

Announcement on Changes in Application for Extension of Period of Stay for Departure

Starting May 11(Wed.), 2022, Permission for Extension of Period of Stay for Departure (hereinafter 'Extension of Stay for Departure') will change as specified below as the international flights are in normal operation with recent decreases in COVID-19 infection rates.

① Application for Extension of Stay for Departure in accordance with Article 32 of the Enforcement Rule of Immigration Act

○ (Eligibility)

- **(Registered Foreigners)** ① Those who are unable to depart from the ROK due to unavoidable circumstances, including no available flights/vessels for departure, accidents, diseases and others ② Those intending to stay in the ROK temporarily for travel, etc. after completing activities under the relevant status of stay
- **(Short-term Stay Foreigners)** Those who are unable to depart from the ROK due to unavoidable circumstances, including no available flights/vessels for departure, accidents, diseases and others

○ (Permitted period) Maximum 30 days

○ (Documents to submit) ① flight ticket for departure or explanatory statement ② Proving document relating to the explanatory statement (medical certificate, etc.) ③ Document proving place of residence

○ (How to Apply) Through e-Application services on the HiKorea website, in-person visits to immigration office after reserving a visit, or by using agency services

② Those granted a Permission for Extension of Stay for Departure who fall into the following categories can apply for Extension of Stay by visiting a jurisdictional immigration office and the postponement of departure will be decided after going through review process.

- Where departure from the ROK is not available due to unavoidable reasons including border closure, suspension of international flights which arise from an infectious disease, ongoing war and others
- Where there is cooperation request from a relevant overseas government due to emergency circumstance which does not allow for departure from the ROK
- Where departure from the ROK is impossible with his/her or the child's enrollment at elementary/middle/high school
- Legal spouse of a Korean national with humanitarian grounds