

# ADMISSION GUIDELINES

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## 1 Application Eligibility for the Student Visa

### 1 Before applying to the Student Visa

There are two application periods set for the admission for the student visa - these are for April and October commencement. If your visa application is successful, you should enter Japan within 90 days from the issue date of the Student Visa. Postponing your studies to the next semester is possible, but a new visa application, supporting documents and payment of application fee is required.

Upon granting a student visa, The Yamasa Institute help the student as a preparatory school for those who wish to enter a college or university in Japan, or those who wish to work in Japan. Applicants who would like to apply for other reasons (eg. use Japanese at their own home country, personal interest) may also apply for the student visa, as long as the applicant meets all the criteria for eligibility. In the case the applicant does not meet all the criteria, he or she may apply for the AIJP/ AJSP course on a different status of residence.

- Student Visa applicants are granted 1 year of visa at their first application. Applicants can study for a minimum of 6 months, maximum of 2 years. Those who wish to study for more than a year may apply for an extension at the Immigration Bureau.

- The status of residence "Student" for Japanese language studies has a maximum period of 2 years, being able to extend the status of residence "Student" only if the applicant will enter a college or university in Japan right after completion of studies at the Yamasa Institute. Those who plan to enter a college or university in Japan must provide evidence of funds needed for the duration of studies at the Yamasa Institute AND enough funds to cover the first year of study at a college or university in Japan.

- Applicants who wish to work in Japan after completing their studies at Yamasa must at least have graduated a 4-year length course at a university.

- Those who finished high school have the option of going back to their own country to use Japanese at work or enter a university in Japan.

### 2 Status of Residence

Students holding a status of residence below do not need or may not need to apply for a student visa.

- Japanese nationality (日本国籍)

- Long-term Resident (定住者)

- Permanent Resident (永住者)

- Working Holiday Visa

- Dependent/ Spouse or Child of Japanese National

- Other suitable visa to study for short or long term study

Please contact the Yamasa Institute ([admissions@yamasa.org](mailto:admissions@yamasa.org)) if you are unsure of requirements and eligibility on your current status of residence.

### 3 Eligibility

Applicants who wish to apply for a student visa must fulfill ALL of the following requirements:

- Applicants must not possess Japanese nationality
- Applicants must have graduated, before the enrollment date at the Yamasa Institute, from a high school – i.e. completed a standard 12-year course curriculum or an equivalent to a high school curriculum OR a higher academic degree from college or university
- Applicants must have reached 18 years of age before the enrollment date
- Applicants must demonstrate Japanese language ability and have received Japanese language education from a language school or private tutor

Nationals of China, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Mongol, Nepal and Sri Lanka must fulfill ALL of the requirements below:

- Applicants must have graduated, before the enrollment at the Yamasa Institute, from a 4-year length course at a university and received a bachelor's degree (or higher).
- Applicants must have received Japanese language education and submit a Japanese Language Proficiency Test results (JLPT, NAT, J-TEST etc) taken BEFORE the enrollment at the Yamasa Institute
- Applicants must have a guarantor residing in Japan

Applicants of the nationalities listed above must contact the Yamasa Institute before proceeding with their visa application.