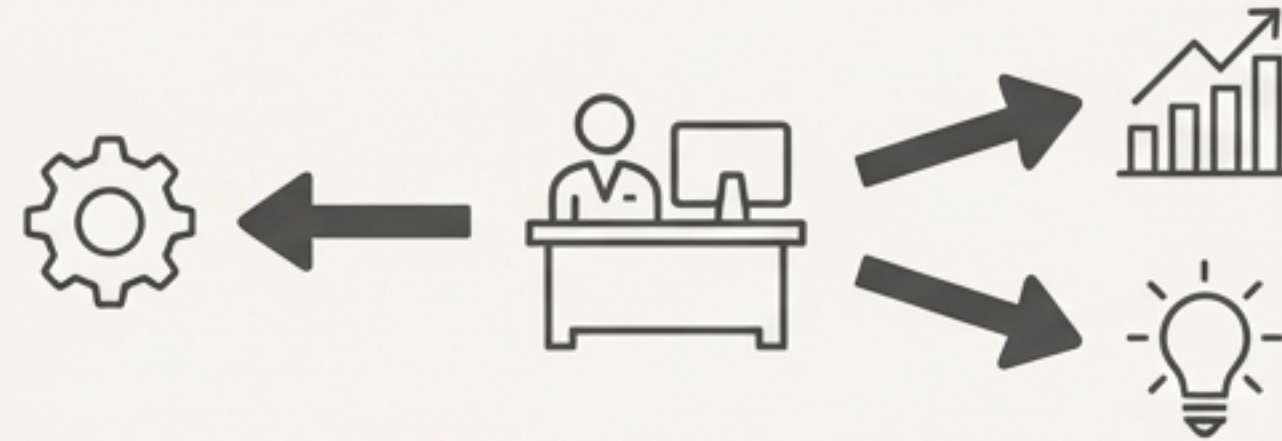


Pillar 5: Active Management & Physical Presence

Genuine Management Activity is Non-Negotiable



Clarification: If the applicant's activities as a manager are not deemed sufficient (e.g., due to outsourcing most core business functions), the application may be rejected on the grounds that it does not constitute “Business Manager” activity.

Long-Term Absences Can Lead to Non-Renewal



Warning: If you are absent from Japan for an extended period without a valid reason during your period of stay, your renewal application may be denied because it indicates a lack of actual business activity in Japan.