

Working Holiday Japan

Complete guide to requirements and application process

Universal Requirements

Key rules and general conditions that apply to all nationalities for the Working Holiday program in Japan.

Additional Documents & Requirements



Medical Exams

For most, checking the "good health" box is enough. However, citizens of Argentina, Chile, and Spain require an original medical certificate signed by a doctor.



Criminal Records

Not physically required for a large part of Europe. For Latin America (e.g., Argentina and Chile), the official police certificate is a strict requirement.



Language

It is not mandatory to present any official language exam (neither Japanese nor English) for the application, although having basic notions is highly recommended.

Medical Insurance & Studies

- **Mandatory Insurance:** It is imperative to have medical insurance. It can be private for 12 months or through the commitment (Pledge) of affiliation to National Insurance.
- **Repatriation:** It is highly recommended to have a private policy that covers sanitary repatriation expenses.
- **Permitted Studies:** Yes, it is allowed to take language courses or short-term studies during your stay.
- **Educational Restrictions:** Studies must be a secondary activity. It is not permitted to pursue university degree courses under this visa.



Specifications by Country

Quotas, processes, dates, and specific details according to your passport.

Nationality Comparison

| NATIONALITY | PERMITTED AGE | ANNUAL QUOTAS | TYPE OF PROCESS |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Spain | 18 to 30 years | 700 quotas | In-person (Appointment) |
| Argentina | 18 to 30 years | 400 quotas | In-person (Appointment) |
| Chile | 18 to 30 years | 200 quotas | In-person (Appointment) |
| Australia / UK | 18 to 30 years | Unlimited / 6,000 | Open calendar |
| Canada | 18 to 25 years (Ext. 30) | 6,500 quotas | Pools System (ITA) |

Application Process & Calendars

LatAm: In-Person & High Demand

In countries like Argentina or Chile, quotas are limited and sell out in days. The process is strictly in-person at the Embassy, requires a prior appointment, and presenting all forms printed and signed by hand.

Global: Diversity & Flexibility

Nations like Spain or Australia have large or unlimited quotas with calendars open all year. Others apply through modern online systems (e.g., Canada) or supported by external processing centers (VFS Global).

Proof of Funds

- **Minimum Amount:** It is required to demonstrate approximately €2,000 / \$2,000 USD, plus the additional cost of round-trip tickets.
- **Accepted Format:** Original bank statement from the last 3 months, exclusively in the applicant's name.
- **Prohibitions:** Credit, loans, or third-party accounts are not accepted under any circumstances.
- **Couples:** In some specific cases (e.g., proven spouses), it is permitted to use a joint bank account.



Official Application Checklist



Identification: Valid passport, completed Visa Application Form, and a recent photograph.



Personal Profile: Detailed Curriculum Vitae, Motivation Letter, and a tentative Travel Plan.



Solvency: Recent original bank statement demonstrating the minimum required funds.



Logistics: International medical insurance (or Pledge) and return flights (or extra funds).



Health: Original medical certificate endorsing good health (required depending on your nationality).



Background: Official criminal record certificate or sworn statement (depending on your nationality).

Key Visa Data

12

MONTHS MAXIMUM

Single Stay

The Working Holiday Visa for Japan is granted, as a general rule, for a single non-extendable period of 12 months (with exceptions like Australia or New Zealand). It can only be obtained once in a lifetime; once the term ends, it is not possible to reapply.

Free Issuance

For the vast majority of nationalities (including Spain, Argentina, Colombia, etc.), the consular process and visa issuance are completely free of charge. The only exceptions are the UK (£23 approx) and Chile (19,000 CLP approx).

Main Destinations

Explore the most popular cities chosen by Working Holiday makers in Japan.

Tokyo

The Vibrant Capital

A perfect mix between neon lights, unparalleled urban culture, and picturesque historic neighborhoods.

Tokyo is the epicenter of business and technology, offering the largest variety of job opportunities and a fast-paced, exciting lifestyle for international visitors.



Kyoto

Historical Heart

Immerse yourself in thousands of temples, shrines, and the traditional essence of ancient Japan.

Ideal for those seeking a deeper cultural experience, Kyoto offers jobs related to tourism, traditional crafts, and hospitality in a much more serene environment.



Osaka

Gastronomic Capital

Famous for the bright lights of Dotonbori, its incredible street food scene, and the friendly spirit of its people.

Osaka provides a more relaxed, outgoing atmosphere compared to Tokyo, making it a fantastic hub for young travelers looking to make local friends and eat well.



Get Ready For Your Trip!

Start your application today

While quotas for many countries are unlimited and last all year, vacancies for Latin America sell out in hours. Gather your documentation and get ready for your great adventure in Japan!

Questions?

Thank you for your attention and good luck with your application!

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