

To students who have been issued with a certificate of eligibility

Hello from the Center for International Education (CIE), Waseda University.

Issuance of COEs is now resumed, and we are sending them out to students in order of completion.

In normal circumstances, you would then immediately need to apply for a student visa at a diplomatic establishment (Japanese Embassy, Consulate General, etc.): however, we realize that applications are currently suspended. Since no decision has been made as to when the acceptance of student visa applications will resume, each student will have to personally make inquiries at the diplomatic establishment. We believe that some of you are in a hurry to enter Japan as soon as possible, while others plan to take on-line classes for fall semester and are not in a great rush to come to Japan. As the desired timing of entry into Japan differs according to individual students, we are asking all students to personally contact the diplomatic establishment regarding the matter of visa application and confirm when visa applications will become possible and how you can know/confirm that when it happens.

Regarding the validity period of your COE, as we informed you in the document enclosed with your COE when we sent it to you, it is announced that “as a special measure, certificates of eligibility which were issued between October 1, 2019 and January 19, 2021 will be treated as valid for 6 months from the date of the entry restrictions being lifted or until April 30, 2021, whichever comes first.”

You will need to obtain your visa and enter Japan within the validity period of your COE.

We have also received several inquiries about visas for parents accompanying students. As the university is unable to issue letters of invitation for such cases, we ask you please to consult at the diplomatic establishment. As for accommodation and available transportation facilities after entry, please refer to the below URL. (However, please also bear in mind that this information may have changed by the time you become able to enter Japan.)

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/covid19_qa_kanrenkigy_ou_00003.html

We understand you must have quite a lot on your mind. If you have any questions about classes, please direct inquiries to the graduate/undergraduate school that you belong to. Thank you in advance.