

WORKING HOLIDAY VISA

For New Zealand passport holder residing in New Zealand

PURPOSE OF THE WORKING HOLIDAY SCHEME

The Japan-New Zealand Working Holiday Scheme was established in 1985.

The reciprocal arrangement is intended to promote mutual understanding and friendship between the two countries. **Visas are issued to young New Zealanders intent on contributing to these purposes.**

The Scheme enables visa holders to enter Japan for a long-term holiday, and **if necessary, work on a casual/temporary basis to supplement travel funds.**

It is not for the purpose of regular part/full-time employment or study in Japan.

With this visa, **New Zealand citizens** need not obtain further permission to engage in remunerative activities while in Japan provided these activities do not contravene Japanese law regulating businesses offering food and entertainment as well as any other regulations in force which affect public order and good morals.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the grant of a Working Holiday Visa you must:

- 1) Be a New Zealand passport holder
- 2) **currently residing in under our jurisdiction**
- 3) Be aged between 18 and 30 years (inclusive) at the time of application
- 4) Have no dependent children
- 5) Be in good health and have no criminal record

You must also agree that your main reason for visiting is to holiday and that any work should be casual/temporary to supplement funds. If your main purpose is to engage in activities for income/remuneration, you will be asked to apply for a [VISA with CoE](#).

REQUIRED DOCUMENT

New Zealand citizens who are travelling, studying or living abroad
will NOT be eligible (NO EXCEPTION)

Applications submitted on short notice will not be accepted

Incomplete documents will cause of you to re-visit

1) New Zealand Valid passport (Original)

2) One passport photograph

- USE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (we may reject if it's not acceptable quality)
- NZ standard passport size OR 45mm x 35mm size
- [must be taken within the last SIX months](#) ←click for sample photo
- DO NOT
 - scan and print onto paper
 - attach with staple or tape
 - filters/photoshop

3) One completed original visa application form

- write “n/a” if it doesn’t apply to you or leave a section blank if you are unsure
- **DO NOT** use digital signature (hand written signature only)
- Tick “single” if you are not legally married

4) LETTER STATING REASONS FOR APPLYING FOR A WORKING HOLIDAY VISA

- Typewritten on A4 paper (must be one page in length) and sign and date

5) CURRICULUM VITAE (*must be up-to-date*)

- Detailing your personal, educational and employment history

6) ITINERARY IN JAPAN

- Use the [STAY PROGRAMME FORM](#)
- The schedule must be completed in detail, without remarks such as “unknown” or “as above” etc...
- Please do not stay in any one place for longer than 3 months
- Please provide the details of any pre-arranged employment you may have
- We may as to see your contract if you have pre-arranged employment


7) **NEW ZEALAND BANK STATEMENT**


- * proof of sufficient funds to support initial stay in Japan
- * applicant name and residential address **MUST** appear on the statements

OPTION 1: without proof of paid return tickets

- If your return ticket from Japan is not yet purchased, your bank statement must show **at least NZ\$4,000**
- Provide your most recent 3 months transaction records of the bank statement with your own name and current address in NZ ([must be under our jurisdiction](#))
- The statements from overseas banks, credit cards, investments, cryptocurrency, loans and company account are NOT ACCEPTED

OPTION 2: with proof of paid return tickets

- Your bank statement must show at **least NZ \$3,000** (or NZ \$4,500 each for a  married couple) and **PAID RETURN TICKETS**
- Provide your most recent 3 months transaction records of the bank statement with your own name and current address in NZ ([must be under our jurisdiction](#))
- The statements from overseas banks, credit cards, investments or loans are NOT ACCEPTED

 A married couple: must have NO dependents to travel together and must provide a copy of marriage certificate

NO appointment required

Simply bring in your application during our consular section hours:
9am - 12pm or 1pm - 3:30pm (Monday to Friday)

Please check the list of [office holidays](#) before your visit