

Certificate of Eligibility (CoE)

A Certificate of Eligibility is issued to a foreign national who intends to land in Japan after a preliminary examination by the Minister of Justice to determine whether his/her activities in Japan meet the requirements for landing (eligibility for status of residence and compliance with landing standards).

(If you have a CoE, the screening process is already in progress and the time to issue the visa is shortened.)

- 1, Please fill out and submit the Application for Certificate of Eligibility.
- 2, The University of Hyogo will send you the issued COE after applying to the Immigration Bureau

Currently, a very large number of applicants (more than three times the usual) apply for CoE and it takes time to be issued.(It usually takes about 2-3 months.)
We will let you know as soon as it is issued. It will be sent by email.

- 3, Please apply for your visa at the nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate with your CoE.

Notes.

- one year-student visa will be issued for students who are planning to stay in one semester. However, it is necessary for students to leave Japan before the acceptance period ends. Immigration office notice us that it will be difficult to get CoE next time if they stay longer than the period insisted on acceptance letters.
- You may be contacted if the Immigration Office determines that you need to submit additional documents. Therefore, please check your e-mail regularly.
- The Immigration Bureau does not disclose information regarding the status of examination or the timing of COE issuance. Therefore, we are unable to answer questions regarding the progress of the process.
- Institute for International Relations will apply on behalf of the applicant based on the submitted documents, however, University of Hyogo will not be held responsible for any rejection of the application.
- In principle, it is not permitted to change the status of residence from "Temporary Visitor" (tourist visa) to "Student" in Japan.

