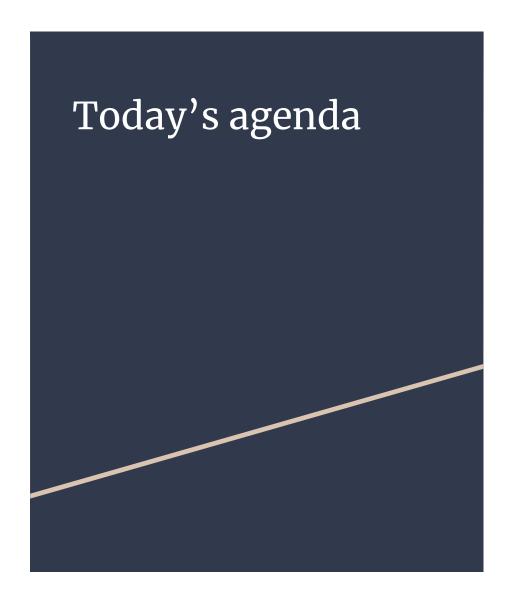
Building your business in Japan

Business Law Essentials for Australians

"Business Visa Requirements"

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1. Introduction

What are the current border restrictions in Japan?

2. Visa systems in Japan

Two steps required

- **Certificate of residence** (Status of residence)
 - 29 types
 - Apply for a certificate that allows you to do the activities you wish to do in Japan
 - If you wish to do activities other than the permitted activities, you must apply for a new certificate
- Visa
 - Required to enter Japan
 - Apply after you have obtained a certificate of residence
 - Takes a couple of weeks

3. Business visa options for Australians

Common types of certificate of residence for business purposes

- Business Manager
 - For managing a business in Japan
- Intracompany transfer
 - For transferring employees to a Japanese entity
- Engineer, Specialist in Humanities and International Services
 - For hiring skilled employees

Do I need a sponsor to apply for a certificate of residence?

Business Manager

- Key Requirements

- Set up a company with the stated capital of JPY 5million+ or 2+ full-time employees in Japan
- Prepare a business plan
- Have an office (virtual office not allowed)
- Apply onshore (a resident officer or employee)

- Period of stay

- Usually 1 year will be granted for initial applications
- Longer period may be granted upon renewal

Issues in practice

- Corporate bank account
 - Required for the payment of stated capital
 - Must be an account with a Japanese bank or a Japanese branch of a non-Japanese bank
- Office
 - Virtual offices not allowed
 - A copy of lease agreement and photos of the office may be required

Issues in practice

- Onshore application
- Business plan
 - Must show the potential continuity of the business
 - Renewal of the certificate depends how the business has performed

Secondary visas for your family members

- Secondary visas available for dependents
 - Work permitted up to 28 hour a week (exceptions apply)

Special incentives for startups

- 6 months to 1 year stay may be granted without satisfying the Business Manager requirements for startups
 - Business plan must be approved
 - JPY 5 million+ capital / 2+ full-time employees exempted
 - Must satisfy the Business Manager requirements in 6 months to 1 year period
 - Limited municipalities

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