

FILIPINO PARENTS TRAVELLING TO JAPAN WITH JAPANESE-FILIPINO CHILDREN

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A. Eligibility for application

Filipino parents raising Japanese-Filipino Children (referred to as JFC, who must be under 20 years old) by themselves will travel to Japan on one of the following purposes.

- (1) To raise the child in Japan (as Long Term Resident)
- (2) Preparation or preliminary inspection for possible long-term stay in the future to raise the child in Japan (as Temporary Visitor)
- (3) Search for a Japanese parent or negotiations with him on acknowledgement, custody or child-support payment, etc (as Temporary Visitor)

* If you have supports from a Japanese parent now to raise the child, you are not eligible for this visa. For details of the eligibility, please ask us directly.

B. REQUIREMENTS (Details→https://www.ph.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/11_000001_00898.html)

※ Downloadable from this website

I. **REQUIREMENTS FOR FILIPINO PARENT**

- (1) Passport (Holder's signature required)
- (2) Application Form ※ (A facial Photo (4.5×3.5cm) must be attached.)
- (3) 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.

- (4) 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.

- (5) Certificate of No Marriage Record (issued by PSA within 1 year)

- (6) Koseki-tohon of a Japanese parent (if the name of the child or/and yourself is written on it)

- (7) Photocopy of ID page and Japanese stamps in your old passport (if you visited Japan before)

- (8) Itinerary in Japan ※ (in case you apply for visa as Temporary Visitor)

- (9) Certificate of Employment (if employed in the Philippines)

【In case that applicant will shoulder expenses of travel and stay in Japan】

- (10) Bank Certificate

- (11) Photocopy of Income Tax Return (BIR: Form 2316)

【In case that applicant has a plan to settle in Japan with the child】

- (12) Certificate to be employed by Japanese company (if you have a prospective employer)

- It must include address, phone number and contact person of the Japanese company.

- (13) Document related to residence which you will settle in (if you have a prospective residence)

- It must include the address, the name of leaseholder and housemate, if applicable.

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD (JFC)

- (1) Passport (Holder's signature required)
 - If the child has his/her Japanese passport, unnecessary (submit a photocopy of it instead).
- (2) Application Form ※ (A facial Photo (4.5×3.5cm) must be attached.)
 - If the child has his/her Japanese passport, unnecessary.
- (3) Birth Certificate (issued by PSA within 1 year)
 - See I (3) for additional documents
- (4) Certificate of Enrollment/Graduation (if the child goes to/has finished school in the Philippines)
- (5) Admission Letter from Japanese school, etc. (if the child has a schooling plan in Japan)
 - It must include the address, the phone number and contact person of the school.

III. REQUIREMENTS FOR INVITER, GUARANTOR OR SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION

ATTENTION: Please be aware that some unscrupulous brokers, criminal organizations and human trafficking syndicates may approach you as a guarantor or agent to exploit you under JFC visa.

- (1) Invitation Letter
- (2) Letter of Guarantee
- (3) Employment Certificate of Inviter/Guarantor (if applicable)
 - If self-employed, submit a certified copy of the incorporation register.

【In case that guarantor shoulder expenses of travel and stay in Japan】

- (4) Income Certificate (issued by municipal office)
- (5) Tax Certificate (issued by municipals office, it must include description of the total income amount.)
- (6) Bank Certificate
- (7) Photocopy of Final Tax Return File
- (8) Certificate of Tax Payment (Form 2, issued by a taxation office)

【In case that inviter/guarantor is applicant's relative in Japan】

- (9) Documents to prove the relationship (Birth or Marriage Certificate, etc.)

【In case that inviter/guarantor has visited the Philippines before】

- (10) Photocopy of passport indicating the record of the previous travel(s) to the Philippines

【In case that applicant is supported by NGO, Incorporation or other organization】

- (11) Certified Copy of register of the organization or an overview of the activities and achievements
- (12) Documents to indicate the relationship with counterpart in the Philippines (if applicable)

【In case that intermediary introduced to applicant inviter, guarantor or supporting organization】

- (13) Photocopy of Intermediary's passport, residence card or an original residence certificate (Jumin-hyo)

【In case that supporting organization will shoulder expenses of travel and stay in Japan】

- (14) Certificate of Corporation issued by Securities and Exchange Commission Philippines (SEC)
- (15) Certificate of registration issued by Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)

C. Procedure of Application

- (1) You can apply for the visa through the accredited agencies or directly to us by yourself.
- (2) It might take about 3 months or more to examine your application due to referral to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration Services Agency in Japan and interview with you, etc. If you cannot submit all the requirements at the time of application, the term might be longer. Please apply for the visa well-ahead of the desired date of departure.
- (3) We might request to submit additional documents for examinations. If you don't submit them within 3 months from the date of request, we cease the examination and return your passport.