

WORK/LONG TERM STAY

[Definition] A foreign citizen planning to engage in paid work in Japan, study as a student or long-term residency.

[Term of Stay] Up to 5 years

[Validity of Visa] In general, a visa is only valid for one entry. A visa is valid for 3 months from the date of issue. Therefore, entry into Japan should occur within this time frame. A Multiple entry visa is valid for 1 to 5 years. Multiple entry visas can be issued to citizens of countries that Japan has bilateral agreements with.

REQUIREMENTS:

VALID PASSPORT:

Properly signed by bearer, must have at least one blank VISA page

COMPLETED VISA APPLICATION FORM: ([Visa application form for COE holders](#))

The applicant must complete the visa application form in black pen or typed. Signature must be original. On the application form, if there is a field not applicable, please write "N/A" or "None".

ONE PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPH

2X1.4 inch photograph on glossy photo paper must be taken within the last six months with plain background.

PROOF OF YOUR U.S. IMMIGRATION STATUS: *Copies accepted

- Valid U.S. Permanent Resident Card (Green card)
- Valid F1 Visa I-20 with valid travel endorsement signature
- Valid J1 Visa DS-2019 with valid travel endorsement signature
- Other U.S. Visa holder Copy of your valid U.S. Visa

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY (COE) : *Copies accepted

Please have your proxy in Japan obtain a COE by submitting an application with the nearest Regional Immigration Bureau of the Ministry of Justice to the proxy's place of work/residence in Japan (an application for Certificate of Eligibility cannot be made at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

For detailed information, please click here: www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/long/index.html

PROOF OF CURRENT ADDRESS:

Can be either a copy of CA/AZ Driver License or CA/AZ ID. If your DL is not your current address, please bring a copy of a utility bill.

VISA FEE:

Please refer to the [Visa fee page](#). We only accept CASH (exact amount) or Money Order. We do not accept credit cards or personal checks.

PRE-PAID SELF-ADDRESSED RETURN ENVELOPE

Please submit a PREPAID return envelope with tracking. Please use USPS (Priority or Express).

COMPLETED [RELEASE OF LIABILITY](#):

Each applicant must sign their own form in pen. Please be reminded that we do not accept digital signatures.

Additional documents may be requested when necessary.

****DEPENDENTS of U.S. Military Personnel**

Dependents of U.S. Military Personnel stationed in Japan are not required to obtain a visa to apply for landing permission at a port of entry in Japan, in accordance with the agreement between the U.S. and Japan (SOFA). Please bring your dependent entry approval and a copy of the dependent's military ID card.