

The Opening of Japan Visa Application Centre (JVAC) for Visa Acceptance and Passport Return

The Embassy of Japan in Thailand

1. In order to improve the visa processing system and provide a better service for applicants, since 4th August 2010, JVAC has accepted applications and returned passports for all visa categories except for diplomatic and official personnel. And since 23rd September 2010, there have been intake offices located inside the post office in 6 provinces. Because of this the Embassy of Japan in Thailand has accepted applications and returned passports for diplomatic and official personnel only.

However, applicants who reside in the 9 northern provinces (Chiangmai, Phayao, Mae Hong Son, Lampang, Lamphun, Prae, Chiangrai, Nan, and Uttaradit) must apply at the Consulate-General of Japan in Chiang Mai. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

2. Service hours

(1) JVAC in Bangkok :

Application acceptance:	Monday-Friday from 8:30to 17:30 (No lunch break)
Passport return:	Monday-Friday from 8:30to 17:30 (No lunch break) Saturday from 8:30to 12:30
Processing period:	At least 5 working days including the acceptance date (Except Saturday)
Location:	15 th Floor, Unit C, Silom Complex Building, Silom, Bangrak, Bangkok 10500
Telephone:	02-632-1541-4

(2) JVAC intake offices :

Location:	Phuket Province (Phuket Post Office) Chonburi Province (Sri Racha Post Office) Ayutthaya Province (Phra Nakhon Sri Ayutthaya Post Office) Rayong Province (Rayong Post Office) Nakhon Ratchasima Province (Nakhon Ratchasima Post Office) Phitsanulok Province (Phitsanulok Post Office)
Application acceptance and passport return:	Monday – Friday from 8:30 – 16:30
Processing period:	At least 7 working days including the acceptance date
Handling agent:	Thai Post

3. Eligible applicants: All visa categories except for diplomatic, official and emergency humanitarian cases

4. JVAC service fee: 535 baht

Other than visa fee: All applicants have to pay both service and visa fees on the acceptance date.

5. Other

JVAC in Bangkok and intake offices will accept visa applications and return passports; however, visa examinations will continue to be conducted at the Embassy. The final decision to issue or refuse a visa remains solely with the Embassy of Japan.

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