

Exemption of Certificate of Eligibility Original-Copy amid COVID-19

Due to the spread of COVID-19, postal delivery service in some countries or regions has been temporarily unavailable, making it difficult to attach the original copy of Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) when applying for a long-term stay visa. Therefore, the ministry has decided to accept a copy of CoE or a letter of confirming the extension of validity of CoE from Japan which are sent via email amid COVID-19.

In addition, individuals are also not required to hold an original copy of CoE when entering Japan. In this case; however, a letter of reason (stating the reason of not obtaining the original copy when entering Japan) and an original copy of CoE are required to be submitted to Immigration Bureau which issued CoE after entering Japan.

For more information: <http://www.moj.go.jp/content/001319321.pdf> (Japanese)