

# 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 primary purpose of an applicant's stay should be a "holiday" and NOT "to work" in Japan. So those who intend to mainly work in Japan cannot apply for the Working Holiday visa.**

**If the applicant's aim is primarily to engage in work or any other remunerative activities, they should apply for a work visa instead.**

## 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)

### 1) New Zealand valid passport (Original)

### 2) One completed original visa application form

- Write “N/A” if a question does not apply to you
- If you are unsure how to answer a section, please leave it blank
- Digital signatures are not acceptable (hand written signature only)
- Tick “SINGLE” box if you are not legally married

### 3) One passport photograph

- USE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
- [NZ standard passport size OR 45mm x 35mm size](#) ←click for sample

### PLASE DO NOT USE...

- ✗ staple or tape to attach it to the application form
- ✗ old photos or taken more than six months ago
- ✗ filters/photoshop
- ✗ scan and print onto paper

We have the right to reject photos that does not meet  
our quality standards and requirements

### 4) LETTER STATING REASONS FOR APPLYING FOR A WH 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) NEW ZEALAND BANK STATEMENT (bank stamp is not required)

- Proof of sufficient funds 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

**Please select one of the option below**

### 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 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

## 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