

For New Applicants & Special Cases

New Applications



Any application for a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) or Change of Status submitted **on or after the implementation date of October 16, 2025**, must meet all of the new, stricter criteria.

Applications submitted *before* October 16, 2025, will be processed under the *old* criteria, even if the decision comes after the date.

Transitions from Start-up Visas (特定活動)



For Foreign Entrepreneurs (Startup Visa #44):

- If your confirmation certificate was issued **before** the new notice date, you can apply under the **old** rules.
- If your certificate is issued **after** the new notice date, you must meet the **new** rules.

For Future Creation Individuals (J-Find #51):

- If you applied for or were residing on this visa **before** Oct 16, 2025, you can apply for the Business Manager visa under the **old** rules.
- If you apply for this visa **after** Oct 16, 2025, you must meet the **new** rules when changing to Business Manager.