

The Choice of Nationality

If you are a person of dual nationality, please make the choice of nationality!

Period within which the choice of nationality must be made

(1) Japanese nationals who have acquired multiple nationality on or after January 1, 1985 (after the implementation of the Revised Nationality Law)

- (a) If they have acquired multiple nationality before becoming 18 years of age, the choice of nationality shall be made before reaching 20 years of age.*
- (b) If they have acquired multiple nationality on or after the day when they reach 18 years of age, the choice of nationality shall be made within two years after the day when they acquired the second nationality.*

If those who have acquired multiple nationality on or after January 1, 1985 fail to make the choice of nationality within the above-mentioned period, they may be notified by the Minister of Justice that they are required to choose one of the nationalities they possess. If they fail to choose their nationality, they may lose their Japanese nationality.

* For transitional matters and other inquiries regarding this matter, please check the website of the Ministry of Justice (in Japanese) (<https://www.moj.go.jp/MINJI/minji78.html#a18>), or inquire to the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines.

(2) Japanese nationals who have acquired multiple nationality before January 1, 1985 (before the implementation of the Revised Nationality Law)

- (c) If they were under 20 years of age on January 1, 1985, the choice of nationality shall be made before they reach 22 years of age.
- (d) If they were 20 years of age or older on January 1, 1985, the choice of nationality shall be made within two years after January 1, 1985 (by December 31, 1986).

If those who have acquired multiple nationality before January 1, 1985 fail to make the choice of nationality within the above-mentioned period, they shall be deemed to have declared that they choose to be a Japanese national and renounce the foreign nationality, at the time of the expiration of such period.

THE NATIONALITY LAW: Article 14. Choice of nationalities

<http://www.moj.go.jp/ENGLISH/information/tnl-01.html>

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<http://www.moj.go.jp/ENGLISH/information/tcon-01.html>

<https://www.moj.go.jp/EN/MINJI/minji06.html>

Declaration to Choose Japanese nationality

[Informant]

A person who intends to choose Japanese nationality

- ※ Personal appearance of the informant is a must. (no representative will be allowed)
- ※ Legal representative if the informant is below 15 years old (parental authority, etc.)

[Requirements] (All original except unless stated otherwise)

- (1) Notification of Choosing of Nationality: 2 pcs (obtained from Embassy of Japan in Manila)
- (2) Family Register KOSEKI TOHON: 1 original & 1 photocopy (For siblings applying at the same time, 1 original and 1 photocopy is sufficient.)
- (3) Photo ID, e.g., Passport, Driver's License, or SSS of the informant