.

1

Pick-up and drop-off when entering and leaving Japan

When you come to Japan, staffs from the accepting organization will pick you up at the airport and take you to your office or residence. They will also escort you to the security check gate at the airport when you return to your country.

2

Preparation of a house to live in, support for electricity and gas contracts

The accepting organization will act as a guarantor for the house you live in or will rent you organization's housing. They also assist in opening a bank account and signing contracts for cell phone, electricity, and gas, etc.

3

Orientation for living

The accepting organization will teach you the rules and manners for living in Japan. They will also teach you how to take the bus, use the telephone, and what to do in the event of a disaster such as an earthquake.

4

Accompaniment to city hall procedures, etc.

Staffs of accepting organization will accompany you to city hall, tax office, etc. They also assist you in filling out the procedural documents.

5

Japanese language study support

The accepting organization will provide you with information on schools where you can study Japanese.

6

Meetings for consultations and complaints

If you encounter any issues, you can consult in your native language and receive advice.

7

Communication with Japanese

The accepting organization will guide you to nearby festivals and give you opportunities to talk with Japanese neighbors.

8

Regular meetings (at least once every three months)

The leader of accepting organization's support team will meet with you on a regular basis. If you have any work-related issues, you can consult with that person.