

Following the spread of COVID-19, the following is the revised procedure for applying for visas to India. Please note that this is a temporary measure, and updates on changes will be provided on an ongoing basis.

1. All visas issued on or before March 3, 2020 to Japanese nationals and foreign nationals living in Japan are suspended till further notice, except in the case of **Diplomatic Passport Holders, Official Passport Holders, officials of UN and other International bodies, OCI cardholders and Aircrew, who are allowed to enter India on their existing visas;**
2. Online applications are currently **not** being accepted;
3. Those holding such visas, and who have compelling reasons to travel to India in the near future, may please apply afresh at the Embassy of India in Tokyo (or the Consulate General of India in Osaka, as the case may be). They **do not** have to pay visa fees again. Also, their existing visas will become valid after the current period of suspension is over;
4. The applications need to be made on a separate form, which is available **only** at the visa counters in Tokyo and Osaka;
5. Applicants need to provide undertaking about their health status, as well as travel to countries impacted by COVID-19;
6. Clear reasons, preferably in writing, should be provided by applicants, stating why travel to India is essential. Where possible, documentation in support may be provided to the Visa officials;
7. At this point, **no visa fees are to be paid;**
8. Once the Embassy/Consulate General clear the applications after ascertaining the need to travel, the applicants will be informed;
9. Visa fees will be collected, and visa issued to the applicant (or their authorised representative);
10. All foreign and Indian nationals entering into India from any port are required to furnish duly filled self declaration form (including personal particulars i.e. phone number and address in India) and travel history, to Health officials and Immigration officials at all ports;
11. **Please note that medical screening on landing at any sea, land or air port in India is compulsory.**