

	EPA	Nursing Care	Technical Intern Training	Specified Skilled Worker
Status of Residence	'Designated Activities'	'Nursing Care' ^{※4}	'Technical Intern Training (i)-(iii)' ^{※7}	'Specified Skilled Worker (i)'
Purpose of System	Acceptance for the purpose of acquiring Certified Care Worker national qualification and enhancement of international cooperation	Acceptance of international workers in specialist/technical areas	Transfer of skills from Japan to another country	Acceptance of foreign nationals with specific expertise/skills to address labor shortage
Operating Country	Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam	No limitation	No limitation	No limitation
Period of Residence	4 years (No limitation after obtaining a Certified Care Worker qualification)	No limitation	5 years maximum ^{※8}	5 years maximum ^{※8}
Accompaniment of Family Members	Family members (spouse/child) ^{※1}	Family members (spouse/child)	N/A	N/A
Japanese Language Skills	N3 ^{※2}	N2 ^{※5}	N4	CFER2, Japanese language skills necessary for working in long-term care ^{※10}
Qualification and Study Experience in Their Home Country	Graduate of nursing related school or has government certification as care worker in home country	Depending on the individual	Depending on the supervising organizations	Individual with specific knowledge/skills ^{※11}
Requirement to Take Certified Care Worker National Examination	Yes ^{※3}	Yes ^{※6}	N/A ^{※9}	N/A ^{※9}
Acceptance Support and Support Organizations	JICWELS (International Welfare Agency)	N/A	Each supervising organization	Registered supporting organizations

※ 1 : After obtaining a Certified Care Worker qualification.

※ 2 : Requirements at time of entry for the Philippines: N5 or higher level, Indonesia: N4 or higher level, Vietnam: N3 or higher level.

※ 3 : As an exception, individuals who fail the exam but satisfy certain scores may have residence extended for one year only and take the examination again.

※ 4 : Provided. However, 'Student' before obtaining a Certified Care Worker qualification.

※ 5 : Some schools require N2 or higher level.

※ 6 : Individuals who graduated between April 2017 and March 2022 can obtain a Certified Care Worker qualification either by passing the national examination within five years, or engaging in long-term care for five years after graduation.

※ 7 : Year 1: 'Technical Intern Training (i)' Year 2-3: 'Technical Intern Training (ii)' Year 4-5: 'Technical Intern Training (iii)'

※ 8 : Provided. However, the status of residence 'Nursing Care' can be selected when certification is obtained, enabling permanent employment.

A technical intern trainee who completed the third year is exempted from the examination for obtaining 'Specific Skilled Worker (i)' (if the status of residence is changed, the maximum period of residence becomes ten years, with technical intern and specified skills).

※ 9 : Status of residence may be converted to 'Nursing Care' by obtaining a Certified Care Worker qualification.

※10: Must pass 'Japan Foundation Test for Basic Japanese (JFT-Basic)' developed by the Japan Foundation, and 'Nursing Care Japanese Language Evaluation Test' developed by the Japan Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare. An individual with JLPT N4 or higher level is exempted from JFT-Basic.

※11: Must pass 'Nursing Care Skills Evaluation Test' developed by the Japan Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.