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How Do I Obtain a Student VISA ?

Student (Ryugaku) Visa

Before coming to Japan, students who have been accepted need to obtain a "student"(Ryugaku) visa, issued by the Japanese Embassy or Consulate, in their country of residence.

Osaka University will send a letter of acceptance to students who are officially accepted to **OUSSEP**. At this time, Osaka University will request the Japanese Immigration Bureau to issue a Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence (CESR) for each of the students. Only the CESR document will serve as proof of status when applying for a visa to enter Japan as a student.

The Process of obtaining a CESR takes time and the certificate usually does not come through until the end of August (for fall semester) or the middle of March (for spring semester). We will forward the CESR by an express courier service to each student's address as indicated in the **OUSSEP** Application Form. Therefore, in the **OUSSEP** Application Form, please make sure to write an address where you can certainly receive the CESR by postal mail.

It is extremely important that applicants provide accurate contact information including street address, phone number and email address.

Each applicant should follow the advice of the Japanese diplomatic office in his or her home country concerning the procedure for obtaining an appropriate visa.



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