

Status of residence to Specified skilled workers in Japan

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In news

The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Government of India and Government of Japan, on a Basic Framework for Partnership for Proper Operation of the System Pertaining to “Specified Skilled Worker”.

Key Highlights

The present Memorandum of Cooperation would set an institutional mechanism for partnership and cooperation between India and Japan on sending and accepting skilled Indian workers, who have qualified the required skill and Japanese language test, to work in fourteen specified sectors in Japan.

These Indian workers would be granted a new status of residence of “Specified Skilled Worker” by the Government of Japan.

Specified Skilled Worker (i)

This is a status of residence applicable to foreigners who work in jobs that require **considerable knowledge of or experience in Specified Industry Fields**

Period of Stay	Renewed annually, every 6 months or every 4 months, for a maximum stay up to 5 years in total
Skill Standards	Confirmed by exams (those who have completed Technical Intern Training (ii) are exempt from the exam)
Japanese Language Level	Proficiency in Japanese language used in daily life and at the workplace confirmed by tests to measure it (those who have completed the Technical Intern Training (ii) are exempt from the tests)
Accompaniment by Family Members	Basically not permitted.

Support by Accepting Organizations or Registered Supporting Organizations

* Specified Skilled Worker (ii) is a status of residence for foreigners engaged in jobs that require proficient skills in Specified Industry Fields.

Implementation Strategy:

Under this MOC, a Joint Working Group will be set up to follow up the implementation of this MOC.

Major Impact:

The Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) would enhance people-to-people contacts, foster mobility of workers and skilled professionals from India to Japan.

Beneficiaries:

Skilled Indian workers from fourteen sectors viz. Nursing care; Building cleaning; Material Processing industry; Industrial machinery manufacturing industry; Electric and electronic information related industry; Construction; Shipbuilding and ship-related industry; Automobile maintenance; Aviation; Lodging; Agriculture; Fisheries; Food

and beverages manufacturing industry and Food service industry would have enhanced job opportunities to work in Japan.