

<Startup Visa by Cabinet Office> Achievements and Support Status (as of May 31, 2024)

Local Government	URL	Start year	Support Organization	Subject Field	Number of "Startup Visa" granted	Number of visas transferred to "Business Manager Visa"	English Application Support	Application Documents & Interviews English Support	Business Support in English	Living Support in English	Notes (for areas where Cabinet Office programs are also used)
Tokyo	https://www.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/focus/0-9/0-9-1.html#support	2015	TOSSEC	None in particular	342 (Actual results for FY2023)	177 (Actual results for FY2023)	○	△ (Interviews are available in English)	○	○	N/A
Fukuoka City	https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/focus/0-9/0-9-1.html#support	2015	Fukuoka City & Global Business Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Knowledge Creating Industries (Intech, semi-conductor, software development, contents production, robotics, etc.) * Health, Medical, Welfare Industries (drug discovery ventures, medical technology development, regenerative medicine, welfare equipment development, etc.) * Environment & Energy Industries (greentech, clean energy development, next generation power storage technology, global information systems, etc.) * Logistics Industries (global SCM services, 3PL service, international delivery, drone logistics development, etc.) * Trade Industries (businesses developing international sales for goods made in Fukuoka, industries utilizing the Port of Hakata and/or Fukuoka Airport, etc.) <p>*For Trade Industries, candidates must be businesses with a sense of innovation or that otherwise will make strong contributions to the growth of firms within Fukuoka City.</p>	94	60	○	△ (Interviews are available in English)	○	○	The Cabinet Office's project is guided mainly by METI. (Because it has a dedicated window for overseas startups and allows them to establish a corporation within 6 months.)
Aichi	https://www.pref.aichi.go.jp/aichi/kenkyusho/kenkyusho.html	2017	Aichi prefecture	None in particular	63	41	△	△ (Interviews are available in English)	○	○	The project of the Cabinet Office is guided mainly by METI. (Because there is no provision for the subject field.)
Kita Kyushu City	http://www.kitakyushu-city.jp/kaikei/kyosei/kyosei.html	2018	Kita Kyusyu City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Projects that contribute to the promotion of the Kitakyushu New Growth Strategy as set forth in the Kitakyushu Comprehensive Strategy for the Creation of a New Town, People and Workplace. * In addition to those listed in the preceding item, projects specifically recognized by the Mayor as contributing to the strengthening of the international competitiveness of the city's industries and the improvement of the city's international economic activities base. 	10	4	○	△ (Interviews are available in English with an interpreter/free of charge)	○	○	N/A
Sendai City	https://www.city.sendai.jp/cityhall/kyosei/kyosei.html	2016	Sendai City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Knowledge-creating industry (examples: semiconductor-related businesses, software development, content production, robot-related businesses, etc.) * Industries related to health, medicine, public welfare, and education (examples: 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 Risk Reduction (examples: development of clean energy, next-generation power-storing technology, provision of products and services associated with Disaster Risk Reduction, etc.) * Industries related to trading and tourism (examples: businesses contributing to the development of sales channels of products made in Sendai City, businesses associated with attracting foreign tourists, etc.) 	7	N/A	△	△ (Interpreters are available for interviews)	△	△	Each applicant will decide which one to apply for.
Kyoto	https://www.kyoto-shi.jp/shimin/kyosei/	2021	JETRO Kyoto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Manufacturing sector such as traditional industry or cutting-edge industry * AI, IoT, information and communications sectors * Environment, energy sectors * Life science, wellness sectors * Social business sector * Culture, art, contents sector * Agriculture, forestry, fisheries, Kyoto's food culture sectors * Tourism sector (excluding souvenir shops and restaurants that are used mainly by tourists) * Other businesses approved by the Governor of Kyoto Prefecture 	6	3	○	○	○	○	Since the Cabinet Office's system grants a 1-month visa and METI's system grants a 1-year visa, the METI system is guided if the transfer to a "Management and Administration" visa is likely to take longer.
Imabari City	https://www.city.imabari.ehime.ac.jp/sangyou/sangyouin/gaikokujin.html	2016	Imabari City	Foreigners who are newly starting a business in Imabari City. *As a general rule, this program is not available to foreigners who are currently already residing in Japan under other status of residence.	3	3					N/A
Niigata	https://www.city.niigata.lg.jp/kyosei/kyosei.html	2015	Niigata City & PIC	Businesses with the potential to strengthen the global competitiveness of industries in Niigata City or expand employment opportunities in the city	3	1	△				N/A
Hiroshima	https://www.pref.hiroshima.lg.jp/info/information/gaikokujinshugi.html	2016	Hiroshima prefecture& HSUSU	Foreign nationals who are starting a new business in Hiroshima Prefecture. With principle, foreign nationals that are already residing in Japan under a different status of residence may not use this program.	3	3	△	△ (Interpreters are available for interviews)	△		N/A
Kaga City	https://www.city.kaga.shikoku-japan.org/information/chikudogaku/20230119.html	2023	Kaga City	Projects that contribute to the promotion of the Smart City Kaga Concept In addition to those listed in the preceding item, projects specifically recognized by the mayor as contributing to strengthening the international competitiveness of the city's industries and improving the city's international economic base.	0	0					N/A
Hyogo	https://www.pref.hyogo.lg.jp/02/information/kyosei.html	2023	JETRO Kobe	<p>"Businesses that are expected to strengthen the international competitiveness of industries in Hyogo Prefecture and contribute to the formation of a base for international economic activities, and that fall into one of the following categories</p> <p>Businesses that utilize advanced technology in the following industries IT, robotics, healthcare/welfare, environment, logistics, hydrogen and other new energy (including storage batteries), aviation (including drones and flying cars) Businesses that induce high value-added and innovation in existing industries Businesses that contribute to the strengthening and sustainable development of the management base of small and medium-sized enterprises (AI, IoT, robots).</p>	0	0					The METI project is guided for those who are based in Kobe City.
Tsukuba City	N/A	2023	Tsukuba City		0	0					N/A
Osaka	N/A	2023	Osaka Innovation Hub	(1)Growth manufacturing (2)IoT,Business using innovative technology (3)Green energy (4)Healthcare,Life Sciences (5)Tourism,sports,culture,Jtown development	0	0	○	△ (Interpreters are available for interviews)	△	△	The METI project is mainly utilized.
Narita City	https://www.city.narita.chiba.lg.jp/info/kyosei/000000_000004.html	2023	Narita City	Foreign nationals who are newly starting a business in Narita City	0	0				△	N/A

Definition of each item
<p>URL</p> <p>Reference websites on "Startup Visa" of each support organization</p>
<p>Subject Field</p> <p>Listed are the areas covered by each local government</p>
<p>Support Organization</p> <p>Listing of organizations that actually serve as contact points for entrepreneurs and provide support.</p>
<p>Number of "Startup Visa" granted</p> <p>The number of visas granted as of May 2024 (including those under review, if necessary).</p>
<p>Number of visas transferred to "Business Manager Visa"</p> <p>Number of visas transferred from "Designated Activities" visa to "Management" visa as of May 2024 (including those under examination, if necessary).</p>
<p>English Application Support</p> <p>Whether advice from the person in charge or experts (SME diagnostician or administrative scrivener) on the preparation of application documents, especially the business plan, is provided in English or not (marked "△" if provided in Japanese).</p>
<p>Application Documents & Interviews English Support</p> <p>Whether or not English will be used for application documents and interviews in English.</p>
<p>Business Support in English</p> <p>Whether or not the person in charge or specialists (SME diagnostician or administrative scrivener) can provide assistance in English for the transition to a "Management/Administration" visa after obtaining a "Start-up" visa (if assistance is provided in Japanese, please indicate "△").</p>
<p>Living Support in English</p> <p>Availability of support such as opening a bank account or introduction of real estate from the person in charge or support organization for transition to a management/administration visa after obtaining a start-up visa (marked "△" if provided in Japanese)</p>