

Visitors to Miyagi, Fukushima, and Iwate prefectures

As part of the recovery and reconstruction assistance for the Great East Japan Earthquake, foreign nationals visiting Miyagi, Fukushima, or Iwate prefecture are exempt from visa fees if they meet the following requirements. For further information, please contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate-General of Japan.

1 Requirements

(1) Eligibility

- a When (you are) applying for a visa other than a short-term stay visa;
You may be eligible for a visa fee waiver if you will be residing, working or studying in the designated area.
- b When (you are) applying for a short-term stay visa;
You may be eligible for a visa fee waiver if you will be visiting the designated area as a temporary visitor.

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

(2) Types of visas

All types of visas applied for between April 1, 2021, and March 31, 2026

2 Required documents

In addition to the documents required for the general visa application, the following documents must be submitted.

- (1) When (you are) applying for a visa other than a short-term stay visa;
Documents proving the place of residence, working, or studying in the designated area.
- (2) When (you are) applying for a short-term stay visa;
 - Travel itinerary, and
 - One of the following documents proving that you will be visiting the designated area:
A booking confirmation of airline, boat, train, tour, or accommodation to/in the designated area, a ticket or booking confirmation of an event to be held in the designated area, an invitation to a conference or other event to be held in the designated area, etc.

Note: If required documents are not submitted and it cannot be proved that you will visit the designated area, the visa fee will not be waived.