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1. The Scheme of the “Business Startup Program for Foreign Nationals”

Question 1: Who is eligible to use it?

Answer:

This Program (scheme) is specially authorized to encourage the acceptance of foreign entrepreneurs in national strategic special zones. In principle, foreign nationals who wish to start a new business in Sendai City are eligible to use this Program (in principle, those who have already had other types of status of residence are not permitted to use this Program to change their current status of residence).

Question 2: What are the merits of this scheme? Also, what are the differences with other types of status of residence ordinarily granted by the immigration bureau?

Answer:

This scheme was established as a special case for the “Business Manager” resident status. In normal cases, it is necessary for foreign entrepreneurs, when entering Japan, to meet such requirements as hiring at least two full-time employees or investing at least five million yen, in order to be approved for the “Business Manager” status of residence. Under this Program, the status of residence is granted for a six-month period, as a preparatory period to start a business (business startup activities), to those who are highly likely to fulfill such requirements within six months of their arrival in Japan, whose business startup activities are suitable in terms of strengthening the global competitiveness of industries and developing bases for global economic activities in national strategic special zones, and whose business plans are recognized as reasonable and reliable.

Regular visa procedures are implemented at immigration bureaus. The visa procedures under this Program, however, consist of two stages: firstly, Sendai City gives its “confirmation of business startup activities”; then the applicant applies for the status of residence to the competent immigration bureau with the Certificate of Confirmation of Business Startup Activities issued by Sendai City (along with other necessary documents).

If you consider that you already meet the requirements for the “Business Manager” status of residence, we recommend you to directly apply to the immigration bureau and complete the visa procedures. If you are considering starting a business in Sendai City in the near future and expect to complete your preparations for such business within six months, we encourage you to use this scheme to commence business startup activities in Sendai City.

Question 3: I already have another type of status of residence, but am planning to start a new business. Am I eligible to use this scheme?

Answer:

In principle, you are not eligible to use the scheme.

Question 4: If the Certificate of Confirmation of Business Startup Activities is issued by Sendai City, does it mean that my “Business Manager” status of residence is guaranteed?

Answer:

Although the Certificate of Confirmation of Business Startup Activities issued by Sendai City is treated as an important document in the examinations conducted by the immigration bureau, having the certificate does not guarantee approval for the status of residence concerned.

Question 5: What aspects of “business startup activities” do you check? Is the confirmation of business startup activities not granted in some cases?

Answer:

The submitted Plan for Business Startup Activities and other application documents are assessed in terms of whether you have a high possibility of being approved for the ordinary “Business manager” status of residence after the six-month preparatory period (period for business startup activities); the “confirmation of business startup activities” is granted if it is sufficiently likely that the application for obtaining the status of residence will be successful. For a successful application, the Plan for Business Startup Activities to be submitted and its appended documents should clearly include such details as the following. If the details of appended documents or other documents suggest that the application may not be successful, Sendai City may not grant its “confirmation of business startup activities.”

- What kind of business are you setting up? [Business details]
- Where are you going to conduct your business? [Business area]
- Where will your office be located? [Office location]
- What preparations and activities are you doing in order to launch your business? [Specific plan up to the commencement of business]
- How much funds do you require up to the commencement of business (for business startup activities)? How are you going to raise such funds? [Funds for business startup activities]
- (In the case where you are establishing your company) Who are going to be the corporate officers, and what roles will they play? [Corporate officers]
- What is the scale of your business going to be? [Business scale]
- Have you arranged a place to stay until your business is launched (during business startup

activities)?

- Do you have sufficient funds to support yourself? [Place of residence, living funds]

Question 6: I am currently living overseas, and planning to come to Japan in the future. Am I eligible to apply?

Answer:

You are eligible to apply. Please make sure that either of the following persons (☆) brings the application documents to the designated point of contact. Please also note that application documents will not be accepted by mail or any other method.

(☆) Persons who may bring in application documents

(a) Applicant himself/herself

(b) An attorney at law, or certified administrative scrivener (*Gyoseishoshi*), who has notified, through the bar association or certified administrative scrivener association of the attorney at law or certified administrative scrivener, the director of the regional immigration bureau having jurisdiction over the area where such association is located. However, if the applicant is abroad, this person must be the one (or a staff member, in the case of a corporation) who has been entrusted by the applicant with the establishment of a place of business in Japan.

- If application documents are to be submitted by a person falling under (b), please also submit documentation that shows the relationship between this person and the applying foreign national, and that verifies this person is in such position.

Furthermore, the scheme is aimed at foreign nationals who plan to engage in business startup activities in Sendai City during the six-month period of stay in order to launch a business that satisfies certain requirements, and is to grant the “confirmation of business startup activities” to those whose plans have a sufficiently high probability of success. The “confirmation of business startup activities” may not be granted if the business startup activities to be performed in Sendai City are deemed insufficient.

Question 7: I am currently living outside Sendai City (in Japan); am I eligible to apply for the scheme? I am currently living in Sendai City, and plan to live outside Sendai City in the near future; am I still eligible to apply?

Answer:

Although there is no restriction on the current address of the applicant, you are not eligible to apply, in principle, if you hold any other type of resident status (see Question 3). Furthermore, the applicant must engage in business startup activities for the period of six months in Sendai City and

newly establish a place of business within Sendai City. For that reason, the “confirmation of business startup activities” is unlikely to be granted for a plan for business startup activities, if the applicant resides in an area that is not suitable for engaging in such activities in Sendai City during the period for business startup activities.

Question 8: I am currently living in Sendai City and planning to establish a place of business outside Sendai City; am I eligible to use this scheme?

Answer:

This scheme is available for foreign nationals who are going to engage in business startup activities, and establish a place of business and start a new business in the future, all in Sendai City. Accordingly, you are not eligible to receive the “confirmation of business startup activities” even if you apply.

Question 9: I am currently staying at a hotel on a short-term basis. What should I write as my address on the application form?

Answer:

On the application form, you must provide an address where you can be reached for the purpose of issuing the Certificate of Confirmation of Business Startup Activities and during the six-month period of stay. After applying, if you have to change your address prior to the expiration of the period of stay due to unavoidable circumstances, please notify Sendai City of your new contact details and make sure that we can contact you at any time.

Question 10: Although I do not intend to start a business myself (not going to be involved in the business), my family member (relative) plans to start a business in Sendai City. Am I also eligible to apply?

Answer:

This scheme is aimed at persons who are going to start a new business themselves (proprietors, executive managers, etc.); other persons such as family members are not eligible to apply. Even if your family member is going to work as an employee, he/she is not eligible. However, there may be another type of resident status applicable to such persons, so we recommend you to discuss the matter with the immigration bureau.

Question 11: I am planning to take over the operation of a company of my acquaintance. Am I eligible to use the scheme?

Answer:

This scheme is aimed at foreign nationals who are going to start a new business themselves, and

so you are not eligible. However, you may be eligible for another type of resident status, so we recommend you to discuss the matter with the immigration bureau.

Question 12: I am planning to launch a business jointly with another person(s). How should we apply?

Answer:

Approval for the status of residence is made on an individual basis. Individuals must complete and submit their respective application forms, etc.

If two or more persons are going to start a business on the basis of joint management, the sections of the Plan for Business Startup Activities, from “2. Business Overview” to “4. Fund Plan at the Commencement of Business,” will likely be the same. Nevertheless, each individual is required to prepare all application documents and submit the application separately.

Question 13: Although I am planning to jointly start up a business with other person(s), I will be the only one involved in management, and the others will work as employees. How should we apply?

Answer:

This scheme is specifically aimed at persons falling under the category of “business management” within the scope of the “Business Manager” status of residence. In other words, it is aimed at foreign nationals who are going to start a new business themselves (as proprietors), and therefore it is not applicable to employees and others even if these persons are founding members. Whether or not a person is considered “involved in management” will be assessed on the basis of substantiality, in accordance with his/her capital contribution (ratio) to the business, roles in the business, etc.

Question 14: Does the “Certificate of Confirmation of Business Startup Activities” have an expiry date?

Answer:

It is valid for three months. You must submit your certificate together with other prescribed documents to the Sendai Regional Immigration Bureau and apply for the issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility before the expiration of the certificate’s validity period.

2. Application Procedures

Question 15: Where can I obtain application forms, and where should I submit the forms?

Answer:

You can download application forms from the “Sendai City Official Website” (see below).

URL : <https://www.city.sendai.jp/startup-sogyo/jigyosha/kezai/jigyosho/joho/startupvisa-english.html>

The forms are also available at the following location.

Corporate Support Desk, Startup Support Section, Innovation Promotion Department, Economic Affairs Bureau, Sendai City Government

- Address: 9th Floor, Sendai Park Building, 3-6-1, Kokubun-cho, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-0803, Japan
- Telephone: 022-214-1003 (in Japanese)
- E-mail: sendai-startupvisa@city.sendai.jp
- Office hours: 09:00 to 17:00 on weekdays (closed on Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays, and any other non-business day of the Sendai City Government Office)

Please make sure that either of the following persons (☆) brings your application documents to the “Startup Support Section, Innovation Promotion Department, Economic Affairs Bureau, Sendai City Government” during office hours (see above). Please also note that application documents will not be accepted by mail or any other method.

When submitting an application form, please inform the Startup Support Section, Innovation Promotion Department, Economic Affairs Bureau, Sendai City Government in advance.

(☆) Persons who may bring in application documents

(a) Applicant himself/herself

(b) An attorney at law, or certified administrative scrivener (*Gyoseishoshi*), who has notified, through the bar association or certified administrative scrivener association of the attorney at law or certified administrative scrivener, the director of the regional immigration bureau having jurisdiction over the area where such association is located. However, if the applicant is abroad, this person must be the one (or a staff member, in the case of a corporation) who has been entrusted by the applicant with the establishment of a place of business in Japan.

- If the application documents are to be submitted by a person falling under (b), please also submit documentation that shows the relationship between this person and the applying foreign national, and that verifies this person is in such position.

Question 16: How long does it take to receive a response after submitting the application?

Answer:

You should receive a response in approximately two weeks if you have submitted the necessary documents in full. However, it may take longer if your application documentation is not in order or additional documents are required, or when we are busy processing a large number of applications submitted around the same time.

In addition, in order to obtain the status of residence concerned, it is necessary to complete the

prescribed procedures at the Sendai Regional Immigration Bureau (the immigration bureau having jurisdiction over the Sendai City area) by submitting the “Certificate of Confirmation of Business Startup Activities” issued by Sendai City, together with other necessary documents. Please note that procedures at the immigration bureau also take some time.

Question 17: After submitting my application form, I would like to make a change to my address (or contact details), or the details of my business, etc. What should I do?

Answer:

In the case of any change in your address (or contact details), please notify the application desk (the Startup Support Section of the Sendai City Government) of such change immediately. In the case of any change in the details of your business, etc., please explain such change to us at the time your progress is checked during the six-month period.

Question 18: How will you inform me of the result? Where can I receive the “Certificate of Confirmation of Business Startup Activities”? Also, if I cannot receive the “confirmation of business startup activities,” will you inform me of the reason?

Answer:

If we find that the application for confirmation of business startup activities has been properly made and fulfills all the requirements given in (a) to (d) of item (i) of Article 18 of the Order for Enforcement of the National Strategic Special Zone Act (hereafter, the “requirements”), the “Certificate of Confirmation of Business Startup Activities” will be approved and issued accordingly.

When you are informed by the person in charge that the certificate has been issued, please come to the following place.

<Place of issuance> Corporate Support Desk, Startup Support Section, Economic Affairs Bureau,
Sendai City Government
(9th Floor, Sendai Park Building, 3-6-1, Kokubun-cho, Aoba-ku, Sendai-shi)

If it is found that the application for issuance of the certificate is not in order or does not fulfill all or some of the requirements, the “Notification of Result of Confirmation of Business Startup Activities” will be sent to you (by mail) to notify you that the certificate will not be issued. The specific reason for the decision will not be disclosed.

3. How to Fill in the Plan for Business Startup Activities, etc.

Question 19: I am not sure how to fill in the Plan for Business Startup Activities or other forms. Where can I find help?

Answer:

The Corporate Support Desk, Startup Support Section, Economic Affairs Bureau, Sendai City Government can answer your questions or other inquiries. Although we can provide answers in English, please contact us before you visit since an appointment is required.

Question 20: What should I do if I run out of space on the forms?

Answer:

If you downloaded the forms, you may widen the space (by adding extra lines). If you are using the distributed paper forms, please attach additional paper if required for entering necessary details.

Question 21: Can I complete the forms in my own language? If my supporting documents (original copies) are not in Japanese, do I have to attach Japanese translations?

Answer:

In principle, all of your application form, other documents, etc. must be completed in Japanese. Also, please write your name by using the English alphabet, *kanji*, or *kana* (*hiragana* and/or *katakana*) as appropriate.

If you submit materials written in a language other than Japanese (e.g. copies of certificates), please attach their Japanese translated versions to the originals.

If it is difficult to fill in the documents in Japanese, please contact us for assistance in filling in them in English.

Question 22: The overall image of my business is still vague. Can I leave blank those sections that I cannot fill in?

Answer:

In your Plan for Business Startup Activities, you must describe what you think you can do and achieve in the future, with supporting reasons. Please do not enter details that are not feasible or highly unlikely to be achieved. You may leave sections blank if you have no other option. However, please note that your business's probability of success is assessed on the basis of the details described in your plan. If you are not yet able to fill in many sections, we recommend you to spend more time considering your business plan further before making an application.

Question 23: What kind of details should I enter for "1. Outline of the Applicant: (2) Applicant's position and role in the business"?

Answer:

If you are going to start your business substantially by yourself (providing 100% of the funding,

etc.), the details will probably be like “Representative director,” “General management,” “Supervise the entire business as a representative,” etc. If you are going to start up (apply for) a business jointly with other foreign nationals or where there are Japanese people among the management, please explain your specific role in the business, such as the following: “Responsible for sale in XXX Region as vice-president in charge of sales”; “As a director, I supervise planning, development and production in XXX Project”; or “In charge of fund procurement, financial management, and business planning as CFO.”

Question 24: I do not know what to enter in “1 Outline of the Applicant: (3) Qualifications, work experience, special skills, owned patents, etc. that serve as a background to the founding of the business.” What kind of descriptions should I enter? Can I leave it blank?

Answer:

When confirming the Plan for Business Startup Activities, the applicant is assessed mainly on the probability of whether he/she can actually start up a business of a scale that meets the requirements, through his/her business startup activities. This probability will be assessed as high if the applicant has abilities, qualifications and/or experience that are beneficial for the business to be launched. In addition to nationally-recognized qualifications, other information such as the applicant’s background may be considered favorably, which might include, for example, “I majored in XXX at university, and especially researched into YYY,” and “I developed sales channels for product XXX to leading companies AAA, BBB, etc. in the CCC industry.”

Question 25: I am planning to start my business without setting up a company. In relation to “1. Outline of the Applicant: (5) Business startup schedule” in my Plan for Business Startup Activities, what kind of details should I enter in “A. Scheduled business commencement date” and “E. Capital / Total amount of contributions (or personal funds)”?

Answer:

In general, the commencement date of a business will be deemed to be the day it is registered as a corporation if the applicant’s business is to be conducted in the form of a corporation such as a stock company, or the day on which the notification of business commencement is submitted (to the tax office) if the applicant is to start his/her business as a sole proprietorship rather than setting up a corporation. In some cases, the commencement of a business is considered the day on which the first sale is recorded.

In the case of a sole proprietorship, please state the amount of business funds arranged especially for launching your business in the field of personal funds, instead of capital.

Question 26: In relation to “1. Outline of the Applicant: (5) Business startup schedule, B. Industry

sector,” how can I decide which industry sector my planned business falls in? What should I do if my business does not fall within any industry sector?

Answer:

Businesses eligible for this scheme are limited to those which contribute to the strengthening of the global competitiveness of industries of Sendai City, or to the promotion of global economic activities in the city. Sendai City limits what types of business fall within such eligible businesses, and any other business is, in principle, excluded from the scheme.

The following businesses falling within the respective industry sectors (business fields) are specific examples within the scope of eligibility.

- Knowledge-creating industry: semiconductor-related businesses, software development, content production, robot-related businesses, etc.
- Industries related to health, medicine, public welfare, and education: drug discovery venture businesses, medical technology development, regenerative medicine, development of welfare equipment, education-related businesses such as language education, etc.
- Industries related to environment, energy and disaster prevention: development of clean energy, next-generation power-storing technology, provision of products and services associated with disaster-prevention, etc.
- Industries related to trading and tourism: businesses contributing to the development of sales channels of products made in Sendai City, businesses associated with attracting foreign tourists, etc.

Question 27: Since I am still new to Japan, I do not know what specific details and amounts (levels) I should enter in “2. Business Overview” with regard to customers, unit selling prices, the breakdown of costs, etc.

Answer:

When starting a new business, large funds and great effort are required, and the risks are high. We therefore recommend you to sufficiently build up your expertise in your own field and develop a specific image of your business before making an application.

Question 28: In relation to “2. Business Overview: (5) Reason why your business can make profits,” I do not know how to answer this section since the purpose of my business is not to make profits. What should I do?

Answer:

Even if your business is not going to make profits, your business could still be considered for the “confirmation of business startup activities” if it will contribute to “strengthening the global competitiveness of industries of Sendai City or enhancing Sendai City’s capacity as a base for global economic activities.” However, in general, your business will not receive the “confirmation of

business startup activities” if it is unlikely to produce sufficient profits to maintain a certain scale. If you are considering something other than a commercial business, we recommend you to consult with the immigration bureau about other possibilities, including making an application for other types of status of residence.

Question 29: I cannot estimate the sales or expenses in the future. How should I fill in “3. Profit Plan”? Also, what accounting items should I include in the breakdown of sales and expenses?

Answer:

We understand that it is difficult to forecast future sales and expenses. However, these details are essential in order to assess your business’s viability and the items that are necessary for the “confirmation of business startup activities,” as exemplified in Question 5 above. Please provide figures in line with the nature of your business and customers estimated (e.g. average unit prices, number of customers, etc.) on the basis of certain grounds.

For the breakdown of sales and expenses, please enter typical accounting items (those items involving large amounts, items representing the characteristics of your business, etc.). You can summarize other items as “Other.” In many cases, for sales, a breakdown is generally prepared for each product or service type, or each customer. Costs of sales include such items as material costs, outsourcing costs, and labor costs (personnel costs for people in charge of production). Selling, general, and administrative expenses include personnel expenses (personnel expenses for people in indirect departments), rents, rental expenses, sale-related expenses (advertising expenses, communication expenses, travel expenses, shipping expenses, etc.), etc. Current after-tax profit/loss is calculated by deducting interest payment, extraordinary loss, corporate tax, etc. from operating income.

Question 30: What should I enter in “4. Fund Plan at the Commencement of Business”? What are the differences with “3. Profit Plan”?

Answer:

A profit plan indicates how much profit (or loss) is produced after expenses are deducted from sales, whereas a fund plan indicates how funds for the business are procured and managed.

Especially, in “4. Fund Plan at the Commencement of Business,” you must write down the funds necessary for launching your business, and how you will procure and repay those funds, on the basis of your six-month preparations (business startup activities). These details are used when assessing the applicant’s probability of starting a business whose scale fulfills the conditions for the status of residence concerned.

In this regard, necessary funds include those for facilities, which cover the security deposit for retail premises, costs for interior finish work, costs for machinery, equipment, devices and fixings,

etc., and operating funds, which cover purchase payments, payment of expenses, etc. With regard to procurement methods, please state whether funds originate from personal funds, or borrowings from financial institutions such as banks or from relatives, etc. When completing the section, please make sure that the amount of necessary funds is consistent with the total of the amounts procured by respective procurement methods.

Question 31: I intend to work in Japan during the six-month period granted under this scheme to save sufficient funds to start a new business. In this case, am I still required to describe the procurement methods, etc.?

Answer:

The six-month period of stay granted under this scheme is to be used for the purpose of engaging in business startup activities. In principle, taking up employment (activities outside the scope of the status of residence concerned) is not permitted. If you have not secured enough funds to support yourself and conduct business startup activities for six months, the “confirmation of business startup activities” is unlikely to be granted.

Question 32: “Time Schedule of Business Startup Activities” is vague, and so I do not know what details to enter. What points should I keep in mind when completing it?

Answer:

Please organize, in a stepwise manner, activities to be implemented before commencing your business, including administrative procedures for establishing a corporation (preparing the articles of incorporation, payment of capital, registration of corporate establishment, acquisition of licenses and authorizations, etc.), hiring of management personnel and employees, preparation of products and/or services, development of relationships with customers and suppliers, and financial arrangements. Please ensure that points related to “confirmation of business startup activities,” such as those described in Question 5 above, are clear and understandable. In particular, you must specify realistically how much funds will be required for each step (necessary expenses) and how you will arrange such funds (procurement method).

Question 33: I am planning to start a business immediately. Even in such a case, is it necessary to enter my six-month schedule in “Time Schedule of Business Startup Activities”?

Answer:

In such a case, with regard to details after the commencement of your business, please describe the progress of the business that you have started (sales activities, production activities, etc.) and your plans for sales, fund procurement, etc.

4. Other

Question 34: I have never used a seal before, and I imagine it takes a long time to make a seal of my name in Japan. Is it necessary to affix a seal to my documents?

Answer:

For people from regions where seals are not usually used, or who have trouble in obtaining a seal, please sign the documents instead of affixing a seal, using the same signature as the one on your passport, in principle.

Question 35: Specifically, what is meant by “Documents clarifying where the applicant will be residing for six months after arrival in Japan”?

Answer:

If you are thinking of living in rented accommodation, such documents should be the contract or rent application for the rented accommodation; in the case of long-term accommodation, etc., such documents should be those proving your reservation; and in the case of staying at a private residence, for example, an acquaintance’s house, such documents should be prepared by the host to prove their permission for you to stay, as well as documents verifying the host’s residency (lease contract, etc.). If you will have to pay rent, etc., you must produce documents proving that you are able to pay such rents, etc. for six months or more (e.g. a certificate of bank deposit balance).

Question 36: What specifically is meant by “Other documents for reference”?

Answer:

Please attach any relevant documents to assist the “confirmation of business startup activities.” Such documents could include a pamphlet concerning the business (company) that you are starting, an instruction manual for your products (or services), contracts with (potential) clients, documents that prove your background and/or achievements, and documents proving that you have secured business funds (and/or funds to support yourself).

Question 37: I have heard that interviews will be held to report the progress of my business even after receiving the status of residence for six months under this scheme. What specifically am I required to do?

Answer:

There are at least three mandatory progress checks during the six-month period. In principle, we will hold an interview on the “Business Startup Consultation Day” organized by “Assista” Sendai Startup Support Center. During the interview, we will ask you about the situation of your business startup activities, and compare your actual activities with the details stated in your Plan for Business

Startup Activities.

In addition, in order to check your current cash-flow situation, we may ask to see your bank deposit passbook, etc. You must agree to cooperate with such checks when you apply for the confirmation of business startup activities (you must submit the form “Written Pledge,” with your name and either your seal or signature affixed).

Question 38: How far back in my background should I provide regarding “Applicant’s Resume”? What should I do if there is not enough space to write all my details (academic and professional backgrounds, etc.)?

Answer:

What details to provide is at your discretion. However, you should include details that are useful for assessment of the new business or the feasibility of business startup activities. This could include your major field of study and details of your research at university, and your work experience and achievements.

If there is not enough space, you may either insert additional lines or attach separate sheets of paper.

Question 39: Am I permitted to entrust the application procedures to an agent?

Answer:

As the applicant, you must prepare such documents as the Application Form for Confirmation of Business Startup Activities and the Plan for Business Startup Activities yourself. Furthermore, please make sure that either of the following persons (☆) brings the application documents to the designated point of contact. Please also note that application documents will not be accepted by mail or any other method.

When submitting an application form, please inform the Startup Support Section, Innovation Promotion Department, Economic Affairs Bureau, Sendai City Government in advance.

(☆) Persons who may bring in application documents

(a) Applicant himself/herself

(b) An attorney at law or certified administrative scrivener (*Gyoseishoshi*) who has notified, through the bar association or certified administrative scrivener association of the attorney at law or certified administrative scrivener, the director of the regional immigration bureau having jurisdiction over the area where such association is located. However, if the applicant is abroad, this person must be the one (or a staff member, in the case of a corporation) who has been entrusted by the applicant with the establishment of a place of business in Japan.

- If the application documents are to be submitted by a person falling under (b), please also submit documentation that shows the relationship between this person and the applying foreign national, and that verifies this person is in such position.

Question 40: What procedures do I need to take at the end of my six-month period of stay?

Answer:

If you are going to continue staying in Japan after the end of your six-month period of stay in order to manage your business, please complete the applicable procedures at the Sendai Regional Immigration Bureau to renew your status of residence.

If it becomes difficult for you to continue your business startup activities during your six-month period of stay, or if you are not permitted to renew your “Business Manager” status of residence, you will be required to return to your original country. Please make sure to keep enough money to return to your country (equivalent to a one-way airfare to your country) separate from the funds for your business.

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