



**TAQSIMA ĊENTRALI TAL-VIŻA
CENTRAL VISA UNIT**

MALTA-JAPAN WORKING HOLIDAY VISA

Practical Guide for Japanese Applicants

All final decisions and requirements are determined by Identità. Applicants should always check the official Identità website for any updates.

Step by Step Application Process

Step 1 – Check Eligibility

Confirm you meet the age, nationality and financial criteria.

Step 2 – Prepare Your Documents

Typical documents include: passport, application form, insurance, proof of funds, return ticket or funds, accommodation details, police certificate, and translations if required.

Step 3 – Police Conduct Certificate

Provide a police clearance certificate issued by Japanese police authorities for overseas/visa purposes. If not in English, an English translation may be required. The document should be recently issued. Applicants should confirm the acceptable format with VFS or Identità.

Step 4 – Book an appointment with VFS Global

Applications are submitted through VFS Global. Book an appointment at the Malta visa application centre in Japan and select the correct visa category.

Step 5 – Submit Application

Submit documents in person at VFS and pay the required fee. VFS will forward the application to the Maltese authorities.

Step 6 – Wait for Decision

Processing times vary. Apply at least 6 weeks before planned travel.

Step 7 – Travel to Malta

If approved, you will receive a visa allowing entry under the Working Holiday scheme.

Important Conditions

- Work is allowed but should not be the primary reason for the stay.
- You must respect Maltese laws and visa conditions.
- You are responsible for any tax or employment registration in Malta.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Can I work full-time?

Work is allowed, but the main purpose must remain a holiday and cultural experience. (reply does not specify whether one can work full or part time)

How long can I stay?

You may stay for up to 1 year, subject to visa conditions.

Do I need to find a job before going?

No. A job offer is not required.

Is the English language required?

No, it is not a formal requirement, however it is helpful for work purposes and daily life.

How much money should I have?

Enough to support yourself at the start of your stay and buy a return ticket.

Where do I apply?

Through VFS Global in Japan.

Who decides my visa?

Identità and the Maltese authorities.

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