### Last Day of Visa Application in 2024

#### 13th December 2024 (Friday)

The last day of visa application lodgement in 2024 is <u>Friday 13th</u> <u>December</u> due to the Christmas and New Year Holiday closure of the Consulate.

If you would like to collect your passport before the end of the year, your visa application (in person/ by post) needs to be made no later than the 13 December.

In 2025, we are going to start accepting the visa applications from **Monday 6**<sup>th</sup> **of January**.

## Please collect your passport

## before the holiday starts.

We cannot return the passports of visa applicants during the Christmas and New Year holiday, even if those who need the passports urgently.

Please make sure to collect the passports before the holiday starts if the assessment is already completed.

# Suspension of the eVisa processing during Christmas & New Years 2024

Please be aware that applications will not be processed during the holidays, and hence no eVisas

will be issued over this period. Although you can still apply for an eVisa during this time, they will be processed in the new year.

We expect large numbers of eVisa applications after the holiday season, so be sure to apply as early as possible, as processing may take much longer than usual (currently 10 business days).

Please allow ample time for processing. We do not provide expedited services.

If you are travelling to Japan during the holidays, we advise you to take a screenshot or print out your eVisa beforehand in case you have trouble accessing your eVisa digitally or other technical issues.