

SSW can refer to **Specified Skilled Worker**, a residency status in Japan for foreign nationals who work in a specified industrial field:

- **Features of SSW**
Those who can work in Japan as a SSW must be over 18 years old in a good health, have the necessary occupational skills to work immediately without receiving any particular training.

Work That Can Be Conducted as a SSW

The specific work you can do as a SSW in Japan is as follows, listed for each of the 16 industrial fields.

1. Jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

- **Nursing Care**
- **Building Cleaning Management**

2. Jurisdiction of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

- **Manufacture of Industrial Products**

3. Jurisdiction of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

- **Construction Industry**
- **Automobile Repair and Maintenance**
- **Shipbuilding and Ship Machinery Industry**
- **Aviation Industry**
- **Accommodation Industry**
- **Automobile Transportation Business**
- **Railway**

4. Jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

- **Agriculture**
- **Fishery and Aquaculture Industries**
- **Manufacture of Food and Beverages**
- **Food Service Industry**
- **Forestry**
- **Wood Industry**

- **Benefits**

SSWs receive the same salary as Japanese workers, receive Japanese language training, and receive various forms of support from their company.

- **Types of SSW**

There are two types of SSW status of residence: type (i) and type (ii). Type (ii) requires more specialized skills than type (i).

- **Requirements**

To work under an SSW status of residence, you need to pass a Japanese language test and a skills proficiency test. You do not need to pass these tests if you have satisfactorily completed Technical Intern Training.

- **Length of stay**

SSWs can work in Japan for a total of five years or more*(Depending upon their SSW type)