

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

*Official use only

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Surname (as shown in passport) _____

Given and middle names (as shown in passport) _____

Other names (including any other names you are or have been known by) _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____
(Day)/(Month)/(Year) (City) (State or Province) (Country)

Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐ Marital status: Single ☐ Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐

Nationality or citizenship _____

Former and/or other nationalities or citizenships _____

ID No. issued to you by your government _____

Passport type: Diplomatic ☐ Official ☐ Ordinary ☐ Other ☐

Passport No. _____

Place of issue _____

Date of issue _____
(Day)/(Month)/(Year)

Issuing authority _____

Date of expiry _____
(Day)/(Month)/(Year)

Purpose of visit to Japan _____

Intended length of stay in Japan _____

Date of arrival in Japan _____

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

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

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address _____

Dates and duration of previous stays in Japan _____

Your current residential address (if you have more than one address, please list them all)

Address _____

Tel. _____ Mobile No. _____

Current profession or occupation and position _____

Name and address of employer

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address _____

*Partner's profession/occupation (or that of parents, if applicant is a minor):

Guarantor or reference in Japan (Please provide details of the guarantor or the person to be visited in Japan)

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address _____

Date of birth _____ Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐
(Day)/(Month)/(Year)

Relationship to applicant _____

Profession or occupation and position _____

Nationality and immigration status _____

Inviter in Japan (Please write 'same as above' if the inviting person and the guarantor are the same)

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address _____

Date of birth _____ Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐
(Day)/(Month)/(Year)

Relationship to applicant _____

Profession or occupation and position _____

Nationality and immigration status _____

*Remarks/Special circumstances, if any _____

Have you ever:

- been convicted of a crime or offence in any country? Yes ☐ No ☐
- been sentenced to imprisonment for 1 year or more in any country? ** Yes ☐ No ☐
- been deported or removed from Japan or any country for overstaying your visa or violating any law or regulation? Yes ☐ No ☐
- been convicted and sentenced for a drug offence in any country in violation of law concerning narcotics, marijuana, opium, stimulants or psychotropic substances? ** Yes ☐ No ☐
- engaged in prostitution, or in the intermediation or solicitation of a prostitute for other persons, or in the provision of a place for prostitution, or any other activity directly connected to prostitution? Yes ☐ No ☐
- committed trafficking in persons or incited or aided another to commit such an offence? Yes ☐ No ☐

** Please tick "Yes" if you have received any sentence, even if the sentence was suspended.

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, please provide relevant details.

"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."

"I hereby consent to the provision of my personal information (by an accredited travel agent, within its capacity of representing my visa application) to the Japanese embassy/consulate-general and (entrust the agent with) the payment of my visa fee to the Japanese embassy/consulate-general, when such payment is necessary."

Date of application _____ Signature of applicant _____
(Day)/(Month)/(Year)

* It is not mandatory to complete these items.

Any personal information gathered in this application as well as additional information submitted for the visa application (hereinafter referred to as "Retained Personal Information") will be handled appropriately in accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Administrative Organs (Act No. 58 of 2003, hereinafter, "the Act"). Retained Personal Information will only be used for the purpose of processing the visa application and to the extent necessary for the purposes stated in Article 8 of the Act.

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_____

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(履 歴 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 : _____
