

# Management of restaurants, general merchandise stores, beauty salons, etc.

## Obtaining a Japanese Visa

Business manager visa applications are reviewed on an individual basis.

The following conditions and guidelines are merely guidelines.

If you would like a specific consultation, please contact us.



### Main requirements for business manager visa

- ☐ Be the sole representative of a joint stock company (LLC) (joint representatives are not permitted)
- ☐ Capital of 5 million yen or more
- ☐ A separate space for administrative work (if within a store, it must be clearly separated from the treatment space)
- ☐ Sales forecast is at least 8 million yen (guideline)
- ☐ Be enrolled in social insurance (or plan to be enrolled)
- ☐ There are staff members (cooking staff) who will be employed for treatment (resident's card, etc. is required)

<If you are running a restaurant>

- ☐ Have a restaurant business license
- ☐ As a guideline, there should be more than 30 seats

### Expected examination points

- Explanation of the individual's management capabilities and supporting documents

If you have management experience overseas, submit the management company's registry, financial statements, website, etc.

- How feasible is the business plan? (Assessed from the business plan)

-Do you have or plan to have a contract with a tax accountant?

-If you have no management experience, do you have a management advisor?

## Procedure

1. Decide on a location for your store

2. Transfer capital (from the person himself/herself to a collaborator living in Japan, etc.)

3. Company establishment (if a company is acquired, registration of changes to officers, head office address, etc.)

4. Preparation of necessary documents for business manager visa

- The specific documents required will vary depending on the case.
- Usually, most documents can be prepared and arranged by the administrative scrivener

5. The application and examination period for a business manager visa at the Immigration Bureau

will depend on the circumstances (personal background, company size, business plan feasibility, administrative circumstances, etc.)

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## Documents required for business manager visa application (example)

The documents required will vary depending on the situation, but the following documents will be required:

### Documents relating to the individual

- ☐ ID photo ( **taken within** the last 3 months, 40 x 30 mm )
- ☐ Copy of passport (photo page, Japan entry/exit stamp page)
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ Deposit certificate

Only if you have the following:

- ☐ University graduation certificate (copy)
- ☐ Documents proving Japanese language proficiency
- ☐ Certificate of registered matters of the company you were running (copy)
- ☐ Financial statements, tax payment certificates, etc. of companies you have operated (for the past year)
- ☐ Awards and certificates, photos, etc.

#### **Company Documents**

- ☐ Business plan
- ☐ Copy of the building lease agreement

#### **Copies of documents submitted to the tax office**

- ☐ Copy of the notification of opening of a payroll office, etc. (with the tax office's acceptance stamp)
- ☐ Copy of application for approval of special payment deadline for withholding income tax (with tax office stamp)
  
- ☐ **When acquiring an existing company**
- ☐ Latest fiscal year balance sheet and income statement

### **FAQ**

#### **How long does it take to process a Business Manager Visa application?**

→ It depends on the size of the company, the number of employees, the individual's background, etc., but it usually takes 3 to 5 months.

#### **Q: If the person has management experience, will it be advantageous for him/her to obtain a visa?**

→ It is advantageous to have some management or investment experience. However, you will need to prove that experience.

#### **Are there any areas where it is easier to obtain a business manager visa ? (For example, differences between Tokyo, Osaka and other regions)**

→ The difficulty of the screening process remains the same. However, the screening period tends to be shorter in rural areas.

**If I purchase an existing store (transfer the business), can I obtain a business manager visa?**

→ If you have financial statements (track record) for the most recent two years and have appropriate sales (approximately 8 million yen or more) and profits, it will be advantageous for the examination of the business management visa.

**If I get a business manager visa, can I run a business other than a shop?**

→ Yes, you can do other business activities. However, it is limited to business activities. They are prohibited from working part-time or being employed at other establishments.

**Q: If I obtain a business manager visa, can I open a corporate bank account?**

→ It depends on the bank, but it is difficult to open an account at a city bank or regional bank. In the first few years, you will likely only be able to set up an internet bank account.

If you need a corporate bank account from the start, you can also acquire a company that already has a corporate account.

**What is the estimated time for renewal of a business manager visa?**

	Estimated annual sales	Other guidelines
Minimum 1 year visa requirement	600-1000+	Stay in Japan for 180 days or more per year
Minimum 3-year visa requirement	Over 2000 x 3 years	At least one full-time employee Stay in Japan for more than 270 days per year

\*Both are required to enroll in social insurance.

\*If the annual sales are less than 600, the amount of profit, executive compensation, future business plans, etc. will be considered. (There are cases where renewal is possible and cases where it is not possible.)

**What are the conditions for applying for permanent residence (naturalization) in the future?**

	Permanent Resident Visa	naturalization
Number of years in Japan	More than 270 days per year	More than 270 days per year

	x 10 years	x 5 years
Social insurance enrollment	Required	Required
settlement of accounts	No excess debt, profitable (last 2 years)	No excess debt, profitable (last 2 years)
Annual income (safety line)	Approximately the average annual income of Japanese people of the same age x 5 years	Approximately the average annual income of Japanese people of the same age x 5 years
Tax payment	Required	Required
Japanese language ability	Any	N3 level (interview required)

<Reference> Major corporate forms

	Co., Ltd.	LLC	General incorporated association
Number of people required	1 or more	1 or more	2 or more people
Capital (investment)	1 yen or more	1 yen or more	1 yen or more
Legal fees (taxes at the time of incorporation)	Approximately 200,000 yen	About 60,000 yen	About 110,000 yen
Name of Representative	Representative Director	Representative Member	Representative Director (Chairman)
Popularity	expensive	Currently low	usually
Term of office of officers	Maximum every 10 years	Permanent	According to the Articles of Incorporation

	Co., Ltd.	LLC	I ncorporated association
Critical mass	1	1	2
Capital	1 yen ~	1 yen ~	1 yen ~

Establish tax	Approximately 200,000 yen	About 60,000 yen	About 110,000 yen
Name of representative	President	President	Head Director
Name recognition	well known	Not well known	well known
Board member	at a maximum of 10 years	as one chooses	Depends on articles of incorporation

If you are unsure whether to use a joint stock company or a limited liability company

(guideline)

When a Corporation is Better	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has some financial leeway</li><li>• Expand business and recruit personnel in the future</li></ul>
When to use a limited liability company	Your customers and business partners don't care about the organizational structure of your company. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I want to reduce the costs of establishing a company and changing officers.</li></ul>

#### <Reference> About the Seal Certificate (Signature Certificate)

When establishing a company in Japan,

☐ Passport number ☐ Name ☐ Date of birth ☐ Address

☐ A signature certificate showing the seal or signature information is required.

## Signature certificate

I , Mike Smith, the undersigned, hereby solemnly declare

that the information for my identity is as follows:

Name

Date of Birth

Passport No.

Address

**Signature**