

Working Holiday Visa for Canadian Citizens

For the purpose of promoting greater mutual understanding between Japan and Canada, the governments of these two countries have agreed to start a Working-Holiday scheme to help encourage the exchange of young people. The scheme will make it possible for citizens of one country to enter the other primarily for a holiday over an extended period, and also to engage in employment as an incidental aspect of their trip in order to supplement their travel funds. **Working-Holiday visa is not designed for persons who mainly intend to work or study in Japan (for which purposes the appropriate visa should be sought).**

With this visa Canadian citizens need not obtain further permission to engage in remunerative activities while in Japan, provided that these activities do not contravene the Japanese Law regulating businesses offering food and entertainment as well as any other regulations in force which affect public order and good morals.

Beginning March 1, 1986, on a reciprocal basis, the Government of Japan will issue, free of charge, a single entry visa for the Working-Holiday to a person who satisfies each of the following requirements (effective January 1, 1997).

Prerequisites for Working Holiday Visa applicants

Applicants for the Working Holiday Visa:

1. must be a Canadian citizen currently residing in Canada;
2. must intend primarily to **holiday** in Japan for a specific length of time;
3. must be between 18 and 30 years of age;
4. must possess a valid Canadian passport and a return travel ticket;
5. must possess reasonable funds for their maintenance, including medical expenses, during the period of their initial stay in Japan;
6. must be in good health and not have a criminal record;
7. have never obtained the Working-Holiday visa before.

Procedure for applying for a Working Holiday Visa

Applicants for the Working Holiday Visa are required to submit the following:

1. valid Canadian passport;
2. application form (included in information package);
3. one recent passport photograph (approx. 45mm x 45mm, white background);
4. personal history (included in information package);
5. detailed itinerary in Japan proposed by applicant (included in information package);
6. letter explaining your motive for a Working-Holiday visa (typed on letter-size paper);
7. note from physician stating that you are in good health.

The applicant must apply for a visa **in person**. Applications submitted by agents or group will not be accepted. Application must be made **at least three weeks before** the anticipated departure date. Applications submitted on short notice will not be accepted.

If you satisfy the requirements, you'll be informed that your visa will be processed.

When you come to pick up your validated passport, you must bring the following:

1. actual return Airline ticket;
2. minimum \$2,500 (\$3,500 for married couple) in TRAVELERS CHEQUE (or equivalent amount of other foreign currency travelers cheque) or a BANK ACCOUNT STATEMENT.

Processing time of visa application:

* Minimum one week.

Visa Hours:

9:00am - 12:00pm

1:30pm - 4:00pm

(Monday - Friday except holidays)

Consulate General of Japan

Suite 3300, Royal Trust Tower

77 King St. West, Toronto, Ontario

Tel: (416)363-7038

Other Information

1. Life and Health Insurance

It is recommended that insurance coverage should be arranged before leaving Canada as under the conditions of employment for the Working Holiday Visa. The period of employment is usually not long enough to qualify for coverage undertaken by the employers or companies.

2. Validity of the Visa

Applicants may enter Japan within twelve months after the date of issue of the visa; the visa is valid for twelve months.

3. Period of Stay

A period of stay of up to six months can be initially granted at the port of entry. This may be extended up to another six months by the Immigration Authorities in Japan.

4. Re-entry Permits

Working Holiday visas are single entry. Therefore, if Working Holiday participants have to leave Japan for any reason and wish to return, it is essential that they obtain a re-entry permit from the Immigration Authorities before leaving Japan.

5. Alien Registration

Within 90 days of arrival in Japan, Working Holiday participants must apply for alien registration at a nearby Local Government Office where they are staying.

6. Tax Implications

You should ask for a statement of earnings in English while in Japan and call Revenue Canada for the appropriate information when you return to Canada.

VISA APPLICATION FORM TO ENTER JAPAN

(Photo)
approx. 45mm x 45mm

Name in full _____
(Surname)

(Given and middle name)

Different name used, if any _____

Date and place of birth _____ : _____
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City) (Province) (Country)

Sex _____ Marital status : married _____ single _____

Nationality or citizenship _____

Former nationality, if any _____

Purpose of journey to Japan _____

Length of stay in Japan intended _____

Route of present journey : Probable date of entry _____

Port of entry into Japan _____ Name of ship or airline _____

Passport (Refugee or stateless should note the title of Travel Document) _____

No. _____ Diplomatic, Official, Ordinary Issued at _____ on _____

Issuing authority _____ Valid until _____

Criminal record, if any _____

Home address _____ Tel. _____

Profession or occupation _____

Name and address of firm or organization to which applicant belongs _____

Tel. _____

Post or rank held at present _____

Principal former positions _____

Address of hotels or names and addresses of persons with whom applicant intends to stay

Dates and duration of previous stays in Japan _____

Guarantor or reference in Japan : Name _____

Address _____ Tel. _____

Relationship to applicant _____

Persons accompanying applicant	<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
And included in his passport			

I hereby declare that the statement given above is true and correct. I understand that immigration status and period of stay to be granted are decided by the Japanese immigration authorities upon my arrival. I understand that possession of a visa does not entitle the bearer to enter Japan upon arrival at port of entry if he or she is found inadmissible.

Date of application _____

Signature of applicant _____

Date_____

Outline of intended activities
(活動予定概要)

(It is important to be as specific as possible.)

Name of visa applicant		Sex	Age
(Surname)		(Given and Middle name)	
period	In which city or prefecture do you intend to stay?	Please give an outline of activities you wish to engage in Japan. (ex. travel, work, study)	
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Date_____

RESUME

(履 歷 書)

○ Name of visa applicant:

Sex:

Age:

(Surname) (Given and middle name)

Date of birth : _____

Place of birth : _____

Educational and Employment history:

○ Experience of stay in Japan (if any, please write the period, purpose, and place of each visit):

Skills and Hobbies:

If your employment in Japan has been arranged, please fill the followings.

Name of employer :

Tel :

Address :

Type of business :

Working hours per day :

Period of employment :