

Revised visa application procedure and Information for re-entry permit holder and valid visa holder

As of: 1/12/2021 (2)

Who can apply visa:

- Applicant whom reside within our jurisdiction (Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota or Iowa).
- U.S. citizen or Non-U.S. citizen whom stay with U.S. green card, Work, Student visa status.

Acceptable visa application reasons (Must applicable at least one of from (1)-(5)):

- (1) Foreign nationals who departed from Japan with a re-entry permit before August 31 and who were not permitted to re-enter Japan because the validity period of the re-entry permission expired after the country/region of stay was designated an area subject to denial of landing: Please obtain a new Certificate of Eligibility and contact us.
- (2) Spouse or child of a Japanese national/permanent resident of Japan for stay of over 90 days: Please see annex 1.
- (3) Spouse or child of a Japanese national/permanent resident of Japan for stay of less than 90 days: Please see annex 2.
- (3) Spouse or child of a foreign national who has a Status of Residence of "Long-Term Resident" whose family is staying in Japan and who has been separated from the family: Please obtain a Certificate of Eligibility and contact us.
- (4) A foreign national who is about to acquire the Status of "Medical Services", and who contributes to the strengthening Japanese medical systems: Please obtain a Certificate of Eligibility and contact us.
- (5) Emergency (Involve humanitarian reasons): Please contact us.

How to apply:

- In person: You can apply in person any time during Visa section hours. Appointment is not necessary.
- By mail: Applicants who reside outside of Cook County, Lake County, McHenry County, Kane County, Du Page County, Will County, Kendall County in Illinois and Lake County in Indiana are eligible to apply by mail. You can choose any mailing carrier to send your application.
- Proxy: If you ask someone to apply for your visa application on behalf of you, you must submit completed authorization form. Also, authorized person must bring their Identification.

- Please note that The Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago is not liable for any mailing incident such as loss, damage, delay, missing, etc. If you would like to avoid any mailing incident, you must apply and pick up in person. Even though, if you choose to use mail, we encourage you to keep tracking numbers. Do not contact us for checking the mailing status.
- Please be aware of [Chicago travel order by City of Chicago](#).
- In order to apply for a visa, please make sure you have ALL requirements. We will not accept any partial application.

Processing time:

If all criteria of visa issuance are met, most visas can normally be processed in 5-7 business days (not including mailing time). There is NO EXPEDITE SERVICE, first-come-first served basis. Every application takes standard processing time. Please note that some visa applications require consultation with our headquarters in Japan and may be takes longer than general processing time.

General information for current border enforcement measures to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Please see MOFA website: https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/cp/page22e_000925.html

For Re-entry permit holder:

Please see MOFA website: https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001074.html

For valid visa holder who picked up their visa by 12/23/2020:

Please see MOFA website: https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/cp/page22e_000925.html#section4

For visa application under processing or not picked up by 12/23/2020:

Due to modified new policy, submitted application will be as pending until further notice except Acceptable visa application reasons (1)-(5). If you wish to withdraw your application, please contact us.

ANNEX1 (For Spouse or child of a Japanese national/permanent resident of Japan for stay of over 90 days)

- VALID PASSPORT: Properly signed by bearer, must have at least two unused blank visa pages.
 - COMPLETED VISA APPLICATION FORM [[For Typing](#)] [[For Handwriting](#)]: The applicant must complete the visa application form. You can fill out the form by ball-point pen or type. Do not use pencil. 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: 2X2 inches, color. Photograph must be taken within the last six months. Please write your name on the backside of the photograph in print, attach to the visa application form. Do not use staple.
 - CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY: Please submit original Certificate of Eligibility. If you are unable to receive original Certificate of eligibility due to mail delay, please submit clear scanned copy, both front and backside.
 - AUTHORIZATION FORM: This is mandatory if someone else apply or/and pickup behalf of you.
 - PROOF OF YOUR U.S. IMMIGRATION STATUS (Only for non U.S. citizen)
 - U.S. Permanent Resident→ Copy of your Valid Permanent Resident card (Green card). Do not submit original card.
 - F Visa holder→ Copy of F visa and full page of I-20 with valid travel endorsement and valid I-94 (Electric version is acceptable). Do not submit original I-20.
 - J Visa holder→ Copy of your J visa and full page of DS-2019 with valid travel endorsement and valid I-94(Electric version is acceptable). Do not submit original DS-2019.
 - Other U.S. visa holder→ Copy of your U.S. Visa and valid I-94 (Electric version is acceptable).
- In order to obtain electric I-94, please see the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website.
- VISA FEE: No visa fee for U.S. citizen. Payment method; we accept only exact amount of CASH (No change). We don't accept any cards, Cashier's check, Certified check, Personal check, Company check and Money order.
 - FedEx or UPS Pre-paid self-addressed return shipping label and envelope (Minimum size: 12.5X9.5 inch) or U.S. Postal Service Express Mail or Priority Mail Pre-paid self-addressed return shipping label and envelope (Minimum size: 12.5X9.5 inch) and completed Release of Liability form.

ANNEX 2 (Spouse or child of a Japanese national for stay of less than 90 days)

- VALID PASSPORT: Properly signed by bearer, must have at least two unused blank visa pages.
 - COMPLETED VISA APPLICATION FORM [[For Typing](#)] [[For Handwriting](#)]: The applicant must complete the visa application form. You can fill out the form by ball-point pen or type. Do not use pencil. 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: 2X2 inches, color. Photograph must be taken within the last six months. Please write your name on the backside of the photograph in print, attach to the visa application form. Do not use staple.
 - FLIGHT ITINERARY / RESERVATION: Flight reservation/itinerary must issue by the travel agency or Airline Company in English or Japanese under visa applicant's name. We advise you not to purchase your airline ticket until the visa is approved. In order to make a reservation without purchase, please consult with the airline or travel agency.
 - HOTEL RESERVATION: Hotel reservation must issue by a Hotel or a travel agency under your name. Hotel reservation must cover your entire stay in Japan. You don't need this requirement if you are staying at the inviting person's house.
 - [SCHEDULE OF STAY](#): Describe day by day detailed activity plan in Japan, especially first 14 days. Please use multiple forms if you can't fill on all your schedule in one page.
 - YOUR MOST RECENT BANK STATEMENT: Bank statement must be issued by the Bank in the U.S. under your name and current address.
 - REASON FOR INVITATION FORM [[English](#)] [[日本語](#)]: The form must be completed by who currently reside in Japan and addressed to the Consul-General of Japan in Chicago. State the purposes of entry in detail to explain activities planned in Japan. (Describe specific activities, instead of vague references such as "visiting" or "meeting.")
 - PROOF OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VISA APPLICANT AND JAPANESE SPOUSE OR CHILD:
 - [For spouse] :Your Japanese spouse's Family Register (called KO-SE-KI 戸籍謄本) issued no longer than 3 months prior to the application date.
 - [For Child] : Your parent's Family Register (called KO-SE-KI 戸籍謄本) and your certified birth certificate issued by birth country authority.
 - AUTHORIZATION FORM: This is mandatory if someone else apply or/and pickup behalf of you.
 - PROOF OF YOUR U.S. IMMIGRATION STATUS (Only for non U.S. citizen)
 - U.S. Permanent Resident→ Copy of your Valid Permanent Resident card (Green card). Do not submit original card.
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 - Other U.S. visa holder→ Copy of your U.S. Visa and valid I-94 (Electric version is acceptable).
- In order to obtain electric I-94, please see the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website.
- VISA FEE: No visa fee for U.S. citizen.
 - FedEx or UPS pre-paid self-addressed return shipping label and envelope (Minimum size: 12.5X9.5 inch) or U.S. Postal Service Express Mail or Priority Mail pre-paid self-addressed return shipping label and envelope (Minimum size: 12.5X9.5 inch) and completed Release of Liability form.