

# Gigging in Japan – Entertainer VISA

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Members of rock bands or similar groups, including non-performing members accompanying the group (e.g. tour managers, sound technicians, etc.), must obtain a Certificate of Eligibility to apply for a visa.

Classical musicians, members of symphony orchestras, theatre groups or opera singers to perform publicly for remuneration or to participate in a competition must also obtain visas. These applicants, however, may, in the place of a Certificate of Eligibility, present the following documents to apply for a visa.

## REQUIREMENTS

1. Valid passport
2. One visa application form completed and signed
3. One photograph (taken within 6 months)
4. Signed contract of employment
5. Letter of invitation from Japan
6. Letter of guarantee from the promoter or agent in Japan
7. Documents regarding the business operation of the promoter or agent in Japan:
  - a. transcript of corporate registration
  - b. certificate of payment of corporate tax
  - c. balance sheet and profit & loss statement
8. Schedule of performances in Japan
9. A list of all visa applicants
10. Documents certifying the applicants' career or qualifications

**All applications for this category of visa must be submitted by the applicant in person. Please note that, for public safety reasons, all visitors to the Embassy and Consulate General are required to bring with them some form of photographic identification (such as a passport or a driving licence) and to have their belongings scanned by our security equipment.**

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Consulate General Opening Hours : Monday - Friday (excluding consulate general holidays) 9:30 - 16:30. Please note that the waiting room does not open until 9.15am. Customers arriving before 9.15 will not be able to enter the building.

People living in Scotland and North-East England (Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear), should contact the Consulate General of Japan in Edinburgh.

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