

01 _ Overseas Travel Permit



> Permit-Required Conscription Candidates

Overseas Travel Permit (period extension) is required for all conscription candidates between age of 25 and 37 who have not yet completed their military service duty and wish to travel or stay overseas. The overseas travel (period extension) permit is approved by the Commissioner of the Military Manpower Administration (MMA).

- ※ However, people who are 24 years and under must receive overseas travel permit if they are currently in supplemental service. For the people who departed abroad before they turned 25, they must receive overseas travel (period extension) permit by January 15 of the year they turn 25.

> Required Documents

- One copy of overseas travel (period extension) permit application
- One copy of document that proves the purpose of travel (e.g., admission letter) - not required for short-term travel

> Where to Apply (Get Permit)

• Overseas Travel Permit

All regional MMA offices. However, people serving their military duty as professional research personnel (skilled industrial personnel) or social service personnel has to apply at the regional MMA offices or the branches that are in charge of their military status.

• Overseas Travel Period Extension Permit

Diplomatic establishments that have jurisdiction in your place of stay, regional MMA offices and branches in charge of your military status

- ※ You may apply for overseas travel (period extension) permit online.

However, you have to apply extension permit at diplomatic establishment in person if you are overseas emigrant or overseas employment. It requires confirmation from the head of diplomatic establishment.

> Permitted Period by Purpose of Travel

• Permitted Period by Purpose of Travel

Purpose	Applicants	Permitted Period	Required Documents
Overseas study	Candidates for Draft physical examination, active duty, or social service personnel	Up to the school age limit (except for high school students) stipulated by Military Service Law, from six months prior to admission date to three months following the graduation date.	Admission letter (certificate of enrolment)
Overseas emigration	All conscription candidates except military resident doctor, public health physician, public veterinarian, public service advocate, international, cooperation doctor, doctor in exclusive charge of draft physical examination	Until 37 years of age	Certificate of overseas emigration

Purpose	Applicants	Permitted Period	Required Documents
Short-term travel	Candidates for draft physical examination, active duty, or social service personnel	Up to one year, until the age of 27 (until the age of 28 for the undergraduate/graduate/doctoral student in Medical school, dentistry, oriental medicine, or veterinary program)	None
Training and education	Candidates for draft physical examination, active duty, or social service personnel	Up to two years, until the age of 27 (until the age of 28 for the undergraduate/graduate/doctoral student in Medical school, dentistry, oriental medicine, or veterinary program)	Educational (training) plan of the institution

• Permitted Period by Purpose of Travel

Purpose of Extension	Candidates	Permitted Period	Required Documents
Short-Term Overseas Travel	All candidates for first militia service and social service personnel. However, the following are not included : Medical/judicious/religious/veterinary cadet officer. Enlistment candidates for basic branch officer. Public health physician, doctor in exclusive charge of draft physical examination, international cooperation doctor, public veterinarian, public service advocate, skilled industrial personnel, technical research personnel, social service personnel.	For those who departed for short-term overseas travel; Up to one year including the permitted period before extension, until 27 years of age. For others; one extension up to one year, until 27 years of age. In accordance with art.124, clause1, para.4 of the Enforcement Decree, those allowed to extend their stay until the age of 28 may extend their stay up to the permitted period.	None
Study	All candidates for first militia service and social service personnel.	Up to one extra year to your school age limit (high school students not included) as defined by the Enforcement Decree art.124, starting from six months prior to scheduled date of admission until three months following scheduled date of graduation	【When submitting to Head of Korean diplomatic establishment】 1. Certification of enrollment, Admission permit 2. Enrollment Confirmation Letter issued by the Head of Korean diplomatic establishment <Annex 9>
	Those who can graduate from college before 25 years of age or receive masters degree before 27 years of age that plan to move on to higher education	Up to one extra year to your school age limit (high school students not included) as defined by the Enforcement Decree art.124, until six months following scheduled date of graduation	
	Graduate school in excess of two years, college of medicine, dentistry, graduate school of oriental medicine, medicine, dentistry	Until the age of 29	【When submitting to Head of Regional MMA Office】 1. Certification of enrollment, Admission permit 2. Enrollment (admission) statement
	Graduate school doctorate course	Until the age of 29. Until June 30 of the year the candidate turns 30 if the candidate can obtain his doctorate degree before June of the year he turns 30.	
	Admitted students who did not receive their admission permits due to difference in semesters, etc.	Up to one year not exceeding the school age limit of the school the candidate is to enter	1. Certificate of (expectant) graduation 2. Enrollment (admission) statement
Training and education	All candidates for first militia service and social service personnel. Not applied to those who have received travel permit for two years or more for study purposes that are taking a language program in the same country	Up to two years until the age of 27. In this case, the extension cannot exceed two years, including the permitted period before extension However, in accordance with art.124, clause1, para.4 of the Enforcement Decree, those allowed to extend their stay until the age of 28 may extend their stay up to the permitted period.	Training (education) plan of the host institute or admission permit (certification of enrollment), enrollment (admission) statement (when submitting to Head of Regional MMA Office)
New acquisition of Permanent Resident Card	People who have lived in a nation for less than three years with permanent residence permit (including special permanent resident and permanent resident of Japan, an indefinite residence permit or long-term residence permit of five or more years in a country without permanent residence permit) The following cases will not be accepted as acquisition of permanent residence permit a. Those who acquired permanent residence permit in a nation to which travel is not permitted b. Those who departed for the purpose of overseas travel, then acquired permanent residence permit and resided overseas for an uninterrupted period of less than one year	Up to three years (once)	Certificate of family residence 1 Copy of residence status (permit)

Purpose of Extension	Candidates	Permitted Period	Required Documents
Conditional (Temporary) Permanent Resident Card	Those who acquired conditional permanent resident card or temporary resident card and is living in that country	Up to six months after the conditional permanent resident card or temporary resident card expires	Certificate of family residence 1 Copy of residence status (permit)
Residence in Japan	Spouse of Japanese National, etc., Spouse of Japanese Residence, etc., or persons with a status of long term residence	Up to six months after expiration of permitted period of stay of the certificate of registered items in the foreign resident registration	1 Certificate of family residence 1 Copy of certificate of registered items in the foreign resident registration

Q1

I took my draft physical exam last year. This year, I need to leave the country for a language program. Do I need permission from the MMA?

A1

Under the previous system, those aged from 18 to 37 who did not fulfill their military duties needed overseas travel permission from the MMA Commissioner to traveling abroad.

However, starting from January 1, 2007 people 24 or under are no longer required to receive overseas travel permit until the end of December of the year they turn 24. However, social service personnel or others in alternative service must receive overseas travel permit, even if they are 24 or under.

If you need to stay overseas until after you turn 25, you need to submit documents regarding the purpose of your travel by January 15 of the year you turn 25 and receive overseas travel period extension permit from the MMA commissioner.

Q2

How long can I study overseas as an international student with the overseas travel permit for study purposes?

A2

You are allowed to study overseas until the age of 29 at most. The age limit varies depends on the school you are attending. However, if you cannot graduate or obtain your degree before the permitted age limit, you can apply for overseas travel period extension permit to extend one extra year to finish the school.

▶ School age limit (age in parentheses)

- Undergraduates: Four year program (24), five year program (25), six year program (26, school of medicine, oriental medicine, or veterinary : 27)
- Graduates : two year program (26), over two years program (27, school of medicine, oriental medicine, or veterinary : 28)

※ Doctoral program: Can be extended to 30 years and six months of age, only if degree can be obtained.

Q3

To apply for overseas travel period extension permit, I have to visit a diplomatic establishment, which is far away. Is there a more convenient way?

A3

To relieve the inconvenience of conscription candidates staying abroad having to visit a diplomatic establishment to apply for an extension permit, we improved the system so that someone like you could use the Civil Affairs section of our MMA website to apply for the permit. However, you still have to apply directly to the head of diplomatic establishment for overseas emigration that requires confirmation from the head of diplomatic establishment, or overseas employment.