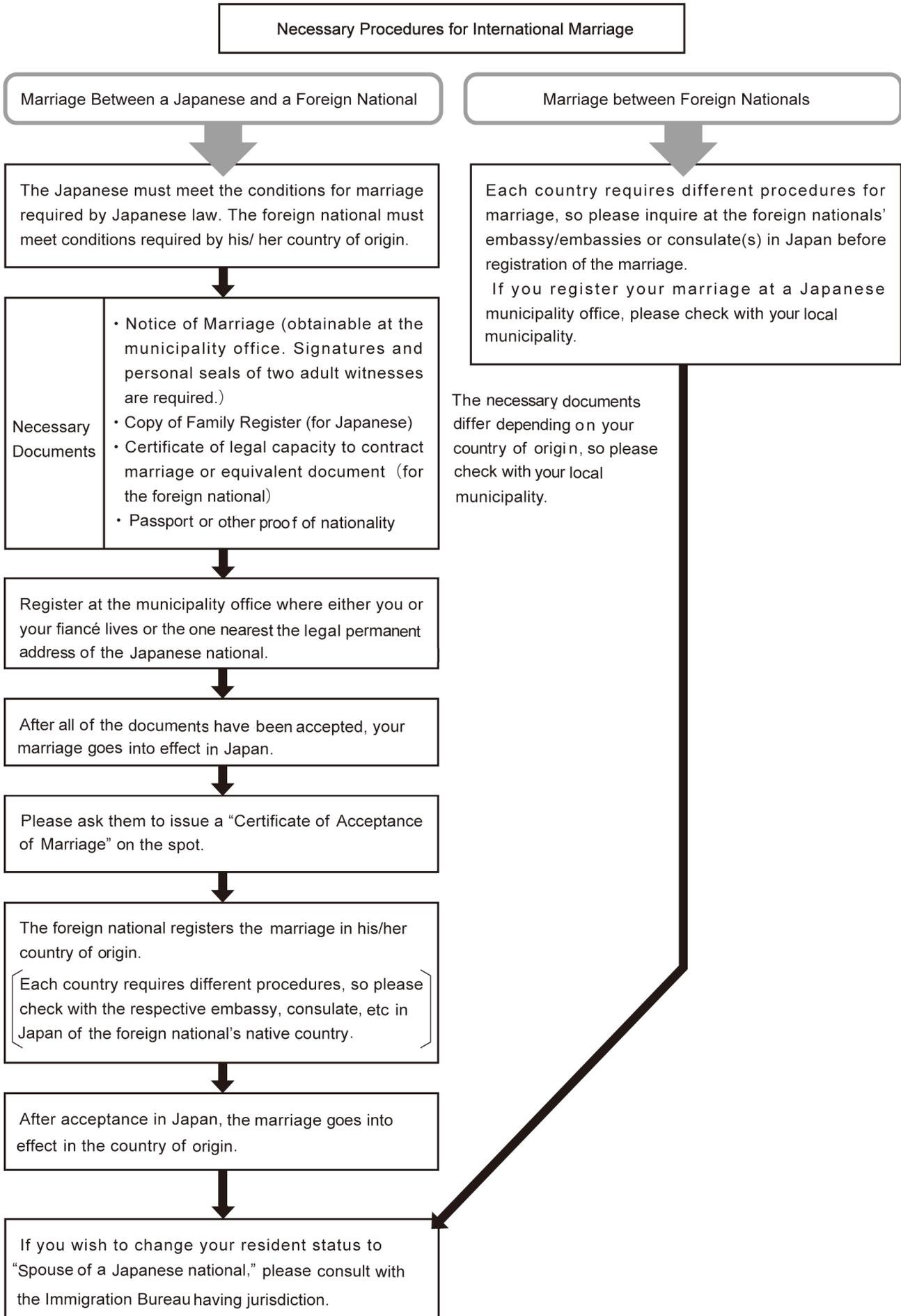


## IV-3 Marriage



## 1. Marriage between a Japanese and Foreign National

When a Japanese and foreign national marry in Japan, they register their marriage by submitting a form to the local municipality office. The Japanese national has to meet the conditions required by the Japanese law, and the foreign national has to meet the conditions required by their country of origin. The documents below are required.

- ① Copy or abstract of family register (for Japanese)
- ② Passport (proof of nationality)
- ③ Certificate of legal capacity to contract marriage or equivalent document issued by the embassy or consulate of the country of origin. (Translation with the translator's name, address and stamped hanko [personal seal] must be attached to non-Japanese documents.)
- ④ Notification of Marriage (These are available at the local municipality office. In order to register your marriage, you must have the seals of two witnesses who are 20 years of age or older. In addition, the notification must be written in Japanese.)

Marriages registered in Japan should be reported to the foreign nationals' countries of origin. To do that, a "Certificate of Acceptance of Marriage" is required, so please ask the municipality where you register your marriage to issue it. Each country requires different procedures, so please check with the embassy or consulate of the country of origin. (Appendix Ⅸ—5)

A marriage is valid from the day it is registered.

## 2. Marriage between Foreign Nationals

It is possible, under certain conditions, for two foreign nationals to register their marriage bound by Japanese law. However, please note that the marriage contracted in Japan might not be immediately valid in the country of origin. For further information about the procedures for marriage registration, please check with your embassy or consulate (Appendix Ⅸ—5) and your municipality office in Japan (Appendix Ⅸ—1) where you intend to register your marriage.

## 3. Changing Resident Status

If you change your resident status to "Spouse of a Japanese National" after marrying a Japanese citizen, or if you switch to spouse visa because of marriage to another foreign national, please contact the Immigration Information Center Osaka for information. (Appendix Ⅸ—2)

## 4. Changing the Information on Your Resident Card

If you change your name because of marriage, you must submit notification of the change(s) to the Regional Immigration Bureau, and all other changes, such as your address or any other information, should be reported to your local municipality office (Appendix Ⅸ—1).

## 5. Other Changes

After you get married, applications and procedures, etc. for taxes, pension, Health Insurance, and benefits from your employer may be treated differently. Therefore, please check with the person in charge of human resources (personnel) in your company.