

Working Holiday Visa for Canadian Citizens

For the purpose of promoting greater mutual understanding between Japan and Canada, the governments of these two countries agreed in 1986 to start a Working-Holiday scheme to help encourage the exchange of young people. This program makes 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.

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.

The Working-Holiday visa will be issued **only once** to the same Canadian citizen. The Government of Japan, on a reciprocal basis, will issue, free of charge, a single entry visa for the Working Holiday to persons who satisfy each of the requirements outlined below:

Prerequisites

Applicants for the Working Holiday visa must:

1. Be a Canadian citizen who is **currently residing in Canada** (no exception)
2. Intend primarily to holiday in Japan for a specific length of time
3. Be between 18 and 30 years of age at the time of application
4. Possess reasonable funds to support themselves, including medical expenses, during the initial period of stay in Japan
5. Possess a valid Canadian Passport and a return travel ticket
6. Be in good health and have no criminal record
7. Have never obtained the Japanese Working Holiday visa before

Applications

Applicants residing in the city of Ottawa must submit all of the following **IN PERSON** at the Embassy of Japan (Applicants residing outside of Ottawa must submit the application to the Japanese Consulate in their jurisdiction):

1. Valid Canadian passport
2. Completed visa application form
3. One photo (Approx. 45mm x 45mm, taken within the last 6 months, white background)
4. Personal resume/curriculum vitae
5. Detailed itinerary of your stay in Japan
6. Letter explaining your motive for a Working-Holiday Visa
7. Note from a physician stating that you are in good health (original note)
8. Return airline ticket or flight itinerary provided by an airline company or a travel agency (Please note we are not responsible for the tickets which are unusable due to delay or denial of visa.)
9. Minimum \$2,500 CDN (\$3,500 for married couple) in travellers cheques or a bank statement

Processing Time

Working-Holiday Visas are normally processed in a minimum of one week. Applications submitted on short notice will not be accepted.

Other Information

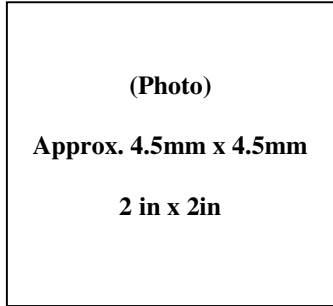
1. It is recommended that insurance coverage be arranged before leaving Canada as under the conditions of employment for the Working-Holiday Visas. The period of employment is usually not long enough to qualify for coverage undertaken by the employers or companies.
2. Applicants must enter Japan within 12 months after the date of issue of the visa; the visa is valid for twelve months.
3. A period of stay of up to six months will be initially granted at the port of entry. This may be extended up to another six months by the Immigration Authorities in Japan.
4. Working-Holiday visas are single entry. Therefore, if the Working-Holiday participant has to leave Japan for any reasons and wishes to return to Japan, it is essential that the person obtain a re-entry permit from the Immigration Authorities before leaving Japan.
5. Within 90 days of arrival in Japan, Working-Holiday visitors must apply for an Alien Registration card at a nearby local government office where they reside.
6. 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.

Please note the above information may be changed without notice.

Intended Schedule in Japan, Working Holiday Program

Name of Visa Applicant: _____		
(Family Name)	(First Name, Middle Name)	(Date of Birth)
	In which city or prefecture do you intend to stay?	Outline of activities you wish to engage in Japan. (If you wish to work, please indicate the type of job you are interested in.)
1 st month		
2 nd month		
3 rd month		
4 th month		
5 th month		
6 th month		
<p>If your employment in Japan has been arranged already, please fill out the following.</p> <p>Name of Employer: _____ Tel: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Type of job offered: _____</p> <p>Approx. working hours per day: _____</p>		

VISA APPLICATION FORM TO ENTER JAPAN



Name in full _____
(Surname)

(Given and middle name)

Different name used, if any _____

Date and place of birth _____ : _____
(Day) (Month) (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 _____

Post or rank held at present _____

Principal former positions _____

*Partner's Profession/Occupation (or Parents' Profession/occupation) _____

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 _____

* (Remarks) Special circumstances, if any _____

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 _____
(Day) (Month) (Year)

Signature of applicant _____

* These items are not essential to be filled.