

# NIKKEI-JIN (JAPANESE DESCENDANT)

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## A. ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICATION

- (1) Children of Japanese Nationals who migrated to the Philippines before or during the World War II (referred to as the 2nd Generation). To be recognized as the 2nd Generation, they are required to have been in the Philippines at the end of the War.
- (2) Descendants of the 2nd Generation
- (3) Spouse of the 2nd Generation and their descendants

## B. REQUIREMENTS (Details→[https://www.ph.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop\\_en/11\\_000001\\_00896.html](https://www.ph.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/11_000001_00896.html))

※ Downloadable from this website

### I. APPLICATION WITH CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY (COE)

- (1) Passport (Holder's signature required)
- (2) Photocopy of Passport (Identification page only)
- (3) Application Form ※ (A facial Photo (4.5×3.5cm) must be attached.)
- (4) Koseki-tohon of the 1st and 2nd Generation
- (5) Birth Certificate (issued by PSA within 1 year)

#### 【ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS】

- If the certificate is unreadable, submit Birth Certificate issued by Local Civil Registrar.
- If the Birth Certificate is "LATE REGISTRATION", submit Baptismal Certificate and School Record (DepEd: Form 137).
- If there is no record of birth in PSA, submit Birth Certificate issued by Local Civil Registrar and Negative Certificate issued by PSA.

- (6) Marriage Certificate (issued by PSA within 1 year, for the married only)

#### 【ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS】

- If the certificate is unreadable, submit Marriage Certificate issued by Local Civil Registrar.
- If there is no record of marriage in PSA, submit Marriage Certificate issued by Local Civil Registrar and Negative Certificate issued by PSA.

- (7) Authorization Letter (For purposes of verification of PSA certificates) ※

- (8) Family Tree ※

- It must include all the descendants from the 1st Generation to the present and the deceased.

- (9) Family Photo (old and new)

- Taken with parents, siblings and other relatives. Digital modification is forbidden.

- (10) Wedding Photo (for the married only)

- (11) Certificate of Eligibility (photocopy, no need original)

\*If you received a Certificate of eligibility by email from Japan Immigration, submit a photocopy of the email.

### II. APPLICATION WITHOUT COE (The followings are required in addition to "I")

- (1) Baptismal Certificate
- (2) School Record (DepEd: Form 137)
- (3) Philippines National Police (PNP) Clearance
- (4) National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Clearance

#### 【In case that applicant is planning to work for a living in Japan】

- (5) Photocopy of employment contract with Japanese company, etc.

**【In case that applicant will be supported by relatives in Japan】**

(6) Letter of Guarantee ※

(7) Guarantor's Residence Certificate (Jumin-hyo)

☞ Jumin-hyo must describe all household members without omission of description.  
However, Individual Number and Jumin-hyo Code must be omitted or blotted out.

**【ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS】**

- If inviter or his/her spouse is Japanese, submit his/her Koseki-tohon.

- If inviter/guarantor is not Japanese, submit his/her photocopy of Residence Card (both sides).

(8) Employment certificate of relative.

(9) Income Certificate (Shotoku-shomeisho) and Tax Certificate (Nozei-shomeisho. If include description of the total amount of income, no need income Certificate)

(10) TB Clearance Certificate (Photocopy, no need original)

**III. APPLICATION WITHOUT COE AND NO DESCENDANT OF THE 2ND GENERATION HAS BEEN GRANTED**

**NIKKEI-JIN VISA (The followings are required in addition to "I" and "II".)**

(1) Background history about the 1st and 2nd Generation in English and its Japanese translation

(2) Birth Certificate (Spouse of the 1st Generation, the 2nd Generation and his/her spouse)

- See I, (5) for additional documents

(3) Marriage Certificate (the 1st and 2nd Generation)

- See I, (6) for additional documents

(4) Death Certificate (if the 1st or 2nd Generation deceased)

**【ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS】**

- If the certificate is unreadable, submit Death certificate issued by Local Civil Registrar.

- If there is no record of death in PSA, submit Death Certificate issued by Local Civil Registrar and Negative Certificate issued by PSA.

(5) Family Photo of the 1st and 2nd Generation and their descendants

**【In case that the 2nd Generation is not registered in Koseki-tohon, submit following documents】**

(6) Documents to indicate the 1st Generation's migration to the Philippines

- The 1st Generation's Wedding Photo, passport or Koseki-tohon, etc.

(7) Documents to indicate the relationship between the descendants of the 2nd Generation in the Philippines and their relatives in Japan

- Letters from relatives of the 1st Generation or his/her descendants in Japan

- Photos taken when the relatives in Japan visited the Philippines, etc.

(8) Other documents to indicate the relationship between the 1st and present Generation

**C. Procedure of Application**

(1) Without COE, you need apply for visa through one of the accredited agencies or the registered Nikkei-Jin agencies. Please put all the requirements into a large envelope and submit it without seal.

(2) With COE, you can apply for visa directly the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines, the Consulate General in Cebu or Davao (You can also apply for visa through one of the agencies abovementioned.)

**D. Important Notice**

(1) Visa examination might take a long time, so it is encouraged to apply for a visa well-ahead of the desired date of departure.

(2) We cannot basically return the submitted documents. However, if you wish some of them to be returned

(such as the 1st Generation's photo or passport, etc.), please submit the photocopy and list of them together.

(3) If you cannot submit one of the above-mentioned requirement, please submit explanation letter for it.

(4) We might request to submit additional documents for examinations. If you don't submit them within 3 months from the date of request, we will cease the examination and return your passport.

(5) We might have an interview with applicant or his/her relatives. In such a case, we will take a contact with applicant directly or through JVAC/registered Nikkei-Jin agencies to arrange the date and time of interview.