

Permanent Residency Permit / Naturalization

People who wish to live permanently in Japan must either obtain a Permanent Residency Permit (Eiju Kyoka) or become a naturalized Japanese citizen (kika).

Permanent Resident Permit [*Eiju kyoka*]

With a Permanent Residency Permit an individual may live permanently in Japan as a foreign national. If you wish to apply for a Permanent Resident Permit, enquire at the immigration bureau of your district.

Enquiries

Osaka Regional Immigration Bureau, Kobe District Immigration Office
(Kobe Regional Office, 29 Kaigan-dori, Chuo-ku, Kobe) 078-391-6377

Naturalization [*Kika*]

Naturalization (kika) means a foreign national forfeits his/her foreign nationality and obtains a Japanese nationality.

To become a naturalized Japanese citizen, a permit from the Minister of Justice is necessary, so you should enquire at the Regional Legal Affairs Bureau (Chiho Homu Kyoku) for your district.

Your name will be registered in kanji (Chinese style letters), hiragana or katakana.

Enquiries

(For Nishinomiya)
Kobe Regional Legal Affairs Bureau, Nishinomiya Branch Office
(Kobe Chiho Homu Kyoku, Nishinomiya Shikyoku)
(Nishinomiya Regional Office, 7-35, Hama-cho, Nishinomiya City) 0798-26-0061

Note For details, ask a person who understands Japanese to enquire for you.