



VISA Application Guideline for TAISI Successful Applicants

All international students are required to complete the necessary procedures according to their resident status in Japan. Please check which of the following cases you fall into, read the detailed instruction, and take necessary actions.

Case 1 If you are a non-Japanese national AND do not have a status of residence in Japan

International students without resident status in Japan are basically required to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) in order to apply for a Student visa to enter and reside in Japan. Waseda University will be applying for the COE on behalf of **successful applicants who are not Japanese nationals and do not already have a status of residence in Japan**. If this applies to you, you must submit all visa-related documents as follows;

<Timeline>

Time of Enrollment	Application Round	Submission Deadline
September 2026	First/Second Round Successful Applicants	By April 29, 2026
	Third Round and Waitlisted Successful Applicants	By June 25, 2026 (ASAP)

< Documents needed to apply for COE >

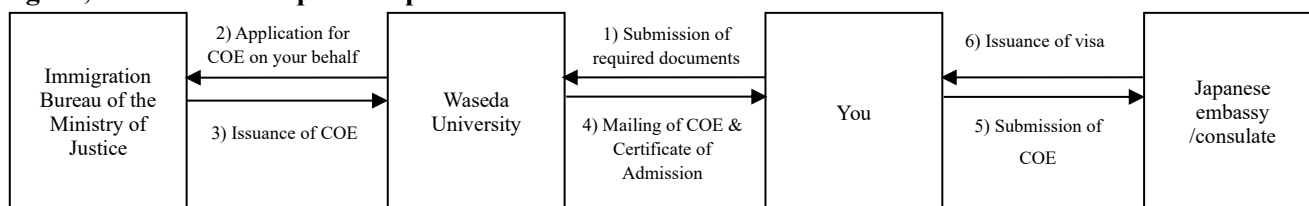
- ① Application for Certificate of Eligibility
- ② Confirmation of Language Ability
- ③ Copy of Passport
- ④ Written Oath for Defraying Expenses
- ⑤ Documents Concerning Defraying Expenses *Please refer to P.3.
- ⑥ Request for COE Application by Proxy *Please use P.3 of this document.

*For document ① to ⑤, please follow the instruction written on ⑥.

<Where to Submit >

See the designated form for the above ⑥.

<Figure; Student visa acquisition process >



NOTE:

- Waseda University acts on your behalf to apply for a “Student” status of residence only. If you wish to apply for other types of status of residence, you need to make an application by yourself at the Immigration Bureau.
- If you hold multiple citizenships that include a Japanese citizenship, you cannot apply for the COE/student visa.
- The Immigration Bureau is solely responsible for decisions regarding status of residence. If issuance is delayed or application is not approved, Waseda University cannot be held responsible for the cancellation fee of your air ticket and other inconveniences. Please be careful when you book your flight.
- The Immigration Bureau may require you to submit additional documents if needed.
- If you are accepted by another university in Japan, please make sure that you do not apply for a COE at more than one university. If there are multiple applications, the COE cannot be issued.
- After the COE is issued, Waseda University will send it to the student by mail along with the certificate of admission (COA). Upon receiving the COE, you will need to take the COE, COA, and your passport to the Japanese embassy or consulate in your country of citizenship/residence to apply for a “Student” visa.



Case 2 If you are a non-Japanese national AND have a status of residence in Japan

Case 2 - (1) If you have a status of residence “Student”

If you currently have a status of residence “Student”, please process the “application for extension of period of stay” as necessary. You are able to apply for an extension of period of stay up to three months before your status of residence expires. For details on procedures of applying for extension of period of stay, please refer to the following website.

URL: <http://www.cie-waseda.jp/visastatus/en/prospective/studentstatus.html>

Case 2 - (2) If you have a status of residence “Temporary Visitor”

Students are not eligible to enroll in the university with a “Temporary Visitor” visa status. If you currently have a status of residence “Temporary Visitor,” as a general rule, you will need to temporarily leave Japan and apply for status of residence “Student.” For details on how to apply for a status of resident “Student,” please refer to the above “Case 1.”

Case 2 - (3) If your status of residence is other than “Student” or “Temporary Visitor”

If you currently have a status of residence such as “Long Term Resident,” “Dependent,” etc., there is no need for you to undertake any procedures. However, if you wish to change your status of residence to “Student,” you will need to apply for a change of status of residence. For details on procedures of applying for a change of status of residence, please refer to the following website.

URL: <http://www.cie-waseda.jp/visastatus/en/prospective/currentresidence.html>

NOTE:

- In order to apply for an extension or change of your status of residence to “Student”, you need a completed application form with an official stamp of Waseda University. Prior to making the application to the Immigration Bureau, please visit the Center for International Education (located on the 4th floor, building No.22, Waseda Campus) with the application form and a certificate of admission, and other necessary documents.
- International students with the status of residence “Student” are eligible to apply for tuition reduction/exemptions and scholarships for international students provided by Waseda University. Those with a status of residence other than “Student” are eligible to enter Waseda University but please be aware that you cannot use various services and systems intended for international students as stated above.



<Request for COE Application by Proxy>

【How to submit】

Please submit all the required documents to the SSS TAISI Admissions Office via the application form.

*Link of application form is only opened to successful applicants.

【Documents needed to apply for COE】 Put a check mark ☒ in front of the documents you have enclosed.

☐ ① [Application For Certificate of Eligibility](#) (3 pages & 1 ID photo taken within the past 6 months)

*Be sure to check the [Entry example](#).

☐ ② [Checklist for The Application Documents of COE \(Certificate of Eligibility\)](#)

☐ ③ [Confirmation of Language Ability](#)

*Be sure to check the [Entry example](#) and write all but number 2. (Number 2 is to be filled out by the university.)

☐ ④ Copy of Passport (Page with your photo) *If you have another page about details of your name, send that page as well.

☐ ⑤ [Written Oath for Defraying Expenses](#) (if someone besides yourself is covering your expenses)

☐ ⑥ Documents Concerning Defraying Expenses

1	You are financing yourself	Bank balance certificate*1) (account in your name)
2	You are going to receive scholarship	Certificate of Scholarship *2)
3	Someone besides yourself is covering your expenses	Bank Balance Certificate*1) (account in the name of the person covering your expenses) and Written Oath for Defraying Expenses

*1) Bank balance certificate: It must show the name of the account holder, name of bank, date of issue, and account balance.

•Rough estimate of the amount in the bank balance: At least the total amount of tuition fee and living expenses for half a year must be met. (If the account balance is in a currency other than Japanese yen, CIE will convert it by using the exchange rate at the time your documents are being checked.)

•Living expenses (including housing costs): approx. 120,000 yen per month

•Tuition fee: Varies depending on your undergraduate/graduate school

•If it is written in a language other than Japanese or English, attach a Japanese or English translation. (Notarization is not needed.)

*2) Certificate of Scholarship:

If the monthly amount of the scholarship is less than the total amount of living expenses and tuition fee per month, please also submit another statement on source of funds including a bank balance certificate, as evidence that the shortfall can be compensated.

☐ ⑥ Request for COE Application by Proxy Form (this sheet)

☐ ⑦ Tuberculosis(TB) Clearance Certificate

*Applicants who hold nationality from the Philippines / Vietnam / Indonesia / Nepal / Myanmar / China are required to submit the “Tuberculosis(TB) Clearance Certificate” in addition to the normal Certificate of Eligibility (COE) application documents to prove that you are not infected with TB. The date this rule takes effect differs depending on your nationality, so please be sure to check the details from the following document if you are eligible.

<https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/news/40765>

*Examination for COE applications take two to three months, so regardless of the deadline, we strongly recommend that you remit the entrance fee/tuition swiftly, and make your application early.

Name in English alphabet	
Address in English alphabet	
Phone Number	
E-mail address	A COE is issued electronically and sent via email. Be sure to inform us of any change immediately.
School in Waseda University to be enrolled	
Examinee's Number	