

Working Holiday Agreement between Japan and Norway (requirements for Japanese nationals)

Note Verbale

The Royal Norwegian Embassy in Japan presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of the Kingdom of Norway, in a spirit of promoting closer co-operative relations between the Kingdom of Norway and Japan, desirous of providing wider opportunities for nationals of Japan, particularly young people of Japan, to experience the culture and general way of life in the Kingdom of Norway for the purpose of promoting mutual understanding between the Kingdom of Norway and Japan, and wishing to provide arrangements for working holidays which are intended to make it possible for nationals of Japan to enter the Kingdom of Norway primarily for a holiday for an extended period and also engage in employment as an incidental aspect of their holiday in order to supplement their travel funds, is prepared to take, on a reciprocal basis, from 1 February 2013 the following measures with respect to the entry of nationals of Japan into the Kingdom of Norway, subject to the relevant laws and regulations of the Kingdom of Norway:

1. The Government of the Kingdom of Norway will grant a residence permit on application from a national of Japan who satisfies all of the following requirements:

- (i) is a national of Japan who is resident in Japan at the time of the application for the said permit;
- (ii) intends primarily to holiday in the Kingdom of Norway for a period of up to one (1) year from the date of entry;
- (iii) is aged between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years both inclusive at the time of application for the said permit;
- (iv) is not accompanied by dependents unless those dependents are also in possession of the said permit or otherwise;
- (v) possesses a valid Japanese passport and a return travel ticket or sufficient funds with which to purchase such a ticket;
- (vi) possesses reasonable funds for his or her maintenance during the period of initial stay in the Kingdom of Norway ;
- (vii) intends to leave the Kingdom of Norway at the end of his or her stay;
- (viii) has not previously been issued the said permit; and
- (ix) has adequate medical insurance and good health.

2. Application for the permit mentioned in paragraph 1 above will be required to be submitted to the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Japan, or other Norwegian Mission outside Japan, in accordance with procedures specific to these arrangements. When necessary, applicants will be interviewed by the representatives of the Embassy or such mission to determine their eligibility. Applicants must obtain the resident permits before entering the Kingdom of Norway under these arrangements.

3. Applicants will not be refused the permit mentioned in paragraph 1 above solely on the grounds of their lack of knowledge of the Norwegian language.

4. The residence permit is valid for a period up to one (1) year from the date of registration with the relevant authorities in the Kingdom of Norway. The day of entry into the Kingdom of Norway must not be later than six (6) months after the residence permit is granted, and registration must take place no later than seven (7) days after entry. Participants from Japan in these arrangements may not extend their stay beyond the period authorized.

5. Participants from Japan in these arrangements will, during their stay in the Kingdom of Norway, be able to take work incidental to their holiday in order to supplement their travel funds.

6. The Government of the Kingdom of Norway will require nationals of Japan who have entered the Kingdom of Norway under these arrangements to comply with the laws and regulations of the Kingdom of Norway and not to engage in employment that is contrary to the purpose of these arrangements.

7. Participants from Japan in these arrangements may, subject to the relevant laws and regulations of the Kingdom of Norway, enroll in short-term language courses and/or similar courses for the purpose of learning the culture and general way of life in the Kingdom of Norway.

8. The Government of the Kingdom of Norway may suspend the foregoing measures in whole or in part temporarily for reasons of public security, public order, public health or immigration risk. Any such suspension will be notified immediately to the Government of Japan through diplomatic channels.

9. The Government of the Kingdom of Norway may terminate the foregoing measures by giving three (3) months' written notice to the Government of Japan.

The Royal Norwegian Embassy in Japan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan the assurances of its highest considerations.

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