

भारत का प्रधान कंसलावास, ओसाका-कोबे  
Consulate General of India, Osaka-Kobe

**Discontinuation of walk-in Visa Services**

In the wake of COVID-19 outbreak, it has been decided to **discontinue walk-in Visa Services in the Consulate** with the effect **from Wednesday, April 1, 2020**. In light of the existing advisories associated with the Coronavirus and public safety, all applicants are advised to adopt the following guidelines/procedures for applying **Visa** to India:

**PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR VISA TO INDIA**

- Type a request letter addressed to Visa Officer mentioning the urgency of travelling to India under the present situation (due to COVID-19). The request letter may be supported by documents which can verify your claim of urgency for visa.
- The request letter along with documents (if any) may be forwarded to the Email ID: [cons.osakakobe@mea.gov.in](mailto:cons.osakakobe@mea.gov.in) for pre-check.
- An email would be sent to the applicant by the Consulate if the case is considered to be urgent in nature or if any further clarification is required.
- For confirmation of the details furnished by the applicant, a WhatsApp call may be made from the Consulate for video conferencing. For this, the applicant will be informed by email/phone one day prior to the video conference regarding time slot of the call. **Please take note that all WhatsApp calls will be recorded.**
- Japanese language interpretation facility will be available during WhatsApp calls.
- After confirmation, the applicants would be intimated vide email regarding the date & time when they should visit the Consulate for submission of visa fees and passport. The visa would be released the same day between 1530 hrs. to 1630 hrs.

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