

Foreign nationals who enter Japan for visiting their acquaintances (less than 90 days stay)

In principle, Visa applicants should come to the Embassy in person.

Application Drop-off: M-F 9:15am-12:00pm (Morning Only)

For visiting acquaintance(s), only a foreign national who have a relationship to him/her equivalent to a relative, or who is recognized his/her necessity to visit Japan can apply for a visa. Examples:

- Visiting Betrothed in Japan
- Visiting a partner of common-law marriage
- Visiting Japan to attend a wedding or a funeral
- Visiting an acquaintance residing in Japan who is critically ill

To inquiry necessary documents to apply for a visa to visit acquaintances, Please email the Consular Section (visa2@ws.mofa.go.jp only for DC, MD and VA residents) with explaining:

- 1) Your resident state in the US
- 2) Your nationality (if you are not US citizen, please also write your US visa type)
- 3) Reason/purpose to go to Japan
- 4) Relationship with you and your inviter in Japan and your inviter's nationality
- 5) Duration of stay
- 6) Intended date to enter Japan

Please note that we will NOT reply to your email if your email does not explain all (1)-(6). Please allow us a few days to reply to your email.

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