

# Visa Application Manual by Status: Working Holiday (H-1)

## 1. Overview

**Visa Type:** Working Holiday (H-1)

### Scope of Activities:

- **Eligible Applicants:** Nationals of countries that have signed an agreement or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Republic of Korea regarding the Working Holiday program.
- **Purpose:** Individuals whose primary purpose is tourism, but who intend to engage in short-term employment to cover travel expenses.

**Visa Issuance Limit:** Granted once (Single issuance).

**Maximum Stay:** As stipulated in the agreement.

## 2. Application Authority & Location

**Discretion of the Head of Mission:** Visas can be issued by the overseas diplomatic mission having jurisdiction over the country that signed the agreement.

*\*Exception:* Austrian nationals may apply at the Embassy in Japan, Embassy in China, Consulate General in Shanghai, Consulate General in Hong Kong, or the Korean Mission in Taipei.

## 3. Visa Issuance Details

### Visa Types, Validity, and Duration of Stay by Country

Agreement Country	Visa Type	Validity Period	Duration of Stay
Hong Kong	H-1 (Multiple)	3 Months	1 Year
Japan	H-1 (Single)	1 Year	1 Year
USA	H-1 (Multiple)	1 Year 6 Months	1 Year 6 Months
Canada, UK	H-1 (Multiple)	2 Years (24 Months)	2 Years (24 Months)
Other Countries	H-1 (Multiple)	1 Year	1 Year

### Visa Issuance Quota (Annual Limit)

Country	Quota	Country	Quota
Australia	Unlimited	Denmark	Unlimited
Canada	12,000	Hong Kong	1,000
Japan	10,000	Taiwan	800
USA	2,000	Czech Rep.	300
France	2,000	Italy	500
Germany	Unlimited	UK	5,000

Austria	300	Ireland	800
Hungary	100	Sweden	Unlimited
Israel	200	Netherlands	200
Portugal	200	Belgium	200
Chile	100	Poland	200
Spain	1,000	Argentina	200
Andorra	50		

## 4. Fees

- Principle of Reciprocity:** If the counterpart country collects fees from Korean nationals, fees will be collected accordingly.
- Exemptions (as of 2018):** Japan, France, Chile, Hong Kong, and Spain are exempt from visa review fees.

## 5. Required Documents

Document	Remarks
Visa Application Form, Photo, Passport	
Round-trip Airline Ticket	If unavailable, proof of equivalent deposit is accepted.
Proof of Financial Support	Proof of funds (e.g., bank statement) for a certain period (3 months).
Criminal Record Check, Health Certificate	Determined by reciprocity. (US follows WEST Program MOU).
Insurance Policy	
Proof of Student Status or Highest Degree	
Working Holiday Activity Plan	Rough outline acceptable; submission waived if verified via interview.
Other Documents	As deemed necessary by the Head of Mission.

## 6. Review Criteria

**A. Nationality:** Must be a national of the agreement country (No refugees/permanent residents).

**B. Additional Requirements by Country:**

Country	Requirement
New Zealand	Resided in NZ for 6+ months at application.
Hong Kong	Ordinary resident of HKSAR.
Taiwan	Household registration in Taiwan.
USA	Enrolled in higher education or graduated within 1 year.

**C. Valid Passport:** Valid passport from agreement country. Validity 6+ months (Chile 3+ months).

**D. Age Requirement:** Generally 18-30 years old.

- *Exceptions:* Taiwan, Portugal, Ireland, Argentina (up to 34); UK, Canada (up to 35); USA (No limit).

**E. No Serious Criminal Record:** Denied if fined 3 million KRW or more.

**F. Good Health:** No risk to public health. (Exemptions apply based on reciprocity).

**G. Medical Insurance:** Coverage of at least 40 million KRW recommended.

**H. No Dependents:** Cannot be accompanied by dependents.

**I. No Previous Participation:** Generally one-time only (Exceptions: Ireland, Sweden, US).

**J. Financial Ability:** Round-trip ticket + approx. 3 million KRW living expenses.

**K. Main Purpose:** Tourism. Focused employment or study is restricted.

## 7. Activity Restrictions

**Employment Activities:** Max 25 hours/week generally.

Country	Employment Period	Weekly Max	Total Hours
Israel	3 Months	25 Hours	300 Hours
Australia, Italy, Belgium	6 Months	25 Hours	625 Hours
Denmark	9 Months	25 Hours	950 Hours
Canada	Full H-1 Period	40 Hours	2,080 Hours
Other Countries	Full H-1 Period	25 Hours	1,300 Hours

**Restricted Occupations:** E-1~E-7 qualified jobs (Doctor, Pilot, Language Instructor), Entertainment (E-6), Gambling, Adult entertainment, etc.

**Study Activities:**

- *Australia:* 4 Months
- *Canada, Ireland, Denmark, HK, NZ, etc.:* 6 Months
- *Others:* Full period
- *Note:* Regular degree programs (D-2) are restricted.