

## Spouse of Japanese without Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

10.2025

Non-Thai nationals wishing to apply for long term stay or working visa should obtain a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) from an immigration office located in Japan before applying for a visa.

Please read “General Information for Non-Thai Nationals” before submitting your application.

1. Passport. (With minimum 2 blank pages. Please present your old passports if any)
2. Application form.
3. Photograph. (Taken within the last 6 months, must be 2 x1.4 inches, black and white or color, non-edited, plain background)
4. Questionnaire.
5. Letter of explanation written by Japanese spouse. (With reason why not obtain COE)
6. Marriage Certificate. (Original and copy. Must be over 1 year since the marriage)
7. Resident Certificate of Japanese spouse. (Original or copy. Issued within 3 months, indicates the marriage)
8. Explanation of relationship until present. (Written in Japanese. Includes when, where, coordinator, situation, data of wedding, place of wedding etc. Please explain as much detailed as possible.)
9. Bank passbook or bank statement of Japanese spouse. (Copy, Past 6 months)
10. Passport of Japanese spouse. (Copy)
11. Letter of job assignment in Japan or Certificate of Employment for Japanese spouse. (Original, indicates position, data of join, monthly salary issued by employer)
12. Document proves your name change if any. (Certificate of name amendment, marriage, divorce)
13. If you meet certain criteria for representative to apply on your behalf, you may let your representative apply instead. In such case, you need to submit Authorization Letter written by applicant. This letter has no specific format and can download a sample at <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/one-pager/Japan/Thailand/english/>).

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**Remarks:**

- If the documents are insufficient or incomplete, we may not be able to accept your application.
- On the date of application, JVAC will hand you a receipt in exchange for your passport and you will find the collection date of your passport on the receipt. The average time required for the necessary examination is 5 working days, but in some cases the Embassy will request additional documents or an interview, which will take longer. If you have not heard from us more than 10 days after your application, you can call us and check progress by quoting the 8 digits barcode number on your receipt.
- For more information, please contact JVAC or Embassy of Japan by phone.

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