

WORKING-HOLIDAY VISA FOR CANADIAN CITIZENS

CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN AT VANCOUVER

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 youth exchange. The scheme will make it possible for citizens of one country to enter the other country for holiday over an extended period, and also to engage in employment as an incidental aspect of their holiday 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 or any other regulations in force which affect public order and good morals.

However a Working-Holiday visa is not designed for people who intend mainly to work or study in Japan. Some companies may "recommend" that you apply for a Working Holiday Visa, when in fact you require a proper work/ internship visa. Please note a false application can jeopardize your visa status in Japan.

The Working-Holiday visa is issued only ONCE to each individual.

Beginning March 1, 1986, on a reciprocal basis, the Government of Japan will issue, free of charge, a single entry visa for a Working-Holiday to persons who satisfy all qualifications as outlined below.

(Effective January 1, 1997)

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants for the Working Holiday visa must

- (1) Be a Canadian citizen who is resident in Canada
- (2) Intend primarily to **holiday** in Japan for a specific period
- (3) Be between **18** and **30 years** of age at the time of application
- (4) Possess reasonable funds for your maintenance, including medical expenses during the period of your initial stay in Japan
- (5) Possess a valid Canadian passport
- (6) Be in **good health** and have **no criminal record**

PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR WORKING-HOLIDAY VISAS

You must submit **ALL** of the following documents **IN PERSON**:

- (1) Valid Canadian passport and any cancelled passports
- (2) Completed visa application form (Attached)
- (3) One photo (Approx. 45mm x 45mm, taken within 6 months.)
- (4) Letter explaining your motive for a Working-Holiday visa (Typed on letter sized paper)
- (5) Outline of intended activities (Attached)
- (6) Résumé (Attached)
- (7) Note from a physician stating that you are in good health (Original note)
- (8) Proof of travel funds: at least 2,500 CAD in Traveler's Cheques or Bank Statement

WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR VISA AND PASSPORT, YOU MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) Personal I.D.
- (2) A ticket to enter and leave Japan (a copy of an e-ticket is acceptable)

PROCESSING TIME OF VISA APPLICATION:

It takes a minimum of one week

VISA APPLICATION HOURS:

9:30 - 11:30 A.M. and 1:00 - 3:30 P.M.
Monday to Friday except national holidays.

NOTE

- We cannot guarantee that your visa will be processed before your intended departure date.
- Applicants are advised to purchase medical insurance before departure.
- The above information may be changed without notice.

VISA APPLICATION FORM TO ENTER JAPAN

*Official use only

(Paste photo here)
45mm x45mm
or 2inx2in

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 _____

R E S U M E

(履 歴 書)

Name of visa applicant: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

(Surname) (Given and middle name)

Date of birth : _____ Place of birth : _____

Educational and Employment history:

From - To _____ Name _____ City/Country _____

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 : _____
