

Relaxation of Visa Requirement for Indian Students
(Simplification of Visa Application Procedure)

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1. Relaxation of visa requirement for Indian students, announced on the occasion of the visit to Japan of H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India in November 2016, will come in effect on February 1, 2017.
2. Specifically, students, graduate students and alumni (within 3 years after graduation) of universities in India will be allowed to submit certificate of student status or graduation instead of the document to confirm financial capability in the application for single entry visa for short-term stay with the purpose of tourism.
3. This relaxation of visa requirement is expected to further advance people-to-people exchanges with India, including an increase of young visitors.

(Reference) Eligible universities

Institutions of National Importance, Central Universities, State Universities, Deemed Universities and Private Universities which are listed on the websites of Department of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and University Grants Commission, India (except for Open Universities)

<http://mhrd.gov.in/institutions-national-importance>

<http://www.ugc.ac.in/oldpdf/alluniversity.pdf>