

Application Procedure for a Multiple Entry Temporary Visitor Visa (Applicants with PRC Passports)

The Government of Japan has decided to relax the visa requirements for Chinese citizens starting from May 8th 2017. Multiple Entry Visas for sightseeing will be also issued for Chinese citizens residing in Hong Kong or Macau (areas covered by the Consulate-General of Japan in Hong Kong) according to the new measures. Multiple Entry Visas may be issued to applicants with a substantial income or a sufficient level of financial capability. Multiple Entry Visas valid for 5 years, with a period of stay of up to 90 days for each visit, will be issued to individuals with a substantial income. Multiple Entry Visas valid for 3 years, with a period of stay of up to 30 days for each visit, will be issued to applicants with sufficient financial capability.

1 Who can submit a visa application?

Applicants with a PRC ordinary MRP (Machine Readable Passport)/e-passport in compliance with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards, who wish to apply for a Multiple Entry Visa and are eligible for one of the following categories:

- (1) An individual with a substantial income or a sufficient level of financial capability.
- (2) The family members of (1) (directly-related second degree family members and siblings from the same residence (blood-related and affinity)).

(Note 1) **Hong Kong or Macau residents who are currently residing in Hong Kong or Macau are eligible to make visa applications here.** Temporary visitors are not eligible for visa applications. Hong Kong or Macau residency visas, as well as Hong Kong or Macau ID cards need to be shown. For those with residency visas expiring during their period of stay in Japan, please extend the residency visa before making the visa application.

(Note 2) In principle, applicants must submit their visa applications to the [Japan Visa Application Centre](#) in person. Only family members (excluding minors) from the same residential address are permitted to make submissions on behalf of the applicant and relationship proofs, such as marriage certificate or birth certificate (original and copy), must be presented upon application. Even in the case of applying for family members, an application form must be signed by the applicant (for minors who are not yet in school, a parent may sign on his/her behalf).

※ Please make an appointment prior to submission. Click [here](#) for the Japan Visa Application Centre. 【Helpline: (+852) 3167-7033】

(Note 3) The individual (2) can submit the application together with the individual (1), or submit the application after the individual (1) has obtained the Multiple Entry Temporary Visitor Visa.

2 Necessary Documents

Please prepare the documents listed in “List of Basic Documents to be submitted for a Multiple Entry Temporary Visitor Visa”.

- (Note 1) Original documents should be submitted within 3 months of their issuance.
- (Note 2) Please note that an application will not be accepted unless all required documents are presented.
- (Note 3) Visa applications are based on all of the documents submitted, however, please note that applicants may be requested to provide any other documents, if deemed necessary. Besides any additional documents requested by the Consulate, further documents will not be accepted once the visa application has been submitted.
- (Note 4) In principle, the passport must be kept in the Consulate during the period of visa application.
- (Note 5) Please note that all submitted documents, except passports, will not be returned to the applicants.

3 Visa Issuance

In principle, the visa application process takes a minimum of one week from the date of submission, (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays announced by the Consulate-General of Japan in Hong Kong).

Please note that it is possible a visa may not be issued even though all the necessary documents are submitted. Moreover, a Single Entry Temporary Visitor Visa may be issued instead of the visa type applied for at application.

(Note 1) The duration of visa processing may vary if the applicant's documents are incomplete, he/she is requested to submit additional documents or our Consulate has to make enquiries to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo.

(Note 2) The collection procedure is subject to the arrangement of the Japan Visa Application Centre.

(Note 3) The visa application fee must be paid in Hong Kong dollars and in cash only. The visa fee may vary depending on the passport and visa type. Please reconfirm the fee upon visa application.

(Note 4) Please note that we will not answer any enquiries about the reasons for not issuing a visa.

List of Basic Documents to be submitted for a Multiple Entry Temporary Visitor Visa (Applicants with PRC Passports)

Eligibility of Applicant	(1) An individual with a substantial income. or An individual with a sufficient level of financial capability. (Hereinafter referred to as “the individual (1)”)	(2) The family members of the individual (1). (Directly-related second degree family members and siblings from the same residence (blood-related and affinity)).
Necessary Documents	Necessary documents to be prepared by the applicant	
	① Visa Application Form to Enter Japan. (Specific format) ② One passport-size colour photo. ③ Passport. (original and copy) ④ Hong Kong or Macau identity card. (original and copy) ⑤ Valid Hong Kong or Macau residency visa. (original and copy) ⑥ Documents showing past year's income or financial capability: (original and copy) • A past year's salary proof from an official organisation. (Salary Tax Return from the government) • The past 6 months' (180 days') bank book/bank statements in the name of the applicant. ⑦ A letter of explanation stating the reason for applying for the Multiple Entry Visa. (original)	① Visa Application Form to Enter Japan. (Specific format) ② One passport-size colour photo. ③ Passport. (original and copy) ④ Hong Kong or Macau identity card. (original and copy) ⑤ Valid Hong Kong or Macau residency visa. (original and copy) ⑥ Documents showing the family relationship between the applicant and the individual (1). (original and copy) ⑦ A letter of explanation stating the reason for applying for the Multiple Entry Visa. (original) ⑧ If applying separately from the individual (1), the passport of the individual (1) including pages with bio-data and the valid Japanese Multiple Entry Temporary Visitor Visa. (copy)

※Please note that applicants may be requested to provide any other document deemed necessary.

Points to note for necessary documents prepared by the applicant

1 Visa Application Form to Enter Japan ([Specific format](#))

- (Note 1) All items in the visa application form must be completed (please fill in 'nil' where appropriate).
- (Note 2) In the case of students, (including kindergarten students), please fill in the school name, address and phone number under the item "Name and address of employer".
- (Note 3) For the items of "Guarantor in Japan" and "Inviting Person in Japan":
- ① For the purpose of short-term business affairs, etc., please fill in the details of the headquarters, branch office or customer, etc. in Japan.
 - ② For the purpose of visiting relatives or acquaintances, please fill in the details of the relatives or acquaintances.
 - ③ For the purpose of tourism, please fill in the details of the relatives or acquaintances who are now residing in Japan or please fill in 'nil' if there is no such person.
- (Note 4) The application form must be signed by the visa applicant. (The signature should be the same as the applicant's passport signature. For minors who are not yet in school, a parent may sign on his/her behalf).

2 One passport-size colour photo

- (Note) Passport-size colour photo taken within 6 months (45mm X 35mm, front-facing, without hat, without background).

3 Passport (original and copy)

- (Note 1) Include copies of pages with bio-data, signature, valid Hong Kong or Macau residency visa, Japanese Temporary Visitor Visa(s) and immigration stamp(s) of entry/departure to/from Japan.
- (Note 2) The passport must be signed by the visa applicant (except for minors who are not yet in school).

4 Valid Hong Kong or Macau residency visa (original and copy)

- (Note 1) If the residency visa is put in the old passport, the applicant is required to submit the original and the copies which include the bio-data page, and pages with valid Hong Kong or Macau residency visa.
- (Note 2) If the applicant's Hong Kong or Macau residency visa is issued on the basis of the PRC Exit-Entry Permit for Travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macau (hereinafter referred to as "EEP"), the applicant is required to submit the original and copies of both sides of the EEP (with valid "逗留(D)") and the valid Hong Kong or Macau residency visa.

5 Documents showing past year's income or financial capability (original and copy)

- (Note) Please submit the past 6 months' (180 days') bank book/bank statements in the name of the applicant or a past year's salary proof from an official organisation (Salary Tax Return from the government) (original and copy). (Besides the above documents, applicants may also submit additional documents which certify their income, such as stock dividends, pension, retirement allowance, inheritance, lease agreement, real estate register, deed of property etc. (original and copy)).
- If the bank book/bank statements or other documents are from a joint account with a spouse etc., relationship proof (original and copy) is also required.

6 Documents showing the family relationship (original and copy)

- (Note) In the case of family members (limited to directly-related second degree family members and siblings from the same household (relatives by blood and by affinity)) of individuals with substantial incomes or a sufficient level of financial capability, please submit documents showing the family relationship (marriage certificates, birth certificates, etc.) (original and copy).