

Japan to study removing work controls on foreign dentists, nurses

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Japan will study eliminating current working restrictions on foreign dentists and nurses who have passed the country's state qualification exams, a Justice Ministry plan showed Tuesday.

The government is considering canceling working period limits in Japan of six years for foreign dentists, seven years for foreign nurses, and four years for foreign health workers, maternity nurses and practical nurses.

The ministry plan says such restrictions are becoming unnecessary for those with specialized expertise in the medical and nursing-care fields amid the declining birthrate and rapidly aging population in Japan.

The 33-page document also said Japan plans to actively accept high-level foreign human resources as part of efforts to help create fresh social vitality and strengthen Japan's international competitiveness.

