Ministerial Order for Defining the Criteria in the Right-Hand Column of the Entry for Highly Skilled Professional in the Appended Table I(2) of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act

(Ministry of Justice Order No. 37 of December 26, 2014)

Article 1 (1) The criteria in item (i) in the right-hand column of the entry for Highly Skilled Professional in the Appended Table I(2) of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") is that the foreign national who engages in the activity listed in the same item, at the time that person is granted one of the following: a seal of verification or permission for landing pursuant to the provisions of Chapter III, Section 1 or Section 2 of the Act (limited to those that accompany the determination of status of residence), a permission pursuant to the provisions of Chapter IV, Section 2 of the Act, a permission pursuant to the provisions of Article 50, paragraph (1) of the Act or Article 61-2-2, paragraph (2) of the Act (hereinafter referred to as "Type I Permission, etc."); that person conforms to any of the following items:

(i) that the foreign national engages in the activity listed in item (i), (a) in the righthand column of the entry for Highly Skilled Professional in the Appended Table I(2) of the Act and who, in relation to the items shown in the left-hand column of the that table and in accordance with the criteria shown in the middle column of the same table (with respect to annual income, if, at the relevant point in time, the foreign national is: aged under 30, the criteria in (a) through (g); aged 30 or over but under 35, the criteria in (a) through (f); aged 35 or over but under 40, the criteria in (a) through (e); aged 40 or over, the criteria in (a) through (c)), scores 70 points or more when the points in the right-hand column of the same table are added up;

Item	Criteria	Points
Educational Background	(a) the foreign national	30
	holds a doctorate	

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	(b) the foreign national	20
	holds a master's degree,	
	or a professional degree	
	(referring to the	
	"professional degree"	
	specified in Article 5-2	
	of the Degree	
	Regulations (Order of	
	the Ministry of	
	Education, Science and	
	Culture No. 9 of 1953)	
	and including	
	equivalent degrees	
	awarded in foreign	
	countries; the same	
	applies hereinafter)	
	(excluding cases where	
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	sub-item (a) applies)	10
	(c) the foreign national	10
	has graduated from a	
	university or has	
	received equivalent or	
	higher education	
	(excluding cases where	
	sub-item (a) or (b)	
	applies)	
	(d) the foreign national	5
	holds doctorates,	
	master's degrees, or	
	professional degrees in	
	multiple fields	
Career	(a) the foreign national	15
	has 7 years or more of	
	work experience in the	
	research, instruction in	
	research, or education	
	the foreign national	
	engages in	
	(b) the foreign national	10
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	has 5 years or more but	
	less than 7 years of	
	work experience in the	
	research, instruction in	
	research, or education	
	the foreign national	
	engages in	

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	(c) the foreign national	5
	has 3 years or more but	
	less than 5 years of	
	work experience in the	
	research, instruction in	
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	research, or education	
	the foreign national	
	engages in	
Annual Income	(a) the total annual	40
	remuneration the	
	foreign national receives	
	from the contracting	
	organization (referring	
	to the public or private	
	organization in Japan	
	that acts as the	
	contractual	
	counterparty; the same	
	applies hereinafter) and	
	the foreign affiliated	
	organization (where the	
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	staff member of a public	
	or private organization	
	overseas transfers and	
	is accepted by the	
	organization for	
	activities, refers to the	
	relevant public or	
	private organization	
	overseas; hereinafter	
	the same applies in the	
	following item and	
	paragraph (1), item (i),	
	(b) of the following	
	Article) is 10,000,000	
	yen or more	
	(b) the total annual	35
	remuneration the	
	foreign national receives	
	from the contracting	
	organization and the	
	foreign affiliated	
	organization is	
	9,000,000 yen or more,	
	but less than 10,000,000	
	yen	
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(c) the total annual remuneration the	30
foreign national receives	
from the contracting	
organization and the	
foreign affiliated	
organization is	
8,000,000 yen or more,	
but less than 9,000,000	
yen	
(d) the total annual	25
remuneration the	
foreign national receives	
from the contracting	
organization and the	
foreign affiliated	
organization is	
7,000,000 yen or more,	
but less than 8,000,000	
yen	
(e) the total annual	20
remuneration the	
foreign national receives	
from the contracting	
organization and the	
foreign affiliated	
organization is	
6,000,000 yen or more,	
but less than 7,000,000	
yen	1 2
(f) the total annual	15
remuneration the	
foreign national receives	
from the contracting	
organization and the	
foreign affiliated	
organization is	
5,000,000 yen or more,	
but less than 6,000,000	
yen	
(g) the total annual	10
remuneration the	
foreign national receives	
from the contracting	
organization and the	
foreign affiliated	
organization is	
4,000,000 yen or more,	
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but less than 5,000,000	
yen	

(a) the foreign national is aged under 30	15
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under 40	
(a) the foreign national	25
satisfies at least two of	
the following sub-items	
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subsidy, competitive	
funding, or other forms	
of funding from a	
foreign government	
	is aged under 30 (b) the foreign national is aged over 30 but <u>under 35</u> (c) the foreign national is aged over 35 but <u>under 40</u> (a) the foreign national satisfies at least two of the following sub-items (1) through (4) (1) there is one or more inventions in respect of which the foreign national was granted patent as the inventor (2) the foreign national has engaged, three times or more, in a research which received subsidy, competitive funding, or other forms of funding from a

(3) the foreign national has published three or	
more papers (limited to	
those papers in respect	
of which the foreign	
national is the author	
responsible for	
responding to queries	
concerning the paper	
(hereinafter referred to	
as the "responsible	
author")) in academic	
journals which are	
registered on the	
database of academic	
papers (an assembly of	
information concerning	
academic research	
papers, which is	
systematically	
structured so as enable	
those information to be	
searched by using a	
computer; the same	
applies hereinafer) used	
by national institutions	
of Japan	
(4) the foreign national	
has submitted a	
research achievement	
which does not	
correspond to (1)	
through (3), but which,	
having consulted the	
head of the relevant	
administrative organ,	
the Minister of Justice	
has recognized as being	
equivalent to them	20
(b) the foreign national $f(1) + f(1)$	20
satisfies any of (1) to (4)	
in (a) (excluding cases	
where sub-item (a)	
applies)	

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Special Additions	(a) the contracting	20
	organization is a small and medium-sized	
	enterprise (referring to	
	the "small and medium-	
	sized enterprise" as	
	defined in Article 2,	
	paragraph (1) of the	
	Small and Medium-sized	
	Enterprise Basic Act	
	(Act No. 154 of 1963);	
	the same applies	
	hereinafter), and	
	additionally, has either	
	received approval etc. as	
	being conducive to the	
	promotion of the	
	creation of innovation	
	(referring to the	
	"creation of innovation"	
	as defined in Article 2,	
	paragraph (5) of the Act	
	on Vitalizing the	
	Creation of Science,	
	Technology, and	
	Innovation (Act No. 63	
	of 2008); the same	
	applies hereinafter) in	
	accordance with the	
	provisions of laws	
	specified by the	
	Minister of Justice	
	through public notice, or	
	received the grant of	
	subsidy and other	
	measures of assistance	
	which the Minister of	
	Justice has declared as	
	being conducive to the	
	creation of innovation	
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	(b) the contracting	10
	organization has either	
	received approval etc. as	
	being conducive to the	
	promotion of the	
	creation of innovation in	
	accordance with the	
	provisions of laws	
	specified by the	
	Minister of Justice	
	through public notice, or	
	received the grant of	
	subsidy and other	
	measures of assistance	
	which the Minister of	
	Justice has declared as	
	being conducive to the	
	creation of innovation	
	through public notice	
	(excluding cases where	
	sub-item (a) applies)	

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	(c) in the financial year	5
	preceding the financial	
	year to which the date	
	on which application is	
	made pursuant to the	
	provisions of Article 7-2,	
	paragraph (1),	
	Article 20,	
	paragraph (2),	
	Article 21,	
	paragraph (2), or	
	Article 22-2,	
	paragraph (2) (including	
	as applied mutatis	
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	Article 22-3) of the Act,	
	determination is made	
	pursuant to the	
	provisions of Article 11,	
	paragraph (3) or	
	Article 49,	
	paragraph (3) of the Act,	
	or permission is granted	
	pursuant to the	
	provisions of the	
	Article 61-2-2,	
	paragraph (2) of the Act	
	belongs (hereinafter	
	referred to as the "date	
	of application etc.")	
	belongs (where the date	
	of application etc. falls	
	within 2 months of the	
	end of the preceding	
	financial year, the	
	financial year prior to	
	the preceding financial	
	year; the same applies	
	hereinafer), the ratio of	
	test and research	
	expenses etc. (referring	
	to the ratio of the total	
	of testing, research, and	
	development expenses	
	(referring to the	
	"development expenses"	
	as defined in Article 14,	
	paragraph (1), item (iii)	
	of the Order for the	
	Enforcement of the	
	Corporation Tax Act	
	(Cabinet Order No. 97 of	
	1965) and the cost	
	specifically incurred in	
	launching a new	
	business) to the amount	
	of income (the amount	

(d) the foreign na	tional 5
holds foreign	
qualification, has	3
received awards,	or has
other proof of hig	ch level
of expert knowle	dge,
ability, or experi	ence
which relates to	the
work the foreign	
national engages	in and
which, having co	nsulted
the head of the r	elevant
administrative	
organization, the	
Minister of Justi	ce has
recognized as be	ng
conducive to the	
promotion of the	
creation of innov	ation
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correspond to the	
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achievement in t	his
table)	
(e) the foreign na	tional 10
has graduated fr	
university in Jap	
has been awarde	
master's degree	after
completing a	
postgraduate cou	rse in
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(f) the foreign na	tional 15
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(g) it has been proven by	10
examination that the	
foreign national not only	
can comprehend the	
Japanese language as	
used in everyday	
situations, but also	
possesses the ability to	
understand to some	
extent the Japanese	
language used in a	
broader range of	
situations, including	
those that involve the	
use of somewhat	
logically complicated	
Japanese language	
(excluding cases where	
sub-item (e) or (f)	
applies)	
(h) the foreign national	10
is in charge of a	
business which, having	
consulted the head of	
the relevant	
administrative organ,	
the Minister of Justice	
recognizes as a leading	
business in a field that	
is expected to grow and	
develop in the future	
(i) the foreign national	10
either has graduated	
from a university which,	
having consulted the	
head of the relevant	
administrative organ,	
the Minister of Justice	
has designated through	
a public notice, was	
awarded a master's	
degree after completing	
a postgraduate course of	
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	(j) the foreign national	5
	has completed a	
	training course which is	
	implemented by the	
	Japanese government or	
	an organization	
	commissioned by the	
	Japanese government,	
	and the Minister of	
	Justice has designated	
	through public notice	
	(with respect to training	
	courses which are	
	conducted through the	
	use of lectures at	
	universities or graduate	
	schools in Japan,	
	excluding cases where	
	sub-item (e) applies)	

(ii) that the foreign national engages in the activity listed in item (i), (b) in the righthand column of the entry for Highly Skilled Professional in the Appended Table I(2) of the Act and who, in relation to the items shown in the left-hand column of the that table and in accordance with the criteria shown in the middle column of the same table (with respect to annual income, if, at the relevant point in time, the foreign national is: aged under 30, the criteria in (a) through (g); aged 30 or over but under 35, the criteria in (a) through (f); aged 35 or over but under 40, the criteria in (a) through (e); aged 40 or over, the criteria in (a) through (c)), scores 70 points or more when the points in the right-hand column of the same table are added up, and additionally, whose total annual remuneration from the contracting organization and the foreign affiliated organization is 3,000,000 yen or more;

Item	Criteria	Points
Educational Background	(a) the foreign national	30
	holds a doctorate	
	(b) the foreign national	25
	holds a professional	
	degree relating to	
	business administration	
	(excluding cases where	
	sub-item (a) applies)	

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	(c) the foreign national	20
	has graduated from a	
	university or has	
	received equivalent or	
	higher education	
	(excluding cases where	
	sub-items (a) through (c)	
	applies)	
	(d) the foreign national	10
	has graduated from a	
	university or has	
	received equivalent or	
	higher education	
	(excluding cases where	
	sub-items (a) through (c)	
	applies)	
	(e) the foreign national	5
	holds doctorates,	
	master's degrees, or	
	professional degrees in	
	multiple fields	
Career	(a) the foreign national	20
	has 10 years or more of	
	work experience in the	
	business the foreign	
	national engages in	
	(b) the foreign national	15
	has 7 years or more but	
	less than 10 years of	
	work experience in the	
	business the foreign	
	national engages in	
	(c) the foreign national	10
	has 5 years or more but	
	less than 7 years of	
	work experience in the	
	business the foreign	
	national engages in	
	(d) the foreign national	5
	has 3 years or more but	
	less than 5 years of	
	work experience in the	
	business the foreign	
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Annual Income	(a) the total annual	40
Annual Income	(a) the total annual remuneration the	40
	foreign national receives	
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	from the contracting	
	organization and the	
	foreign affiliated	
	organization is more	
	than 10,000,000 yen	0 K
	(b) the total annual	35
	remuneration the	
	foreign national receives	
	from the contracting	
	organization and the	
	foreign affiliated	
	organization is	
	9,000,000 yen or more,	
	but less than 10,000,000	
	yen	
	(c) the total annual	30
	remuneration the	
	foreign national receives	
	from the contracting	
	organization and the	
	foreign affiliated	
	organization is	
	8,000,000 yen or more,	
	but less than 9,000,000	
	yen	
	(d) the total annual	25
	remuneration the	
	foreign national receives	
	from the contracting	
	organization and the	
	foreign affiliated	
	organization is	
	7,000,000 yen or more,	
	but less than 8,000,000	
	yen	
	(e) the total annual	20
	remuneration the	
	foreign national receives	
	from the contracting	
	organization and the	
	foreign affiliated	
	organization is	
	6,000,000 yen or more,	
	but less than 7,000,000	
	yen	

	(f) the total annual remuneration the foreign national receives from the contracting organization and the foreign affiliated organization is 5,000,000 yen or more,	15
	but less than 6,000,000 yen (g) the total annual remuneration the foreign national receives from the contracting organization and the foreign affiliated organization is 4,000,000 yen or more, but less than 5,000,000	10
Age	 (a) the foreign national is aged under 30 (b) the foreign national is aged over 30 but 	15 10
	under 35 (c) the foreign national is aged over 35 but under 40	5
Research Achievement	the foreign national satisfies at least two of the following sub-items (a) through (d) (a) there is one or more inventions in respect of which the foreign national was granted patent as the inventor (b) the foreign national has engaged, three times or more, in a research which received subsidy, competitive funding, or other forms of funding from a foreign government	15

Qualification	 (c) the foreign national has published three or more papers (limited to those papers in respect of which the foreign national is the responsible author) in academic journals which are registered on database of academic papers used by national institutions of Japan (d) the foreign national has submitted a research achievement which does not correspond to sub-items (a) through (c), but which, having consulted the head of the relevant administrative organ, the Minister of Justice has recognized as being equivalent to them (a) the foreign national satisfies at least one of the following sub-items (1) the foreign national holds two or more national qualifications of Japan (referring to those qualifications which, by law, those which, by law, those 	10
	who do not hold the qualification are not allowed to engage in the relevant business or activity, or use any title relating to the qualification; the same	
	applies hereinafter) which are relevant to the work the foreign national engages in	

(2) the foreign national	
has passed two or more	
examinations which	
relate to information	
processing and are	
specified by the	
Minister of Justice	
through public notice in	
accordance with the	
proviso to item (i) in the	
right-hand column of	
the entry for	
Engineer/Specialist in	
Humanities/Internation	
al Services in the	
Ministerial Order to	
Provide for Criteria	
Pursuant to Article 7,	
paragraph (1), item (ii)	
of the Immigration	
Control and Refugee	
Recognition Act	
(Ministry of Justice	
Order No. 16 of 1990;	
hereinafter referred to	
as the "Ministerial	
Order for Criteria")	
(3) the foreign national	
holds two or more	
qualifications which	
relate to information	
processing and which	
are specified by the Minister of Justice	
through public notice in	
accordance with the	
proviso to item (i) in the	
right-hand column of	
the entry for Engineer/	
Specialist in	
Humanities/Internation	
al Services in the	
Ministerial Order for	
Criteria	

(b) the foreign national	10
satisfies two or more of	
the following	
requirements (1)	
through (3) (excluding	
cases where sub-item (a)	
applies)	
(1) the foreign national	
holds a national	
qualification of Japan	
which is relevant to the	
business the foreign	
national engages in	
(2) the foreign national	
has passed an	
examination which	
relates to information	
processing and which is	
specified by the	
Minister of Justice	
through public notice in	
accordance with the	
proviso to item (i) in the	
right-hand column of	
the entry for	
Engineer/Specialist in	
Humanities/Internation	
al Services in the	
Ministerial Order for	
Criteria	
(3) the foreign national	
holds a qualification	
which relates to	
information processing	
and which is specified	
by the Minister of	
Justice through public	
notice in accordance	
with the proviso to item	
(i) in the right-hand	
column of the entry for	
Engineer/Specialist in	
Humanities/Internation	
al Services in the	
Ministerial Order for	
Criteria	

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	(c) the foreign national	5
	satisfies any of the	
	following (1) to (3) in	
	sub-item (b) (excluding	
	cases where sub-item (a)	
	or (b) applies)	
Special Additions	(a) the contracting	20
Special Haardons	organization is a small	20
	and medium-sized	
	enterprise and	
	additionally, has either	
	received approval etc. as	
	being conducive to the	
	promotion of the	
	creation of innovation in	
	accordance with the	
	provisions of laws	
	specified by the	
	Minister of Justice	
	through public notice, or	
	received the grant of	
	subsidy and other	
	measures of assistance	
	which the Minister of	
	Justice has declared as	
	being conducive to the	
	creation of innovation	
	through public notice	10
	(b) the contracting	10
	organization has either	
	received approval etc. as	
	being conducive to the	
	promotion of the	
	creation of innovation in	
	accordance with	
	provisions of laws	
	specified by the	
	Minister of Justice	
	through public notice, or	
	received the grant of	
	subsidy and other	
	measures of assistance	
	which the Minister of	
	Justice has declared as	
	being conducive to the	
	creation of innovation	
	through public notice	
	(excluding cases where	
	sub-item (a) applies)	

(c) in the financial year	5
preceding the financial	
year to which the date	
of application etc.	
belongs, the ratio of test	
and research expenses	
etc. of the contracting	
organization (limited to	
small and medium-sized	
enterprises) exceeds	
three one-hundredth	
(d) the foreign national	5
holds foreign	0
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qualification, has received awards, or has	
other proof of high level	
of expertise, ability, or	
experience which relates	
to the business the	
foreign national engages	
in and which, having	
consulted the head of	
the relevant	
administrative organ,	
the Minister of Justice	
has recognized as being	
conducive to the	
promotion of the	
creation of innovation	
(excluding those that	
correspond to the items	
for research	
achievement and	
qualifications in this	
table)	
(e) the foreign national	10
has graduated from a	
university in Japan or	
has been awarded a	
master's degree after	
completing a	
postgraduate course in	
Japan	

(f) the foreign national	15
has graduated from a	
foreign university	
majoring in Japanese	
language, or it has been	
proven by examination	
that the foreign national	
possesses the ability to	
comprehend the	
Japanese language as	
used not just in	
everyday situations, but	
also in a broader range	
of situations, including	
those that involve the	
use of somewhat	
logically complicated	
Japanese language	10
(g) it has been proven by	10
examination that the	
foreign national not only	
can comprehend the	
Japanese language as	
used in everyday	
situations, but also	
possesses the ability to	
understand to some	
extent the Japanese	
language used in a	
broader range of	
situations, including	
those that involve the	
use of somewhat	
logically complicated	
Japanese language	
(excluding cases where	
sub-item (e) or (f)	
applies)	10
(h) the foreign national	10
is in charge of a	
business which, having	
consulted the head of	
the relevant	
administrative organ,	
the Minister of Justice	
has recognized as a	
leading business in a	
field that is expected to	
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grow and develop in the	

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	(i) the foreign national	10
	either has graduated	
	from a university which,	
	having consulted the	
	head of the relevant	
	administrative organ,	
	the Minister of Justice	
	has designated through	
	public notice, or was	
	awarded a master's	
	degree after completing	
	a postgraduate course of	
	such university	
	(j) the foreign national	5
	has completed a	
	training course which is	
	implemented by the	
	Japanese government or	
	an organization	
	commissioned by the	
	Japanese government,	
	and the Minister of	
	Justice has designated	
	through public notice	
	(with respect to training	
	courses which are	
	conducted through the	
	use of lectures at	
	universities or graduate	
	schools in Japan,	
	excluding cases where	
	sub-item (e) applies)	

(iii) that the foreign national engages in the activity listed in item (i), (c) in the righthand column of the entry for Highly Skilled Professional in the Appended Table I(2) of the Act and who, in relation to the items shown in the left-hand column of the that table, and in accordance with the criteria shown in the middle column of the same table, scores 70 points or more when the points in the right-hand column of the same table are added up, and additionally, whose total annual remuneration from the organization for activities (meaning public or private organization in Japan that engages in the activity listed in item (i), (c) in the right-hand column of the entry for Highly Skilled Professional in the Appended Table I(2) of the Act; the same applies hereinafter) and the foreign affiliated organization (where the staff member of a public or private organization for activities, meaning the relevant public or private organization overseas; hereinafter the same applies in this item and in paragraph (1), item (i), (c) of the following Article) is 3,000,000 yen or more.

Item	Criteria	Points
Educational Background	(a) the foreign national	25
	holds a professional	
	degree relating to	
	business administration	
	(b) the foreign national	20
	holds a master's degree	
	or a professional degree	
	(excluding cases where	
	sub-item (a) applies)	
	(c) the foreign national	10
	has graduated from a	-
	university or has	
	received equivalent or	
	higher education	
	(excluding cases where	
	sub-item (a) or (b)	
	applies)	
	(d) the foreign national	5
	holds doctorates,	0
	master's degrees, or	
	professional degrees in	
	multiple fields	
Career	(a) the foreign national	25
	has 10 years or more of	_0
	work experience of	
	operating or managing a	
	business	
	(b) the foreign national	20
	has 7 years or more but	
	less than 10 years of	
	work experience of	
	operating or managing a	
	business	
	(c) the foreign national	15
	has 5 years or more but	
	less than 7 years of	
	work experience of	
	operating or managing a	
	business	
	(d) the foreign national	10
	has 3 years or more but	
	less than 5 years of	
	work experience of	
	operating or managing a	
	business	
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Annualincomo	(a) the total annual	50
Annual income	(a) the total annual remuneration the	50
	foreign national receives	
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	from the organization for activities and the	
	foreign affiliated	
	organization is more	
	than 30,000,000 yen	
	(b) the total annual	40
	remuneration the	
	foreign national receives	
	from the organization	
	for activities and the	
	foreign affiliated	
	organization is	
	25,000,000 yen or more,	
	but less than 30,000,000	
	yen	
	(c) the total annual	30
	remuneration the	
	foreign national receives	
	from the organization	
	for activities and the	
	foreign affiliated	
	organization is	
	20,000,000 yen or more,	
	but less than 25,000,000	
	yen	
	(d) the total annual	20
	remuneration the	
	foreign national receives	
	from the organization	
	for activities and the	
	foreign affiliated	
	organization is	
	15,000,000 yen or more,	
	but less than 20,000,000	
	yen	
	(e) the total annual	10
	remuneration the	
	foreign national receives	
	from the organization	
	for activities and the	
	foreign affiliated	
	organization is	
	10,000,000 yen or more,	
	but less than 15,000,000	
	yen	
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Position	(a) the foreign national	10
	engages in the operation	
	or management of the	
	organization for	
	activities as its	
	representative director,	
	representative executive	
	officer, or a member	
	executing business	
	(limited to those who	
	possess the right to	
	represent)	
	(b) the foreign national	5
	engages in the operation	
	or management of the	
	organization for	
	activities as its	
	representative director,	
	representative executive	
	officer, or a member	
	executing business	
	(excluding cases where	
	sub-item (a) applies)	
Special Additions	(a) the organization for	20
	activities is a small and	
	medium-sized enterprise	
	and additionally, has	
	either received approval	
	etc. as being conducive	
	to the promotion of the	
	creation of innovation in	
	accordance with the	
	provisions of laws	
	specified by the	
	Minister of Justice	
	through public notice, or	
	received the grant of	
	subsidy and other	
	measures of assistance	
	which the Minister of	
	Justice has declared as	
	being conducive to the	
	creation of innovation	
	through public notice	

(b) the organization for	10
activities has either	
received approval etc. as	
being conducive to the	
promotion of the	
creation of innovation in	
accordance with	
provisions of laws	
specified by the	
Minister of Justice	
through public notice, or	
received the grant of	
subsidy and other	
measures of assistance	
which the Minister of	
Justice has declared as	
being conducive to the	
creation of innovation	
through public notice	
(excluding cases where	
sub-item (a) applies)	~
(c) in the financial year	5
preceding the financial	
year to which the date	
of application etc.	
belongs, the ratio of test	
and research expenses	
etc. of the organization	
for activities (limited to	
small and medium-sized	
enterprises) exceeds	
three one-hundredth	
(d) the foreign national	5
holds foreign	-
qualification, has	
received awards, or has	
other proof of high level	
of expertise, ability, or	
experience which relates	
to the business the	
foreign national engages	
in and which, having	
consulted the head of	
the relevant	
administrative organ,	
the Minister of Justice	
has recognized as being	
conducive to the	
promotion of the	
creation of innovation	

(e) the foreign national	10
has graduated from a	
university in Japan or	
has been awarded a	
master's degree after	
completing a	
postgraduate course in	
Japan	
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(f) the foreign national	10
has graduated from a	
foreign university	
majoring in Japanese	
language, or it has been	
proven by examination	
that the foreign national	
possesses the ability to	
comprehend the	
Japanese language as	
used not just in	
everyday situations, but	
also in a broader range	
of situations, including	
those that involve the	
use of somewhat	
logically complicated	
Japanese language	
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(g) it has been proven by examination that the	10
foreign national not only	
can comprehend the	
Japanese language as	
used in everyday	
situations, but also	
possesses the ability to	
understand to some	
extent the Japanese	
language used in a	
broader range of	
situations, including	
those that involve the	
use of somewhat	
logically complicated	
Japanese language	
(excluding cases where	
sub-item (e) or (f)	
applies)	

(h) the foreign national	10
is in charge of a	
business which, having	
consulted the head of	
the relevant	
administrative	
organization, the	
Minister of Justice has	
recognized as a leading	
business in a field that	
is expected to grow and	
develop in the future	
(i) The foreign national	10
either has graduated	10
from a university which,	
having consulted the	
head of the relevant	
administrative organ,	
the Minister of Justice	
has designated through	
public notice, or was awarded a master's	
degree after completing	
a postgraduate course of	
such university	~
(j) the foreign national	5
has completed a	
training course which is	
implemented by the	
Japanese government or	
an organization	
commissioned by the	
Japanese government,	
and the Minister of	
Justice has designated	
through public notice	
(with respect to training	
courses which are	
conducted through the	
use of lectures at	
universities or graduate	
schools in Japan,	
excluding cases where	
sub-item (e) applies)	

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	(k) if the foreign	5
	national is to engage in,	
	at a public or private	
	organization in Japan,	
	the management of	
	trade and other	
	business, the foreign	
	national has personally	
	invested 100,000,000	
	yen or more in the	
	relevant business	

- (2) A person who conforms to any of the items in the preceding paragraph at the time an application pursuant to the provisions of Article 6, paragraph (2) of the Act, Article 20, paragraph (2) of the Act, Article 21, paragraph (2) of the Act, or Article 22-2, paragraph (2) of the Act (including as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 22, paragraph (3) of the Act) is made, or a determination pursuant to the provisions of Article 49, paragraph (3) of the Act is made, is deemed to have conformed to the relevant item at the time the Type I Permission, etc. is granted in connection with the application or the determination.
- Article 2 (1) The criteria in item (ii) in the right-hand column of the entry for Highly Skilled Professional in the Appended Table I(2) of the Act is that the foreign national who engages in the activity listed in the same item, at the time the relevant permission is granted pursuant to the provisions of Article 12, paragraph (1) of the Act or Chapter IV, Section 2 of the Act (hereinafter referred to as "Type II Permission"), conforms to all of the following items:
 (i) that either of the following sub-items applies:
 - (a) if the foreign national was staying in Japan with the status of residence of Highly Skilled Professional (limited to those pertaining to item (i), (a) in the right-hand column of the entry for Highly Skilled Professional in the Appended Table I(2) of the Act), the foreign national, in relation to the items shown in the left-hand column of the table in paragraph (1), item (i) of the preceding Article, and in accordance with the criteria shown in the middle column of the same table (with respect to annual income, if, at the relevant point in time, the foreign national is: aged under 30, the criteria in (a) through (g); aged 30 or over but under 35, the criteria in (a) through (f); aged 35 or over but less than 40, the criteria in (a) through (e); aged 40 or over, the criteria in (a) through (c)), scores 70 points or more when the points in the right-hand column of the same table are added up;
 - (b) if the foreign national was staying in Japan with the status of residence

of Highly Skilled Professional (limited to those pertaining to item (i), (b) in the right-hand column of the entry for Highly Skilled Professional in the Appended Table I(2) of the Act), the foreign national, in relation to the items shown in the left-hand column of the table in paragraph (1), item (ii) of the preceding Article, and in accordance with the criteria shown in the middle column of the same table (with respect to annual income, if, at the relevant point in time, the foreign national is: aged under 30, the criteria in (a) through (g); aged 30 or over but under 35, the criteria in (a) through (f); aged 35 or over but under 40, the criteria in (a) through (e); aged 40 or over, the criteria in (a) through (c)), scores 70 points or more when the points in the right-hand column of the same table are added up, and additionally, the total annual remuneration the foreign national receives from the contracting organization and the foreign affiliated organization is 3,000,000 yen or more:

- (c) if the foreign national was staying in Japan with the status of residence of Highly Skilled Professional (limited to those pertaining to item (i), (c) in the right-hand column of the entry for Highly Skilled Professional in the Appended Table I(2) of the Act), the foreign national, in relation to the items shown in the left-hand column of the table in paragraph (1), item (iii) of the preceding Article, and in accordance with the criteria shown in the middle column of the same table, scores 70 points or more when the points in the right-hand column of the same table are added up, and additionally, the total annual remuneration the foreign national receives from the organization for activities and the foreign affiliated organization is 3,000,000 yen or more;
- (ii) that the foreign national was staying in Japan with the status of residence of Highly Skilled Professional (limited to those pertaining to items (i), (a) through (c) in the right-hand column of the entry for Highly Skilled Professional in the Appended Table I(2) of the Act) for 3 years or more, and was engaged in the activity listed in the same item;
- (iii) that the foreign national's behavior and conduct are good; and
- (iv) that the foreign national's residence in Japan is in the interests of Japan.
- (2) A person who conforms to all of the items in the preceding paragraph at the time the application pursuant to the provisions of Article 6, paragraph (2) of the Act, Article 20, paragraph (2) of the Act, or Article 22-2, paragraph (2) of the Act is made, is deemed to have conformed to all of the items in the preceding paragraph at the time the Type II Permission is granted in connection with the relevant application.