

Issuance of Multiple Entry Visas for Short-term Stay for Nationals of India

1. The Government of Japan has decided to begin issuance of multiple entry visas for short-term stay to nationals of India (ordinary passport holders) from July 3.
2. This decision was made following the announcement by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, given during his visit to India in January 2014, that the Government of Japan would introduce multiple entry visas based on the recognition that the enhancement of people-to-people exchanges is important in order to further broaden relations between Japan and India.
3. The multiple entry visas will be issued not only at Japanese diplomatic missions in India but also at all Japanese Embassies and Consulates General overseas in light of the large number of Indian nationals living outside India.
4. It is expected that this will help increase the number of Indian tourists in Japan and improve convenience in business activities, thus further developing bilateral exchanges between Japan and India.

Multiple entry visas for short-term stay for nationals of India (ordinary passport holders)

Recipient	: Those who have fulfilled certain conditions and who have an ordinary Machine-Readable passport (MRP) in compliance with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards.
Period of stay	: 15 days
Terms of validity	: Up to three years
Where to apply	: Any Embassy / Consulate General / Consulate of Japan in any country.

Application Procedure for Multiple-entry Visa for Indian Nationals

The following is an outline of the application procedure for nationals of India who wish to apply for a multiple-entry visa as a temporary visitor (tourism, business affairs, and visits to relatives/ acquaintances). The period of each stay of the multiple-entry visa is up to 15 days and the terms of validity are 1 year or 3 years. It is not permitted, however, to perform activities to undertake revenue generating business operations or activities to receive remuneration under the visa as a temporary visitor.

1. Applicant Eligibility

Indian Nationals with ordinary MRP (Machine Readable Passport) / e-passports in compliance with the ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) standard, who wish to apply for a Multiple-entry Visa for a stay of 15 days and fall under one of the following categories:

- (1) Individual who has travel records as a temporary visitor to Japan in the last three years without any record of violations of the laws and regulations of Japan during the period of stay and who has the ability to pay the travel expense
- (2) Employed individual with sufficient financial capacity
- (3) Spouse or child of the individual who is mentioned in (2) above

2. Required Documents to Submit

(1) Applicant with travel record to Japan in the last three years (as mentioned in 1(1) above)

- a. One completed visa application form with a passport photo taken within 6 months
- b. Passport (MRP / e-passport in compliance with the ICAO standard only)
- c. A valid Australian visa or a document that certifies the applicant holds a valid Australian visa
- d. Old passport that shows Japanese temporary visitor visas and entry stamps within the last three years
- e. Bank statements for your saving or investment account for the last 3 months with the current balance
- f. Certificate of employment
- g. A letter of explanation stating the reason for applying for the multiple-entry visa (must be typed)

(2) Employed individuals with sufficient financial capacity (as mentioned in 1(2) above)

- a. One completed visa application form with a passport photo taken within 6 months
- b. Passport (MRP / e-passport in compliance with the ICAO standard only)
- c. A valid Australian visa or a document that certifies the applicant holds a valid Australian visa
- d. Documents to prove the sufficient financial ability such as an income certificate, bank statement, or income tax return
- e. Certificate of employment
- f. A letter of explanation stating the reason for applying for the multiple-entry visa

(3) Spouse or children of the individuals who are mentioned in (2) above (as mentioned in 1(3) above)

- a. One completed visa application form with a passport photo taken within 6 months
- b. Passport (MRP / e-passport in compliance with the ICAO standard only)
- c. A valid Australian visa or a document that certifies the applicant holds a valid Australian visa
- d. Official documents to prove kinship
- e. (For those who are applying separately from the applicant as in 2(2) above) documents of the spouse or the parent to prove sufficient financial ability and certificate of employment of 2(2) above
- * In cases where the spouse or parent has already acquired a multiple-entry visa under the same category, a copy of the passport and visa of the spouse or parent may substitute documents (3) d and e.
- f. A letter of explanation stating the reason for applying for the multiple-entry visa

If necessary, you may be asked to provide additional documents apart from the documents mentioned above.

* We may issue a single-entry visa according to the result of the assessment.