

Announcement on e-Application Services for Extension of Stay for Departure for Short-term Visitors

As of April 29(Weds.), 2020, the Ministry of Justice implements e-Application services for **Permission for Extension of Stay for Departure** for short-term visitors in order to reduce in-person visits to immigration offices as part of its efforts to practice social distancing to curb the spread of COVID-19.

○ **Eligibility:** Short-term legitimate visitors (B-1, B-2, C-1, C-3, C-4) who intend to depart from the ROK after completion of activities under the granted status of stay, but are seeking to temporarily stay in the country under circumstances where departure from the ROK is impracticable as no return flights are available, etc.

① In case direct flights from Korea to the applicant's home country have been suspended, or when nationals from the applicant's home country are unable to enter Korea due to border closure.

② Foreigners with a C-3-8 visa

③ Foreigners with a multiple-entry visa (limited to those with humanitarian reasons such as concerns over infection upon re-entry or family members of either Korean nationals or foreign nationality Koreans)

④ Foreigners temporarily unable to depart from Korea as no return flights are available.

- Foreigners who were previously granted **Permission for Extension of Stay for Departure** are also eligible to apply.
- Yet, foreigners who have been issued Postponement of the Termination of Departure are not eligible to file e-applications, and should visit a local immigration office, if temporarily unable to depart from Korea.

○ **Application period:** Applications remain available until 2 days (excluding Saturday, Sunday, Holidays) before the Period of Stay expires.

- Those who have failed to apply within the application period should visit a local immigration office to apply (after making a visit reservation).

○ **Procedures:**

- Apply for **(COVID-19) Permission for Extension of Stay for Departure** using e-Application services on the HiKorea website. (Sign-up for HiKorea required)
- Go through personal verification with passport number, nationality and date of birth information
- Submit contact number/email address, Reason for Application and return airline ticket/explanatory statements (either in Korean or English)
- Find Results (permission, non-permission, return, etc.) at MyPage on the HiKorea website

○ **Date of Enforcement:** April 29 (Weds.), 2020