

HOW TO QUALIFY TO LIVE IN JAPAN

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DO YOU HAVE JAPANESE FAMILY?



What are you?



Spouse
Child
Grandchild

Great-grandchild
Something else...

Are you able to track your Japanese family's koseki (family registry)?



YES



Congratulations! Why don't you apply for a Spouse or Child of Japanese Nationals Visa! or a Long Term Resident Visa, which is temporary but extendable. Family visas don't have any restriction for the type of work you choose.

WHICH OF THESE BEST DESCRIBES YOU?

Prospective Employee

Prospective Student

Self-Employed

Retiree (Non-working)



Do you have savings of over 30 million yen?

YES

Congratulations! You and your spouse can apply to stay in Japan for up to one year for an extended tourist visa.



SORRY!

Sorry! Foreign-born residents with permanent resident status can retire in Japan. There is not a "retirement visa" available.

Do you intend to start operating the business in your new place of residence?



SORRY!

Try again!

Can you secure a place of business, at least two full-time employees or an investment of 5 million yen (~\$33,000)?

OK!

Congratulations! Why don't you apply for a Start-up Visa! valid only in some municipalities, that lasts 6 months.



Do you have a financial sponsor or savings of at least ¥3,000,000?

YES!

Congratulations! Why don't you apply for a Business Manager Visa!

Have you enrolled at a university, vocational school, high school, junior high school, elementary school or Japanese language school?



TRY AGAIN!

Congratulations! Why don't you apply for a Student Visa! That lasts for two years. You can work up to 18 hours per week.

Housekeeper or personal assistant

Are you privately employed by a foreigner holding one of the following visa types: Diplomat, Business Manager, or Legal/Accounting Services?



TRY AGAIN!

YES

Congratulations! Your employer will help you apply for the appropriate visa.

What field do you want to work in?

English Teaching



YES

Congratulations! Your employer will help you apply for the appropriate visa.

A Professional Field

Is your work described as one of the following?



Including but not limited to: professor, monk, journalist, editor, camera person, musician, artist, attorney, missionary, accountant, physician, dentist, pharmacist, nurse, researcher, investigator, teacher, interpreter, translator, designer, data company founder, musician, actor, singer, dancer, sportsperson, model, graphic artist, animal trainer, pilot, or scientist.

Do you hold a university degree and at least three years of professional experience in this field?

Are you under 40?

Is your salary at least ¥3,000,000?

Can you reach at least 70 points on the point-based system?

OK!

Congratulations! Why don't you apply for a Working Visa! that lasts from 15 days to 5 years, but be sure to stay within your own lane.



YES!

Congratulations! Why don't you apply for a Highly Skilled Professional Visa! for 1, 3, or 5 years with some additional privileges.

Jobs that don't require a university degree

such as nursing care, general, factory work, construction, and repair, hotel work, farm support, factory food manufacturing, or food service.

Do you already possess skills and experience in this field?



TRY AGAIN!

Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs website: www.mofa.go.jp

Are you proficient enough in Japanese language for job and daily life?



YES!

Congratulations! Why don't you apply for a Specified Skilled Worker Visa! You can renew this up to five years but you can't bring family.



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