

Announcement on Grant of Period of Stay within Passport Validity Period

Starting July 1(Tue.), 2021, Period of Stay will be given only within the passport validity period when granting Permission to Stay for foreign nationals, as previously announced.

Yet, the measure will have transitional provisions for certain period of time after its implementation in order to minimize the inconvenience for foreign residents considering that international travel is restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic and having passports re-issued is not readily available for foreign nationals residing in the ROK.

Those subject to the measure

- The measure applies to all foreign nationals staying long-term in the country except for the following status holders
 - Diplomat(A-1), Foreign Government Official(A-2), International Agreement(A-3), Permanent Resident(F-5), Those with refugee recognition status(F-2)·Family members (F-1), Humanitarian status holder·Those applying for refugee status·Family members (G-1), Stateless person
- The measure is applied to Grant of Status of Stay, Extension of Stay, Change of Status, and Change/Addition of Workplace

Criteria to grant Period of Stay

- **(In Principle)** Period of Stay shall be granted only within the passport validity period
- **(Until June 30, 2022)** Period of Stay shall be granted within one (1) year by recognizing the remaining passport validity period of less than 1 year as one (1) year
- **(After July 1, 2022)** In case where having passport re-issued is practically impossible within the remaining period of stay, Period of Stay is given within the 6 month period (for One time Only) by recognizing the passport validity period of less than 6 months as valid 6 months.

Enforcement Date

- **July 1, 2021 (Thur.)**