

Visitors to Miyagi, Fukushima, and Iwate prefectures

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As one of the measures to support reconstruction after the Great East Japan Earthquake, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan takes a measure to waive visa fees for foreign nationals who would be visiting Miyagi, Fukushima, or Iwate prefecture and meeting the following requirements. For further information, please contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate-General of Japan.

1 Requirements for visa fee waiver

(1) Eligibility

- a Residing, working or studying in the designated area if short-term-stay visa is not applicable.
- b Visiting the designated area if short-term-stay visa is applicable.

Note: “designated area” refers to Miyagi, Fukushima, and Iwate prefectures.

(2) Type of visas

All type of visas applied for between April 1, 2016, and March 31, 2021

2 Required documents

In addition to the documents required for the normal visa application, the following documents should be submitted:

(1) Applying for a visa other than a short-term-stay visa

Documents proving where you will be living, working, or studying is located in the designated area

(2) Applying for a short-term-stay visa

- Itinerary for your stay in Japan
- One of the following documents proving that you will be visiting the designated area: airline ticket reservation, boat ticket reservation, train ticket reservation, tour reservation for the designated area, accommodation reservation, ticket or reservation for an event to be held in the designated area, an invitation to an event such as conference to be held in the designated area, etc.

Note: If proof is not submitted and it is not possible to confirm the visit to the designated area, the visa fee will not be waived.