Due to a high volume of applications from recent border restrictions, Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles will temporarily accept all applications by mail until further notice. We are not accepting tourism, sightseeing, or transit visas.

Please mail or drop off all the required documents listed within the checklists below. We can only accept the following categories from those who live in our jurisdiction:

1. SPOUSE/CHILD OF JAPANESE NATIONALS
2. SPOUSE/CHILD OF PERMANENT RESIDENTS/LONG-TERM RESIDENTS
3. FORMER JAPANESE NATIONALS
4. TEMPORARY VISIT FOR BUSINESS/CONFERENCE PURPOSES
5. WORK/LONG-TERM STAY (EXCEPT STUDENTS)
6. STUDENTS WITH CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Please mail all applicable documents listed in the above checklists to:

Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles
Attn: Visa Section
350 S. Grand Avenue Suite 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90071

- All new entry to Japan requires a visa for entry to Japan, including US passport holders.
- You must provide both a phone number and email address on your application form.
- Visa processing time is about 5 business days from receipt of complete application.
  - Prepaid self-addressed return envelope is required.
  - Signatures must be signed in ink pen, no digital signatures will be accepted
  - Paste your picture (don’t staple) on your application.
  - Incomplete applications may be returned back to you.
- Cases that need to be referred to the Japan Headquarters may take longer. In that case, we will call you once your visa has been processed.

Those who wish to drop off their application package in-person may use the drop-off box inside the Los Angeles office business days only, between the hours of 9:30am-11:30am and 1:15pm-3:15pm, no weekend or holiday service. Please submit materials in an envelope. Appointments are unnecessary. Do not forget a prepaid self-addressed return envelope with tracking. There will be no picking up of documents at the window.

If you have an emergency or special circumstance, please call 213.617.6700 and navigate to the visa section. Please call again later if we are unable to respond to your call as the office is experiencing high call volume.