

# Frequently Asked Questions (Visa Application)

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## A. Visa Application

### Q1. In what cases can I apply for a multiple-entry visa?

- **Tourists:** Multiple-entry visa for short-term stay (max. validity: 5 years)
- **Cultural or Intellectual Figures:** Multiple-entry visa (max. validity: 10 years) – from second visit onwards, can be used for tourism or visiting relatives/acquaintances
- **Spouse of Japanese National:** Eligible for multiple-entry visa
- Refer to relevant “Types of Visa” items for more details.

### Q2. How do I apply for a multiple-entry visa?

- Submit the "**Reason for Requesting Multiple Entry Visa**" form.
- Provide **additional documents** proving eligibility (see “Types of Visa” – Items 16 and 17).
- Note: Submitting the form does **not** guarantee issuance. If rejected, you may still apply for a single-entry or double-entry visa with the required documents.

### Q3. Can I use my multiple-entry visa for business if it was issued for tourism?

- Yes, if:
  1. Stay is within the permitted period (e.g., 30 days)
  2. Activities fall under “Temporary Visitor” scope (tourism, visiting relatives, business meetings, etc.)
- You must declare your purpose to immigration upon arrival.
- **Not allowed:** Paid or remunerated activities – apply for proper visa with a **Certificate of Eligibility** if required.

### Q4. First-time “Temporary Visitor” visa – is maximum stay only 15 days?

- Period of stay can be **15, 30, or 90 days** depending on purpose and schedule.

### Q5. Multiple purposes (e.g., tourism + business) – how to apply?

- Prepare documents for **main purpose**.
- If submitting documents for **both purposes**, examination will cover each, and visa issued if criteria for at least one are met.

**Q6. Can I get a visa if I was deported from Japan before?**

- Deportation does not automatically mean rejection.
- Past violations are considered during examination.
- Fully disclose history in application form.

**Q7. Must I submit original documents?**

- **Japan-issued documents:** Photocopy is acceptable.
- **Other documents:** Original required.
- If you cannot submit the original (e.g., old photos), provide a copy with an explanation letter.

**Q8. Can I apply for a short-term visa while waiting for my Certificate of Eligibility?**

- No – apply only **after** obtaining your Certificate of Eligibility.
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## **B. Examination Process**

**Q9. How long does visa examination take?**

- Standard: **5 working days** from the next day after acceptance.
- May take **weeks or months** if:
  - Additional documents or interviews required
  - Long-term visa applied without Certificate of Eligibility
- Apply well in advance of travel date.

**Q10. Can visa be issued faster if departure date is near?**

- No. Applications are processed **in order received**. Apply early.

**Q11. Why was my visa rejected?**

- Application did not meet criteria.
- Specific reason is **not disclosed** to prevent misuse and protect visa process integrity.

**Q12. Why rejection even with Certificate of Eligibility?**

- Certificate confirms eligibility at time of issuance, but visa issuance depends on meeting all criteria during final examination.

**Q13. Can I reapply immediately after rejection?**

- Not accepted within **6 months** for same purpose.

- Exception: Humanitarian reasons – consult Japanese Embassy or Consulate.
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## **C. Embarkation / Disembarkation**

### **Q14. Why was I not allowed to leave the Philippines despite having a valid visa?**

- Philippine authorities control departure – contact them for reasons.

### **Q15. Why was I denied entry to Japan with a valid visa?**

- Visa is only one requirement for entry.
- Entry may be denied if false statements are made or disqualifying reasons are found during inspection.

### **Q16. Is there a limit on how many times I can enter Japan?**

- No fixed limit.
- If staying **over half the year** as “Temporary Visitor,” entry may be denied as it no longer counts as temporary.

### **Q17. Can I extend my stay or change visa status after entering Japan as “Temporary Visitor”?**

- Possible only in **special circumstances** – inquire with Immigration Services Agency of Japan.
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For more FAQs: [MOFA Visa FAQ](#)