



Startup Visa Consultation Desk



Offering support for foreigners who wish to launch a startup or establish a new business in Kumamoto City in obtaining a Startup Visa

What is a Startup Visa?

‘Startup Visa’ is system operated by municipalities certified by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, granting foreign entrepreneurs the residency status of ‘Designated Activities’ for one year (up to two years) allowing for startup business preparation activities.

Kumamoto City is collaborating with JETRO Kumamoto to open a specialized Consultation Desk at XOSS POINT., providing foreign entrepreneurs with support related to startup business preparation activities.

【Consultation Desk Outline】

- Open: Every Tuesday (9:00 – 12:00)
 - *The following day will be open if Tuesday falls on a holiday
- Location: Business Support Facility XOSS POINT., Kumamoto
Shintoshin Plaza 2F (1-14-1 Kasuga, Nishi-ku, Kumamoto City)
- Method: In-person, phone, email, online, etc.
- Language: English, Japanese
- Apply: Scan the QR code on the right



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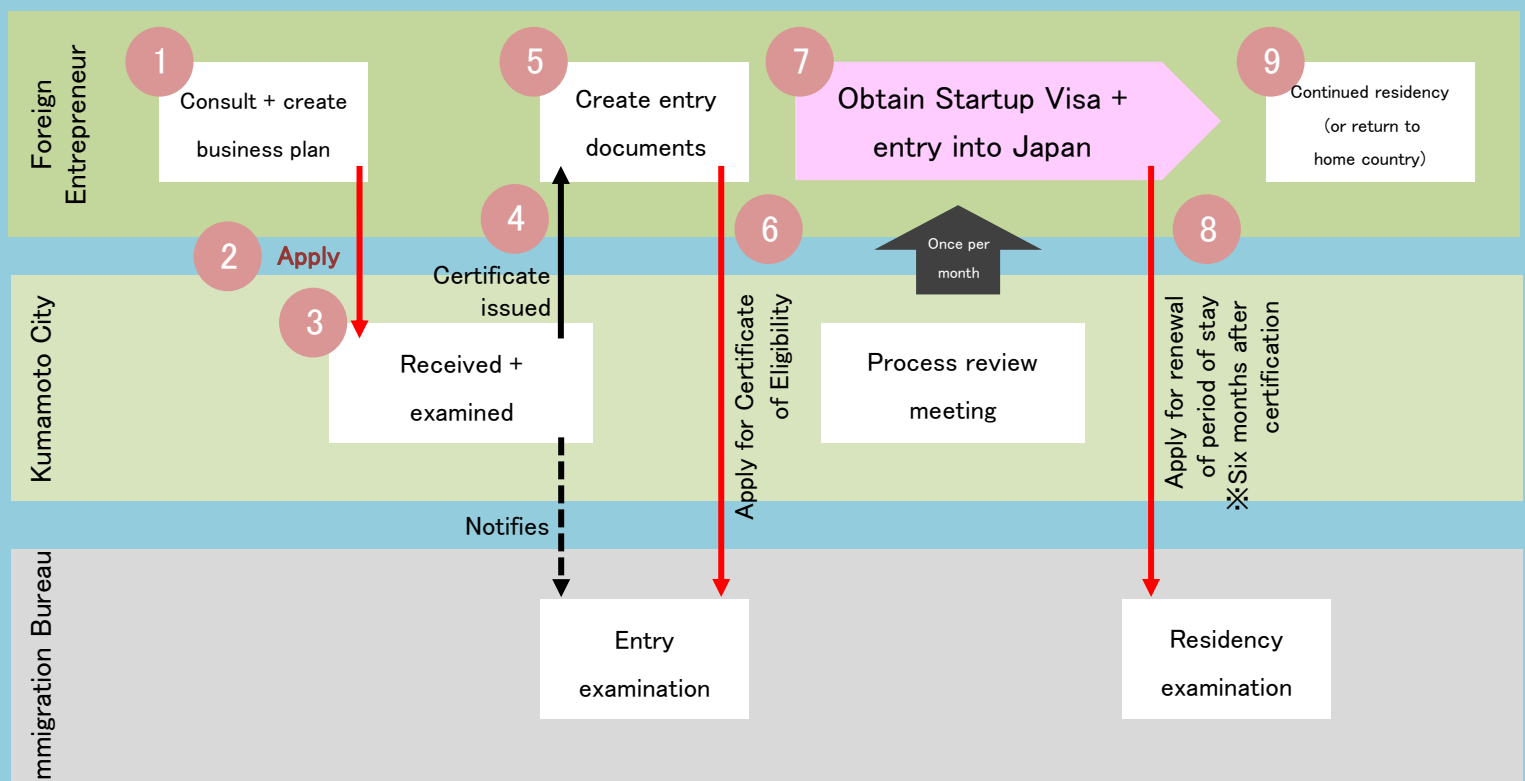


Startup Visa Background & Objective

Kumamoto City is attracting global attention due to the expansion of semiconductor-related companies into Kumamoto Prefecture and the increase in inbound tourists. Taking these opportunities, the city has started the operation of the Startup Visa to promote the integration of foreign entrepreneurs, and to foster new innovations and create international business matching.

By utilizing this system, Kumamoto City will attract foreign entrepreneurs and support international students in starting businesses, while also providing support for local companies' overseas expansion. Additionally, using the business platform "J-BRIDGE" operated by JETRO, the city aims to create new international collaboration opportunities for startups and foreign companies, fostering international open innovation.

【Startup Visa Application Timeline】



Maximum of two years [1 year + 6 months × 2 (renewal)]

【Kumamoto Startup Visa Target Industries】

- (1) Semiconductor / AI / IoT / Information Transmission
- (3) Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries / Food Technology
- (5) Culture / Art / Content
- (7) Social Business

- (2) Life Sciences / Wellness
- (4) Traditional Manufacturing Industries /
Advanced Manufacturing Industries
- (6) Environment and Energy
- (8) Tourism

※ Operations considered as small businesses such as restaurants or hair salons are not applicable.