

Who requires a visa?

Depending on the length of stay and nationality, participants may be required VISA:

As of July 2013, Japan had taken measures concerning the Visa Exemption Arrangements with 66 countries and regions as the chart below. Nationals and citizens of those countries and regions shown below are not required to obtain a visa to enter Japan when the purpose of their visit is tourism, commerce, a conference, visit to relatives/ acquaintances, etc.

However, when foreign national engages in paid activities in Japan, or the period of stay stipulated in each arrangement of short-term stay, visas will be required to enter Japan.

·Period of Stay

The period of stay granted at the time of the landing permission shall be the shortest period out of "15 days," "30 days" or "90 days," that is long enough to cover the purpose of the stay of the foreign national. (for nationals of Brunei and Thailand is 15 days)

Exemption of Visa (Short-time Stay)
66 Countries and Regions for Visa Exemptions (as of July 2013)

Asia		Europe	
Brunei (15days)	Malaysia*	Andorra	Austria*
Republic of Korea	Singapore	Belgium	Bulgaria
Thailand *(15 days)	Hong Kong*	Croatia	Cyprus
Macao*	Taiwan*	Czech Republic	Denmark
North America		Estonia	Finland
Canada	United States	Former Yugoslav Republic Of Macedonia	France
Latin America and the Caribbean		Germany	Greece
Argentina	Bahamas	Hungary	Iceland
Barbados	Chile	Ireland*	Italy
Costa Rica	Dominican Republic	Latvia	Liechtenstein*
Guatemala	Honduras	Lithuania	Luxembourg
Mexico*	Surinam	Malta	Monaco
Uruguay		Netherland	Norway
Oceania		Poland	Portugal
Australia	New Zealand	Romania	San Marino
Middle East		Serbia*	Slovakia
Israel	Turkey*	Slovenia	Spain
Africa		Sweden	Switzerland
Lesotho*	Mauritius	United Kingdom	
Tunisia			

Those who are from counties with "*" mark, please access the URL below for more details.

http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html

Procedure Chart for Visas for Short-Term Stays, Please click [here](#).

Note: Nationals of countries that have concluded visa exemption arrangements with Japan for stays of up to six months in principle are granted permission to stay in Japan for 90 days at the time of landing. Nationals of these countries who wish to stay in Japan for more than 90 days must apply at their nearest immigration authority in Japan for an extension of their period of stay.

Whether or not they hold a visa, visitors who do not possess visible means of support for their stay, onward or return tickets and other documents for their next destination may be refused entry.

What documents will be required?

The following documents must be submitted whatever the purpose of the visit:

1. passport
2. Two 45mm x 45mm passport-type photos taken within the previous six months (stateless persons must submit three photos)
3. Two official visa application forms available at the embassy or consulate
4. Other necessary documents which the Secretariat of ISAM 2014 will provide

Time required to issue visa:

The period required from the visa application to the issuance of the visa is approximately 5 working days.

Note: In the case of applications that require inquiries to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (for example, applications for work or study visas that are not accompanied by a Certificate of Eligibility), it usually takes two to three months or even longer, so in such cases please allow plenty of leeway

What is the cost of a visa?

Single-entry: 3,000 yen / US\$25

Double or multiple-entry: 6,000 yen / US\$50

Note: Visa fees vary depending on nationality. Check with the nearest Consulate for further information

Embassy contact information:

Contact [nearest Japanese Embassy](#) for more information.