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for foreigners will be  
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**Until now, the period of stay for  
foreigners was granted regardless of  
the passport validity**



My passport will expire in July 2021 and will not remain valid for the duration of my stay until December 2021. Is it ok?

**Problem 1**

Expired foreign passports are rarely renewed

※ 96,130 foreign residents still carried expired passports in 2020

**Problem 2**

Changes in passport information are rarely reported

※ 8,768 cases failed to report changes in passport information in 2019. (Total amount of penalties : nearly 1.1 billion KRW)

**Problem 3**

Failure to update passport information leads to

difficulties in maintaining accurate data on Korea's immigration

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**Effect 1**

Fewer penalties are imposed for failure to report changes in passport information

**Effect 2**

Latest update on passport information improves the accuracy of immigration data

**Exceptions**

Permanent Resident (F-5)

Recognized Refugee (F-2-4)

Humanitarian Status (G-1-6)

**With the improved grant of  
the period of stay,  
the Ministry of Justice will  
strive to ensure better  
immigration services  
for foreign residents in Korea**



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