

# NOTICE FOR SPECIAL PERMANENT AND MID/LONGTERM RESIDENT

- Have you replaced your **Special Permanent Resident Card** or **Resident Card**?

Before



Alien Registration Card



After



Special Permanent Resident Card

Or



Resident Card

1. The Alien Registration system is ending. You must replace your Alien Registration Certificate with a **Special Permanent Resident Card** or **Resident Card**.
2. To change to a **Special Permanent Resident Card**, please go to the counter of the City Hall located in the place where you live.
3. To change to a **Resident Card**, please go to the Regional Immigration Office, Branch Office, or Field Office nearest you. Please Note: You cannot replace your card at Regional Immigration Offices located in airports.
4. The offices may become busy close to the expiration date. We therefore recommend you replace your card as early as possible.

**You can replace your card immediately if you like.**

- Confirm the Expiration Date.



(Note 1) If residency permission is granted, your resident status will appear on the back of your resident card.  
 (Note 2) Those age 16 years or under will be issued a foldable, A5 sized residence card.

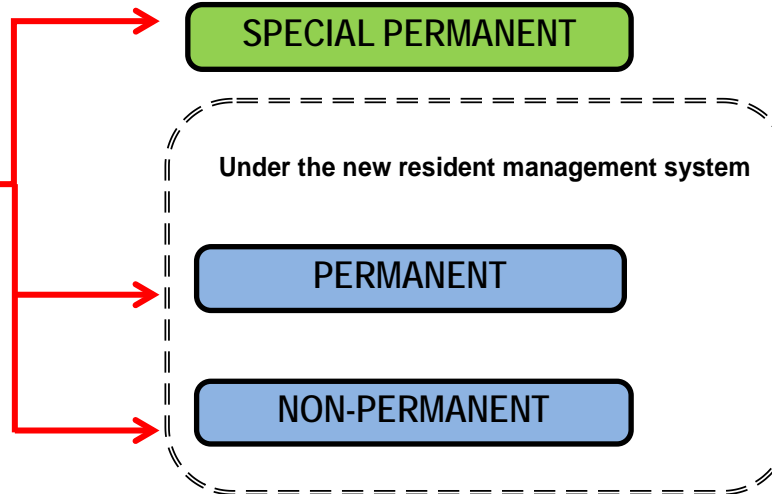
If your visa resident status is

**SPECIAL PERMANENT**

Under the new resident management system

**PERMANENT**

**NON-PERMANENT**



## SPECIAL PERMANENT RESIDENTS

○ **People who were older than 16 years when the new resident system began (July 9, 2012)**

People who were older than 16 years on July 9, 2012 (when the new resident management system began) should change their Alien Registration Card to a Special Permanent Resident card as follows:

- If the birthday which is the date for your next application for confirmation or renewal is **before** 【※】 July 8, 2015  
→ Replace your card no later than July 8, 2015
- If the birthday which is the date for your next application for confirmation or renewal is **after** 【※】 July 9, 2015  
→ Replace your card before your birthday

Visit the counter of your municipal office to replace your Special Permanent Resident Card.

[First Time Special Permanent Resident Applications](#) (you can apply within the times indicated above) or

[Special Permanent Resident Renewal Applications](#) (you can apply as early as 2 months prior to the expiration date)

○ **People who were younger than 16 years when the new resident system began (July 9, 2012)**

People younger than 16 years when the new system was implemented can use their Alien registration cards until their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, after which they must change to a Special Permanent Resident Card. Visit the counter of your municipal office to replace your Special Permanent Resident Card.

[First Time Special Permanent Resident Applications](#) (apply as necessary according to the conditions indicated above) or

[Special Permanent Resident Renewal Applications](#) (you can apply as early as 6 months prior to the expiration date)

When To Change Your Alien Registration Card

Applicable Persons		You must change your card by...
Over age 16 years	The birthday for your next confirmation for renewal is on or before July 8, 2015	Before July 8, 2015
	Is after July 8, 2015	Before the Birthday That Is The Beginning Of Your Next Confirmation or Renewal
Under age 16 years		Before Your 16 <sup>th</sup> Birthday

【※】 The period of validity is written on your alien registration card. See the sample above 見本 —

## PERMANENT RESIDENTS (MID TO LONG-TERM)

### ○ People who were older than 16 years when the new resident system began (July 9, 2012)

People older than 16 years when the new resident management system was implemented can use their Alien registration cards up to 3 years from the date of implementation (until July 8, 2015), after which they must change to a Permanent Resident Card. Visit your Regional Immigration Office to replace your Permanent Resident Card

- [First Time Permanent Resident Applications](#) (apply as necessary according to the conditions indicated above)
- Or
- [Permanent Resident Renewal Applications](#) (you can apply as early as 2 months prior to the expiration date)

### ○ People who were younger than 16 years when the new resident system began (July 9, 2012)

People who were younger than 16 years when the new system began should change their Alien Registration Card to a Permanent Resident card as follows:

- If your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday is on or before July 8, 2015 → Replace your card before your birthday
- If your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday is after July 9, 2015 → Replace your card before July 8, 2015

Visit your Regional Immigration Office to replace your Permanent Resident Card!

- [First Time Permanent Resident Applications](#) (apply as necessary according to the conditions indicated above)
- Or
- [Permanent Resident Renewal Applications](#) (you can apply as early as 6 months prior to the expiration date)

When To Change Your Alien Registration Card

Applicable Persons		You must change your card by...
Over age 16 years		Before July 8, 2015
Under age 16 years	Your 16 <sup>th</sup> birthday is on or before July 8, 2015	Before your 16 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
	Your 16 <sup>th</sup> birthday is after July 9, 2015	Before July 8, 2015

## NON-PERMANENT-RESIDENTS

○ People who were older than 16 years when the new resident system began (July 9, 2012)

People older than 16 years when the new resident management system was implemented (on July 9, 2012) can use their Alien registration card until the expiration date listed on their card, OR up to 3 years after the date of implementation (until July 8, 2015), whichever is first. Visit your Regional Immigration Office to replace your Resident Card!

A new resident card will be issued if your residence application is approved.

○ People who were younger than 16 years when the new resident system began (July 9, 2012)

People younger than 16 years when the new resident management system was implemented (on July 9, 2012) can use their Alien registration card until the expiration date listed on their card, OR their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, OR up to 3 years after the date of implementation (until July 8, 2015), whichever is first.

If you use your Alien Registration Card until the expiration date, please apply for a replacement using the form titled "Application for Extended Period of Stay". " Others should use the form titled "**Application for the Extension the Valid Period of the Residence Card.**" You can apply up to 6 months before your card expires.

(Note: If your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday is after July 9, 2015, you can apply up to 2 months before your card expires)

When To Change Your Alien Registration Card

Applicable Persons		You must change your card by...
People with a "Designated Activities" Visa (Activities designated at the bottom of section 5 Appendix of the Immigration Control Act)	Over age 16	Before the expiration date on your alien registration card, or July 8, 2015 - <u>whichever comes first</u> .
	Under age 16	Before the expiration date on your alien registration card, OR July 8, 2015, OR your 16 <sup>th</sup> birthday - <u>whichever comes first</u> .
All Others (Those whose Alien Registration Card is valid beyond March)	Over age 16	Before the expiration date on your alien registration card.
	Under age 16	Before the expiration date on your alien registration card or your 16 <sup>th</sup> birthday - <u>whichever comes first</u> .