

**Comparison of the main requirements for the National Strategic Special Zone Foreign National Startup Activity Promotion Program and the Program to Promote Startup Businesses by Foreign Nationals(new program)**

	Program to increase foreign entrepreneurs	Program to Promote Startup Businesses by Foreign Nationals
Related laws and regulations	National Strategic Special Zone Act Article 16-6	Public Notice on the Program to Promote Startup Businesses by Foreign Nationals
Overview	A program that allows foreign entrepreneurs who have been confirmed by local governments to meet certain requirements to enter and reside in the National Strategic Zone for a maximum of six months.	A program that allows foreign entrepreneurs who receive entrepreneurial support from local governments or private businesses to meet certain requirements to enter and reside in Japan for a maximum of two years in accordance with the public notice.
Eligibility for Status of Residence	Business/Management	Designated Activities (Public Notice 44)
Period of residence	Maximum of six months	Maximum of two years * The period of residence to be initially determined is “one year” or “six months”. (Renewal procedure is required after one year of immigration. (Renewal period is six months)
Required Prospective Criteria	The following are expected to be fulfilled within six months of immigration. (1) Two or more full-time employees or capital of five million yen or more (2) A business office (*) must exist in Tokyo. *A single management entity must occupy a certain location and continuously conduct business.	The following are expected to be fulfilled within one year of immigration (renewable up to two years) (1) Two or more full-time employees or capital of five million yen or more (2) A business office (*) must exist in Tokyo. *A single management entity must occupy a certain location and continuously operate the business.
Requirements for the applicant	Expected to start business within six months	Persons who satisfy any of the following 1.University graduates, etc. (including Senmonsi (professional)/Kodo-Senmonsi (advanced professional) of Japan) 2.Engaged in related business for more than three years 3.Engaged in Management/Business of a related business for at least one year 4.Expected to start a business within six months
Confirmation and reporting of implementation status, etc.	Interview the foreign entrepreneur at least once every two months to confirm the progress of the Business Startup Activity Plan, etc.	Interview the foreign entrepreneur at least once a month to confirm the progress of Startup Preparation Activity Plan and the results of support, etc.