

VISA



Based on the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, in principle a foreign national wishing to enter Japan is required to have a valid passport issued by the government of their own country with a visa issued by the Government of Japan.

The visa indicates that it is appropriate for the foreign national to enter and stay in Japan. Furthermore, holding a visa is only one of the requirements for entering Japan and does not guarantee that the holder of the visa will be able to enter Japan.

To apply for a visa after receiving your CoE (Certificate of Eligibility), the applicant must apply in person to an embassy or consulate. There is no system by which a proxy can carry out the application procedures in Japan and visas cannot be obtained after arriving in Japan.

■ Guide to Japanese Visa

https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/

■ List of Japanese Embassies/Consulates

http://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/mofaserv.html

■ Frequently Asked Questions

https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/faq.html

■ VISA info on Kyushu University Website

<https://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/intlweb/en/student/visa>

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ATTENTION

As a precautionary emergency measure in response to the Omicron variant of the novel coronavirus infection, the validity of visas issued prior to December 2, 2021 has been suspended from 0:00 AM (JST) on December 2, 2021 except for those who have obtained the status of residence as "Spouse or Child of Japanese National", "Spouse or Child of Permanent Resident", or "Diplomat".

All foreign nationals who wish to travel to Japan must obtain a visa before entering the country, except for those with re-entry permit. In principle, visas are issued to those with "special exceptional circumstances".

With regards to visa inquiries, you can contact "Foreign Residents Support Center (FRESCO) MOFA Visa Information" or "the Japan Visa Information Hotline" listed on the website of the Embassy or Consulate General of Japan. Due to the complex nature of visa requirements, we are UNABLE to respond to visa-related inquiries made through this website at the moment. We advise you to contact the Consular Section of the [Embassy or Consulate General of Japan](#) nearest you for more information and advice.

If you are a foreign national, please click the links below for specific information related to respective subjects.

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*Be aware of fraudulent website, social media, emails in an attempt to extract payments from visa applicants (July 5, 2017)

1. Visa Application Procedures

Short-Term Stay

(A stay of up to 90 days for tourism, business, visiting friends or relatives, etc. that does not include remunerative activities)

Starting from 0:00 am (JST) on October 11, 2022, prescribed applications in the Entrants, Returnees Follow-up System (ERFS) completed by the receiving

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