

(5) FOR THOSE WHO HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY (EXCEPT STUDENTS)

【Definition】 A foreign citizen planning to engage in paid work in Japan 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

REQUIREMENTS:

※ Please do not staple the following documents.

☐ VALID PASSPORT AND ☐ COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (THE PAGES OF YOUR PHOTO AND SIGNATURE)

Please **SIGN** your passport and check that you have at least two unused blank visa pages.

For passports containing any previous Japanese visa that is still valid, a signed [consent form](#) must be included.

☐ COMPLETED VISA APPLICATION FORM:

Downloadable forms:

[Application form with QR code \(type and print\)](#)

[Application form for print only \(handwriting\)](#)

The applicant must complete the application by typing or with black pen. Signatures must be in ink pen. No digital signatures will be accepted. If a field is not applicable, please write “N/A” or “None”. Please make sure to verify your email address and phone number are clearly and legibly listed on the application form.

☐ ONE PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPH:

2x2 inches, color. Photograph must be taken within the last six months with plain background.

☐ ORDINAL CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY AND ☐ COPY (front and backside)

If you are unable to receive your original Certificate of eligibility due to mail delay, please submit a clear scanned copy, both front and backside. You must return your original Certificate of eligibility to the immigration bureau after you are admitted to Japan.

If three months have elapsed since the insurance date of your Certificate of Eligibility, please also submit a Declaration Form. A Declaration Form can be found [here](#).

☐ CERTIFICATE FOR COMPLETION OF REGISTRATION TO THE ERFS SYSTEM (受付済証):

Note: please submit the entire copy of this document including the “Application ID” section in the bottom right corner. Your name on this certificate has to be the exact same name as shown in your passport.

- To obtain a Certificate for completion of registration to the ERFS system, a receiving organization located in Japan (e.g., inviting/employing companies) needs to complete prescribed application through the Entrants Returnees Follow-up System (ERFS). After the application, “Certificate for completion of Registration to the ERFS system (受付済証 : Uketsukezumisho)” will be issued. Due to the revocation of New Border Measures (19), all previously-issued screening certificates shall be void, and receiving organizations should obtain a new certificate. [Further information for receiving organizations can be found here](#).

☐ PROOF OF CURRENT ADDRESS:

Copy of MI/OH Driver License or MI/OH ID. If your ID does not list current address, please provide a copy of a utility bill.

☐ **AUTHORIZATION FORM:**

Signed [authorizations](#).

This is mandatory if someone else is applying or/and picking up on your behalf.

☐ **VISA FEE:**

No visa fee for U.S. citizens.

Other Nationalities, please check [List of fees](#)

※*Payable in cash, by money order or cashier's check payable to "Consulate General of Japan"*

※*We do not accept credit cards or personal checks.*

※The fees change on April 1st each year.

FOR NON-US CITIZENS:

PROOF OF YOUR U.S. IMMIGRATION STATUS:

- ☐ Copy of Valid U.S. Permanent Resident Card (Green card).
- ☐ Printout of the "most recent I-94" From [CBP's website](#) if you have L Visa or E Visa.
- ☐ Copy of Valid F1 Visa ☐ Copy of Original 1-20 with valid travel endorsement signature.
- ☐ Printout of the "most recent I-94" From [CBP's website](#)
- ☐ Copy of Valid J1 Visa ☐ Copy of Original DS-2019 with valid travel endorsement.
- ☐ Printout of the "most recent I-94" From [CBP's website](#)

FOR APPLICANTS WHO RESIDE IN OHIO OR OUTSIDE OF THE METRO DETROIT AREA BUT WITHIN MICHIGAN:

If you reside in Ohio or outside of the Metro Detroit area but within Michigan, you have the option of mailing everything in by FedEx, UPS, U.S. Postal Service Express or Priority Mail. In that case, please include the following documents to your mail.

☐ **RELEASE OF LIABILITY** if applicable (See "9. Retrieval of Passport" in [General Visa Information](#))

Downloadable form: [Release of Liability](#)

☐ **PREPAID AND SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH TRACKING SYSTEM** if applicable (See "9. Retrieval of Passport" in [General Visa Information](#) for details.)

Mailing address:

Consulate General of Japan in Detroit
Attn: Visa Section
400 Renaissance Center, Suite 1600
Detroit, MI 48243

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