

Status of Residence, Naturalization and International Business

Hiring foreigners



Hiring a foreigner? Please check whether the candidate has (or can get) a status of residence that matches the job description you offer before signing an employment agreement.

Planning to hire a foreign engineer

A status "Engineer/Specialist in Humanities/International Services" may generally be required.

Planning to hire a foreigner as an employee of a restaurant

A status "Specified Skilled Worker" may generally be required.

Choosing and applying for a legally appropriate status may be a stressful and time-consuming endeavor. Please contact us and save you time.

Marriage with a Japanese national



Marrying a Japanese national?

Marriage procedures may vary from country to country.

Getting married internationally

The marriage procedures are generally required to be completed both in your country and in Japan.

Planning to live together in Japan

A status "Spouse or Child of Japanese National" may generally be required. Our careful preparation can help you avoid difficulties you may face in the application process.

Start-ups / Developing businesses in Japan



Incorporating a new company and getting a "Business Manager".

Incorporating (Establishing) a new company in Japan and applying for a status "Business Manager" could become a real headache.

Please contact us and enjoy your business. Governmental start-up programs are also available to reduce requirements on an application for the status.



A *Gyoseishoshi* holding the Certificate proving that the specific notification (*Todokede*) has been submitted to a regional immigration bureau (so-called *Shinsei-toritsugi Gyoseishoshi*) will act as your agent in preparing and submitting applications for immigration-related permissions.

Acquiring a Japanese nationality



You need a Japanese nationality? Apply for naturalization to the Legal Affairs Bureau with us.

Applicants must satisfy the demanding requirements of the laws and regulations in relation to naturalization and its examination process is lengthy and rigorous.

Our experienced support and assistance for preparation, collection and translation of enormous pages of supporting documents and materials on your application will ease your stress and clarify your goal.

Contact us and enjoy your life in Japan!

About Us



What is the “Gyoseishoshi”?

The “Gyoseishoshi” is a nationally qualified expert, who, having the license granted under Gyoseishoshi Act enforced on February 22, 1951, mainly practices preparation and submission of documents for acquiring legal permissions, approvals, licenses, registrations, consents, exemptions and governmental authorizations from relevant governmental agencies or bureaus on behalf of clients, and offers professional consultations and practical advices to such clients for good preparation and persuasive documentation for fulfilling the requirements of laws and regulations.

In addition to the above, the Gyoseishoshi prepares a variety of documents regarding rights and duties such as an agreement on Division of Inheritance and a certification of facts.

Moreover, the Gyoseishoshi holding the Certificate proving that the specific notification (*Todokede*) has been submitted to a regional immigration bureau (so-called *Shinsei-toritsugi Gyoseishoshi*) plays an important role in preparing and submitting applications for immigration-related permissions including certificates of eligibility and permissions of change / extension of residence statuses.

We also provide other legal and administrative services to clients such as Adult Guardian System, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), international marriages and divorces, incorporation (establishment of a new legal entity) and drafting legal documents.

About Gyoseishoshi Organization

The Japan Federation of Certified Administrative Procedures Legal Specialist Associations (*Nippon Gyoseishoshikai Rengokai*)

The Japan Federation of Certified Administrative Procedures Legal Specialist Associations (*Nippon Gyoseishoshikai Rengokai*), founded in February 1953, is organized as a conglomerate of 47 not-for-profit prefectural Gyoseishoshi associations operating in the respective prefectures throughout Japan. The missions of the Federation include to supervise the Gyoseishoshi members, to provide professional and ethical education to the members for enhancing their skills and competencies, and to engage in the affairs of registration for new members. The Federation has 51,973 individual members and 1,275 corporate members as of October 1, 2023.

The Kanagawa Gyoseishoshi Association (*Kanagawa-Ken Gyoseishoshi-kai*)

We, the Kanagawa Gyoseishoshi Association (*Kanagawa-Ken Gyoseishoshi-kai*), founded in June 1951, are one of the prefectural chapters under the Japan Federation of Certified Administrative Procedures Legal Specialist Associations.

Since the Association has a compulsory membership policy pursuant to the relevant laws and regulations, every individual and corporate member of the Association who has their office in Kanagawa Prefecture is required to pay their dues and to maintain their membership of the Kanagawa *Gyoseishoshi* Association to practice their business.

We are furnishing information and offering solutions specifically to residents in the Kanagawa region by sending lecturers, communicating through mass media and the internet, offering the free telephone counseling and providing several pro bono activities. Supporting our members by serving a variety of functions such as professional and ethical education, lectures, seminars and workshops for improving and reinforcing their skills and competencies is also our important mission.

The Association has the individual membership of 3,242 and the corporate membership of 87 as of October 1, 2023, and provides the members with tangible and intangible resources through its 19 branches for enhancing their skills and competencies.

We, the Kanagawa *Gyoseishoshi* Association, ahead of 47 prefectural associations nationwide, have proudly introduced the free consultation services, "Free telephone consultation for foreigners in five languages (English, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish and Portuguese)," and is actively working to provide appropriate solutions that foreigners face in their lives in Japan.

We provide professional services with the expertise and skills
through free telephone consultations
to protect the rights of citizens and foreigners.

Please contact our consultants on what you are struggling with.
A paid service is also available upon your request.

Please contact
our "Free Telephone Consultation for Foreigners in Five Languages"
at 045-227-5560

English Consultation : 13:30 - 16:30 of Every Wednesday
(Excl. Year-end and New Year holidays and National holidays)

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