

## **Visa fee waiver for visitors to Miyagi, Fukushima and Iwate Prefectures**

As one of the measures to support reconstruction after the Great East Japan Earthquake, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan is taking measures to waive visa fees for foreign nationals who will be visiting Miyagi, Fukushima, or Iwate prefecture and meet the following requirements.

### **1 Requirements for visa fee waiver**

#### (1) Eligibility

- a) Applicant for a visa planning a long-term stay to reside, work or study in the designated area.
- b) Applicant for a visa planning a short-term stay to visit the designated area.

**Note: “Designated area” refers to Miyagi, Fukushima, and Iwate prefectures.**

#### (2) Visa categories

All types of visa for which the application is submitted **before 31 March 2026**.

### **2 Required documents**

In addition to the standard documents required for the visa application, the following documents should be submitted:

#### (1) For a long-term stay visa

Documents proving that where you will be living, working, or studying is located in the designated area

#### (2) For a short-term-stay visa

- The itinerary of your stay in Japan
- One of the following documents proving that you will be visiting the designated area: airline ticket reservation, boat ticket reservation, train ticket reservation, tour reservation for the designated area, accommodation reservation, ticket or reservation for an event to be held in the designated area, an invitation to an event such as conference to be held in the designated area, etc.

**Note:** If proof is not submitted and it is not possible to confirm the visit to the designated area, the visa fee will not be waived.