

# The Aichi Startup Visa Program

## Program Overview

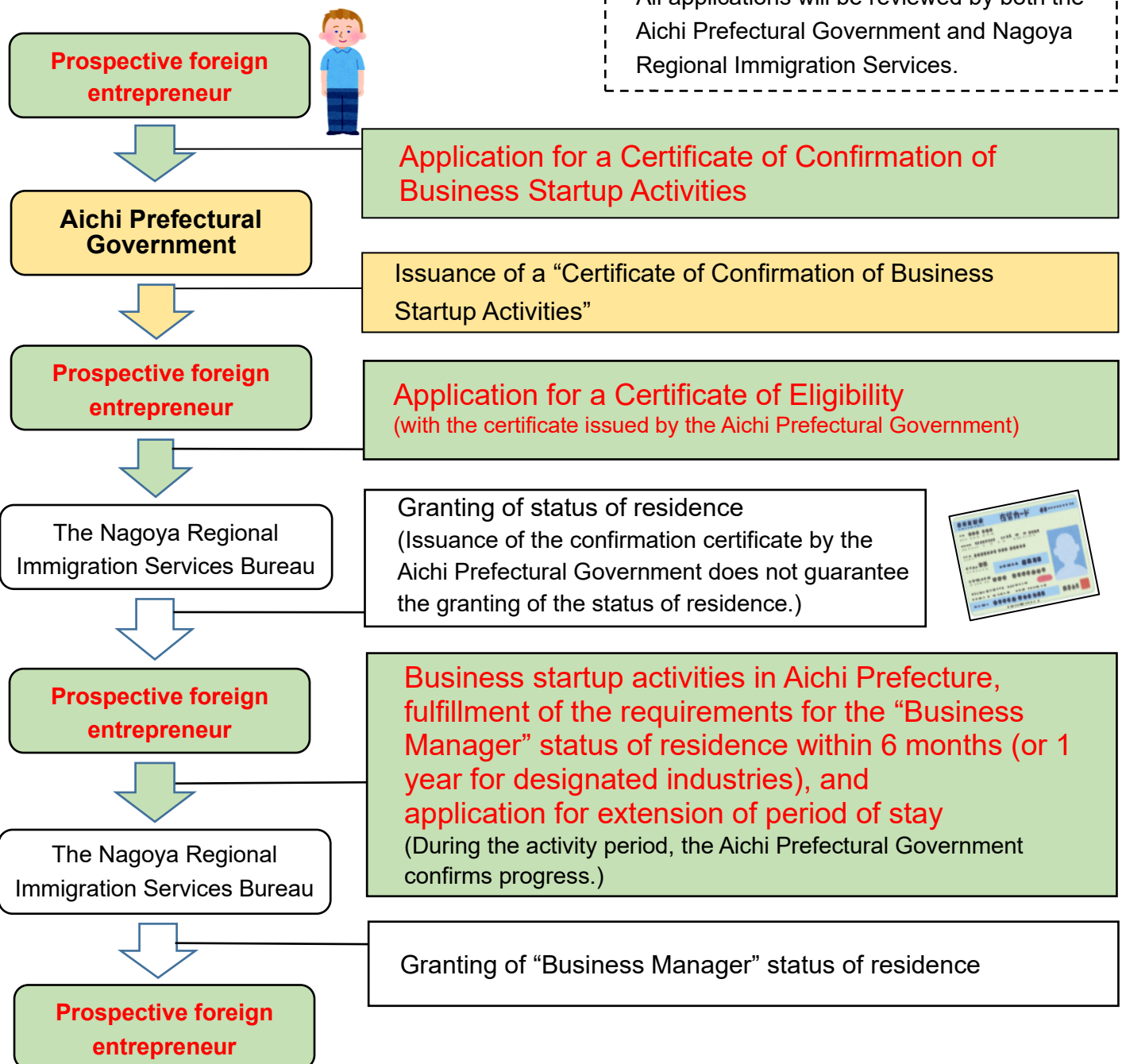
The Aichi Startup Visa Program aims to enhance the international competitiveness of Aichi Prefecture by promoting foreign entrepreneurship.

Under the Aichi Startup Visa Program, requirements for the “Business Manager” status of residence (“open an office” and “invest at least 5 million yen or hire 2 or more full-time employees”) are deferred for 6 months. Businesses in designated industries including information technology may defer for up to 1 year.

\*Granting of the status of residence is under the jurisdiction of the Nagoya Regional Immigration Services Bureau.

## Process for Prospective Entrepreneurs

All applications will be reviewed by both the Aichi Prefectural Government and Nagoya Regional Immigration Services.



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## About the Aichi Startup Visa Program

<p>Program Targets</p>	<p>Foreign nationals who are starting a new business in Aichi Prefecture Prospective entrepreneurs can apply through either program (1) or program (2) below (see webpage for details).</p> <p><b>(1) National Strategic Special Zone Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants receive a Certificate of Eligibility for “Business Manager” status of residence for 6 months.</li> <li><u>Foreign nationals already residing in Japan under a different status of residence may not participate in this program.</u></li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.pref.aichi.jp/soshiki/kinyu/gaikokujinsogyo.html">https://www.pref.aichi.jp/soshiki/kinyu/gaikokujinsogyo.html</a></p> <p><b>(2) Program Certified by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants receive a Certificate of Eligibility for “Designated Activities” for up to 1 year (must be renewed after 6 months).</li> <li><u>Those who are residing in Japan under a different status of residence can also participate in this program.</u></li> <li>Eligible Businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Businesses aiming for high growth in the information technology industry</li> <li>b. Businesses aiming for high growth using innovative technologies or skills</li> </ul> </li> <li>Applicants must fulfill academic or professional requirements.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.pref.aichi.jp/soshiki/kinyu/gaikokujinkigyo.html">https://www.pref.aichi.jp/soshiki/kinyu/gaikokujinkigyo.html</a></p>
<p>Documents to be Submitted</p>	<p><b>Program (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forms designated by the Aichi Prefectural Government (planning document of business startup activities, resume, etc.)</li> <li>Copy of passport</li> <li>Document that certifies the applicant’s place of residence for 6 months after arrival in Japan</li> <li>Other necessary documents (e.g. document that shows the amount of the applicant’s cash savings such as a copy of the applicant’s bank book)</li> </ul> <p><b>Program (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forms designated by the Aichi Prefectural Government (planning document of business startup activities, resume, etc.)</li> <li>Copy of passport</li> <li>Diploma or certificate of professional experience</li> <li>Document that certifies the applicant’s place of residence and living expenses for 1 year after arrival in Japan or change of status of residence</li> <li>Other necessary documents</li> <li>Renewal application (after 6 months)</li> </ul>
<p>Notes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Granting of status of residence is under the jurisdiction of the Nagoya Regional Immigration Services Bureau (phone: 052-559-2114).</li> <li>The Aichi Prefectural Government issues the “Certificate of Confirmation of Business Startup Activities.”</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After coming to Japan or changing status of residence, the applicant will be subject to an interview regarding the progress of their startup plans every 2 months (every month under program (2))</li> </ul>