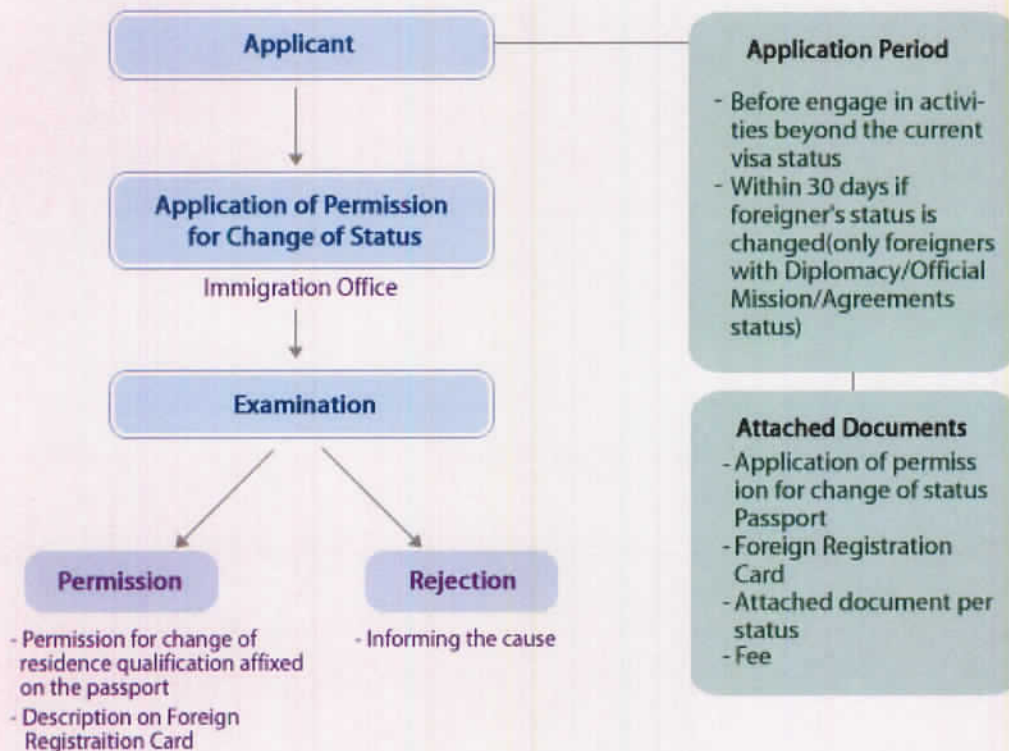


## Procedure of Change of Residence status



## Change of Status of Stay

- Foreigners must receive permission to change of status of their stay if they want to participate in new activities which is not relevant or permitted for current status

### General Principles

- As a general rule, foreigners seeking to participate in activities not permitted under their current status must first depart from Korea, obtain a new status that corresponds with the desired status, then re-enter Korea with the newly obtained status and status.
- However, should it be possible to meet the requirements for the new status without having to depart from Korea, limited change of status can be made upon passing a rigid examination.
- To see what is required by each status, click on status table on the top of this page.

### Application Period

- In order to engage in activities not permitted by the current status of stay, a permission to change the status must be obtained from the local Immigration Office prior to engaging in the said new activities.
- A-1, A-2 and A-3 status holders seeking to change their status of stay due to change in their position/duties must receive permission for change of status of stay within 30 days of the said change.

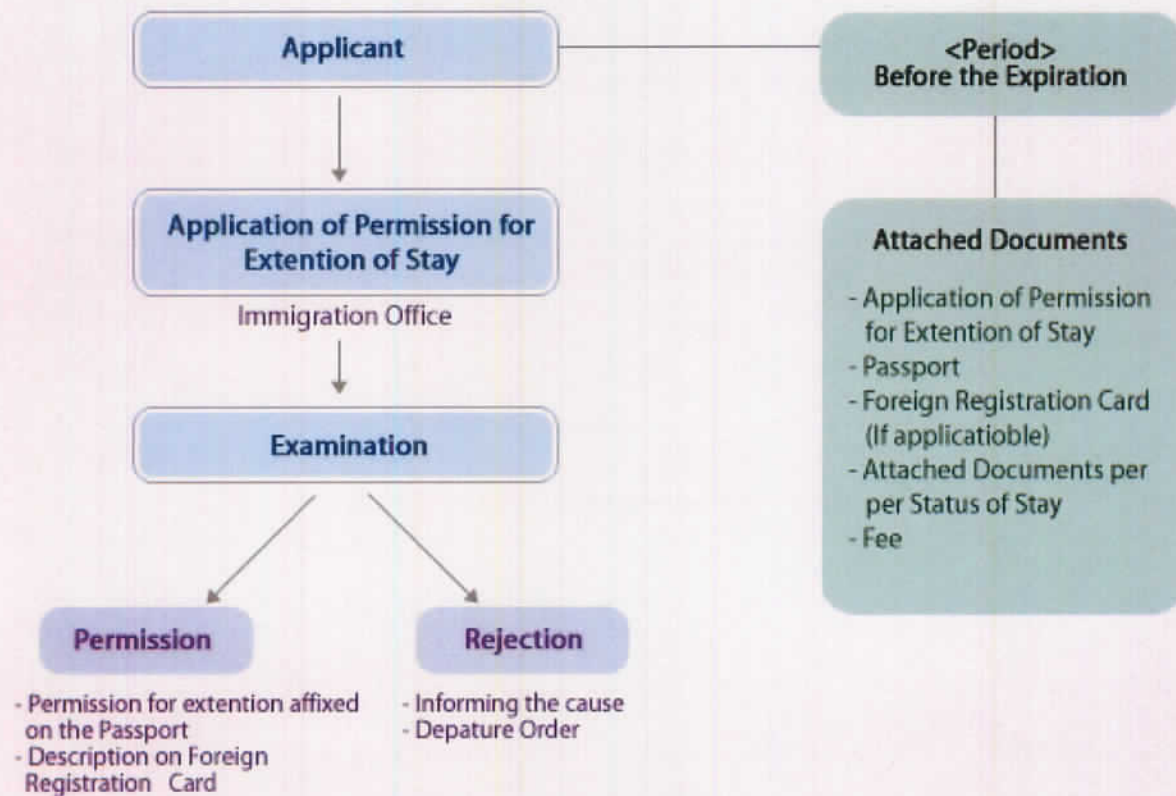
### How to apply for permission for change of status of stay

- Present the Required documents to the local Immigration Office (may be applied by an appointed agent)

### Examples of when one would need to apply for change of status of stay

- A C-2 status foreigner wants to invest (D-8) in Korea
- A D-3 status foreigner wants to get a job (E-8) after 1 year training
- A D-4 status foreigner wants to study in Korea (D-2)
- Foreigners who married Korean wants to change residence status of stay (F-2) (applicable regardless of residence status of stay)

### ➡ Procedure of Permission for Extension of Stay



### ➡ Permission for Extension of Stay

- In case of expiration of permission of stay, the foreigner shall receive permission for extension of stay if he/she desires to stay continuously in Korea

### ➡ Application Period for Extension

- The foreigner shall apply before 2 months from the current expiration date to the expiration date.
- In case of applying for the extension after the expiration date, the individual shall pay the penalty according to Article 25 of Immigration Act.

### ➡ How to apply for permission for extension of stay

- Principal or principal's agent shall prepare the required documents (See the documents by the qualification) to the Immigration Office having the jurisdiction
- To check the documents by the qualification, click the qualification table on the upper part.

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