

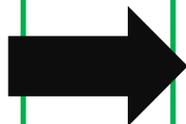


Startup VISA

With the “Startup Visa,” the application requirements for the Business Manager status of residence are relaxed, making it easier for foreign nationals to start businesses in Japan.

Conventional application requirements for the status of residence

Open a business office
+
Employ at least 2 full-time employees
or
5 million yen of capital or total amount of capital contributions, etc.



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From the business plan, etc. of the applying foreign national, Sendai City confirms that the requirements on the left are to be fulfilled in a six-month period.

* Make arrangements for fulfilling the requirements by the time of renewing the period of stay in Japan 6 months later

As shown above, you can use the Startup Visa to obtain a six-month resident status even if you do not currently meet the requirements, and can engage in business startup activities in Sendai City. Since you can commence activities for business startup while experiencing Japanese culture and markets, you can create a business suitable for the conditions in Japan, thereby reducing risks associated with starting a new business.

Application Desk

Startup Support Section, Economic Affairs Bureau, Sendai City Government

9th Floor, Sendai Park Building, 3-6-1, Kokubun-cho, Aoba - ku, Sendai

*Before applying, please contact the Startup Support Section.

Office hour

09:00 to 17:00

* Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays, and any non-business day of the Sendai City Government Office

Inquiries

Startup Support Section, Economic Affairs Bureau, Sendai City Government

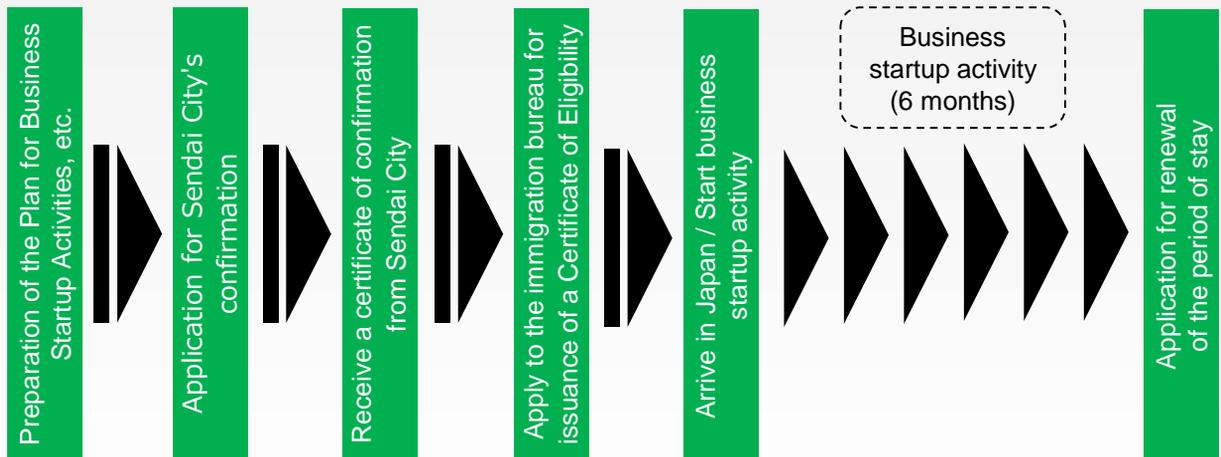
Tel.: 022-214-1003 (in Japanese)

Email: sendai-startupvisa@city.sendai.jp

Businesses Eligible for the Startup Visa

- Knowledge-creating industry: Semiconductor-related businesses, software development, content production, robot-related businesses, etc.
- Industries related to health, medicine, public welfare, and education: Drug discovery venture businesses, medical technology development, regenerative medicine, development of welfare equipment, education-related businesses such as language education, etc.
- Industries related to environment, energy and disaster prevention: Development of clean energy, next-generation power-storing technology, provision of products and services associated with disaster-prevention, etc.
- Industries related to trading and tourism: Businesses contributing to the development of sales channels of products made in Sendai City, businesses associated with attracting foreign tourists, etc.

Flow of Application Process



How to Apply

For more details on the application method, such as necessary documents:

Sendai Startup Visa



Consultation Desk for Business Startup

If you have any problem concerning your business while engaging in business startup activities, you can consult with "Assista" Sendai Startup Support Center. Please call the Startup Support Section of the Sendai City Government to make an appointment for a consultation.



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Overview of Sendai City

Sendai is a city with a population of one million, and is the political and economic center of Japan's Tohoku(northeast)Region. Although Sendai is a large city, it is known throughout Japan as a modern city in harmony with nature. The city possesses beautiful scenery, such as the Hirose-gawa River that runs through central Sendai, and the lush zelkova trees that line its streets. Greenery is especially abundant in the center of the city, which has tree-lined streets and parks. As a result, Sendai is called the "City of Trees."

Sendai has many universities and is also well known as an academic city. Its universities and research institutes have been contributing to the development of the high-tech industry.

Sendai also values history and culture. Many traditional events, such as the Sendai Tanabata Festival, continue to this day. The Sendai International Music Competition and the Johzenji Streetjazz Festival are also held in the city, along with many theatrical performances.

We invite you to discover Sendai, a modern city that retains its natural beauty and tradition.

Sendai's Location in Japan



Sendai is located approximately 300 kilometers(180 miles)north of Tokyo on the Pacific coast of Honshu (the largest of Japan's four major islands). Sendai lies in the center of the Tohoku(northeast)Region, one of the seven major regions in Japan.

It takes about 1 hour and 30 minutes to reach Sendai from Tokyo on the Tohoku Bullet Train(Tohoku Shinkansen).Sendai also has regular flights to and from major domestic and international cities.

Mild Climate

Sendai shares the same latitude as Washington D.C., the capital of the United States, and Athens, Greece. Sendai enjoys a very comfortable and temperate climate compared to other cities in Japan. Its average temperature is 12.1°C and its annual precipitation is 1,241.8 mm. The hottest month is August with an average temperature of 24.1° C; the coldest month is January with an average temperature of 1.5° C. The splendor of each of the four seasons can be experienced and enjoyed in Sendai. The city's autumn colors and snow-covered landscapes in the winter are especially beautiful, and people enjoy magnificent scenery in both downtown Sendai and the nearby mountains.

