

FAQ Regarding Visa Application

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Q.1 Do I need to apply for a visa?

If your country is not included in the visa exempted countries, you need to apply for a visa to enter Japan.

Exemption of Visa (Short-Term Stay)

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

Temporary Visitor Visa

https://www.miami.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/visa_temporary_visitor.html

Short-Term Business Visa

https://www.miami.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/11_000001_00527.html

For working or studying purposes, you need to apply for a long term visa regardless of your nationality.

Applying for Visa with Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

https://www.miami.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/11_000001_00454.html

Transit visas are issued to foreign nationals (whose country of citizenship is NOT on the [visa exemption page](#) traveling through Japan en route to another country and staying for 1 night (or less)only.

Transit Visa

https://www.miami.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/visa_transit.html

Q.2 I am a permanent resident of the U.S, do I need to apply for a visa?

Despite of the fact that you hold permanent residency in the U.S, you need to apply for a visa if **your Nationality** is not included in the visa exemption country list on the [visa exemption page](#) .

Q3. When should I start applying for a visa?

You can start applying for a visa 90 days prior to your arrival date in Japan.

Since a visa is valid for 90 days after its issue date, you need to enter Japan with the issued visa within that period.

Q4. Can I walk in to drop off my visa application?

At the moment, we are asking every applicant to make a reservation in advance to visit our office. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Q5. How can I make an appointment?

You can call our office at 305-530-9090 or send us an email at consular1@mi.mofa.go.jp

to set up an appointment.

Q6. Is there any express service in order to expedite my visa application?

We don't offer any expedited service. Please apply early for a visa, well in advance of the anticipated travel date.

Q7. How can I apply for a multiple entry visa?

Please note that a multiple entry visa might not be issued to you after reviewing your visa application.

If you would like to apply for one, please submit a letter to explain the reasons why you need to apply for a multiple entry visa, provide estimated dates for future travels to Japan, and submit your last six

month's bank statements to prove you have sufficient funds.

Q8. I have a layover in Japan, do I need to apply for a visa?

Usually if you are staying in the airport, and don't need to go through customs or security before changing from one plane to another, you can transit through Japan without a visa.

Please confirm with your airline company regarding your itinerary.

If you would like to go outside the airport for sight-seeing or to stay at a hotel, you need to apply for a transit visa.

Please note that you can apply for a transit visa only when you are staying in Japan for less than two days.

Transit Visa

https://www.miami.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/visa_transit.html

Q9. I haven't received my passport back yet.

Can you check my shipping status?

Once your visa is issued, and your passport is sent out, our office cannot take any responsibility for the transportation of the package.

Please check the tracking number, and contact the appropriate mailing service to inquire about your shipping status.