CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAY IN 2026

Our closure days for Christmas and New Year holiday 2026 are as shown below.
If you would like to collect your passports by the end of this year, for in-person applications it needs to be made no later than the **17th of December** (10th for Working Holiday).

DECEMBER 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
	1	2	3	4	5
	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN Last day for Working Holiday	OPEN	13
14	15	16	17	18	19
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN Last day for Other Visas	OPEN	20
21	22	23	24	25	26
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED	27
28	29	30	31	Jan 01	02
CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	03

JANUARY 2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
4	5	6	7	8	9
OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	10

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR PASSPORT BEFORE THE HOLIDAY PERIOD STARTS.

It is not possible to return the passports during the holiday even if you need it urgently so please make sure to collect your passport before the holidays begin if the assessment is already completed.
Even if the assessment is not completed yet, we may return the passports before the holiday period begins.
In such case, the assessment will be suspended until the passport is returned to the Consulate.

****NOTICE****

SUSPENSION OF eVISA PROCESSING DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Currently the eVISA processing takes approximately 3 weeks or longer if there are no issues with the documents.
eVISA applications cannot be processed or issued during the holidays.

For those intending to travel during Christmas, New Years or in early January, as this is peak holiday season, please apply **no later than November 25th.**

It is still possible to submit an eVISA application during the holidays (between 25th December 2026 to 03rd January 2027) however please be aware that they will not be reviewed until the 04th of January onwards. Applications submitted during this peak holiday season period may take approximately 4 weeks to process*.

**Please note that due to higher application numbers during the holidays to the first week of January, processing time may take much longer than usual.*

Please ensure to apply with ample time as **there are no expedited processing available** regardless of booked flights.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THE eVISA:

If your eVISA has been granted, please double check ALL the details on your eVISA BEFORE your departure date to ensure that there are no mistakes (especially with your name, passport number, gender, date of birth and nationality) otherwise you will not be able to board your flight and enter Japan.

In case of any technical issues or you are having trouble accessing your eVISA digitally, we advise you to take a screenshot or print out the eVISA beforehand prior to travelling.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Kind Regards,

Consulate–General of Japan in Brisbane