

WORKING HOLIDAY VISA

For New Zealand passport holder residing in New Zealand

It is essential that you read the information carefully and are fully informed prior to submitting your application.

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](#).

PLEASE BEWARE:

Visas are not issued based on individual travel schedules, and there is no expedited service available under any circumstances.

We strongly recommend that you plan well in advance, as you may submit your visa application up to 12 months prior to your intended arrival in Japan.

- Applications submitted on short notice will not be accepted
- No reservation, no service. We do not accept walk-ins
- Incomplete documents will cause of you to re-visit
- We will keep passports while processing visa applications
- Depending on examination, additional documentation is required
- Visa assessment period is **one week and more** from the date of receiving ALL completed documentation

Please note:

Any personal information filled in the application form as well as additional personal information submitted for the visa application will be handled appropriately by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (including overseas establishments) in accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information (Act No.57 of 2003).

All required documents are requested by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and are mandatory to bring when submitting your visa application.

You cannot decide which documents to submit or omit, as doing so may result in a re-visit or delay in your application process.

To avoid delays, it is your responsibility to check our website and read the instructions carefully before submitting your application.

The Consulate-General of Japan in Auckland reserves the right to reject your application, and any form of abusive behavior from applicants will not be tolerated.

REQUIRED DOCUMENT

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You must make an online appointment in advance if you wish with to submit your application in person.

Please click [HERE](#) for details.

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

1) New Zealand valid passport (Original)

2) 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

3) 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](#) ← click for sample
- Must be taken within the last SIX months
- **DO NOT** scan and print onto paper, attach with staple or tape, use any filters, apply touch-ups, or alter the image in a way that misrepresents the actual person

4) NEW ZEALAND BANK STATEMENT (bank stamp is not required)

- Proof of sufficient funds (select one of the **options**) to support initial stay in Japan
- Applicant name and NZ residential address **MUST** appear on the statements
- We do not accept joint accounts unless both partners are applying for visas together

OPTION 1: WITHOUT Proof of Paid Return Tickets

- ◆ If your return tickets 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, cryptocurrency, loans and company account are NOT ACCEPTED
- ◆ Paid return tickets must show your full name

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

5) LETTER STATING REASONS FOR APPLYING FOR A WH VISA

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

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

- Detailing your personal, educational and employment history

7) ITINERARY IN JAPAN

- Use the [Stay Programme Form](#) (see “Download Forms” section)
- 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
- We may ask to see your contract if you have pre-arranged employment