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Special Immigration Assistance for Japanese Nationals

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Due to continuing displacement and confusion caused by the March 11 tsunami and earthquake in Japan, as well as associated aftershocks, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (the "USCIS") has offered up temporary relief measures that Japanese nationals may find helpful.

These measures, in place since mid-March, include:

- The granting of an application for change or extension of nonimmigrant status for individuals currently in the U.S. even when a request is filed after the expiration of an authorized stay, where circumstances are appropriate;
- The re-parole of individuals recently granted parole by the USCIS;
- The extension of certain grants of advanced parole and the expedited processing of certain advanced parole requests;
- The expedited adjudication and approval, where possible, of requests for off-campus employment authorization for F-1 students experiencing severe economic hardship;
- The expedited processing of immigrant petitions for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents where appropriate;
- The expediting of employment authorization where appropriate; and
- Some assistance in obtaining immigration related documents for lawful permanent residents still in Japan due to unforeseeable circumstances.

Visitors in this country can seek out a local USCIS office for further assistance.

For more information on USCIS humanitarian programs, visit www.uscis.gov (the USCIS website) or call the National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283.

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For more information about the immigration rights of individuals, see the Family and Citizenship section of [our Website](#) or call us at (847) 564-0712 to make an appointment.