

Startup Visa Programs in Aichi

	Startup Visa Program by the Aichi Prefectural Government		Startup Visa Program by the Japanese Government
	National Strategic Special Zone Program	Foreign Entrepreneurship Promotion Program	Program for international students graduating from Japanese universities
Eligibility requirements			
Foreign nationals living abroad	✓	✓	N/A
International students graduating from Japanese universities	✓	✓	✓
International students studying at Japanese universities	✓	✓	N/A
Foreign nationals living in Japan excluding student visa holders	N/A	✓	N/A
Status of visa to be issued	Business Manager	Designated Activities	Designated Activities
Accompanying family members	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Period allowed to stay for business establishment	6 months	Maximum of 1 year (The status of residence must be renewed after 6 months from the date of issuance)	Maximum of 2 years for international students graduated from designated universities* (The status of residence must be renewed every 6 months from the date of issuance) Maximum of 1 year for other university graduates.

Eligible business	Various businesses	Businesses aiming for high growth in the IT industry OR Businesses aiming for high growth using innovative technologies and skills	Various businesses
Main supporter of the entrepreneurship	Aichi Prefectural Government	Aichi Prefectural Government	Applicant's university
Progress check	The business plans need to be checked by SME management consultants for their appropriateness and feasibility every 2 months.	The business plans need to be checked by SME management consultants for their appropriateness and feasibility every month.	The business preparation process needs to be checked by university staff every month.
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If international students who graduated from Japanese universities cannot start a business within 6 months, they can apply for "Designated Activities" visa for additional 6 months (18 months for those who graduated from designated universities*), utilizing the measures by the Japanese Government indicated in the far-right column. ● Assistance by SME management consultants are available in preparation for business plans. ● Income deduction is available. ● Interest subsidies are available. ● For maximum of 1 year from the initial extension of status of visa, applicants are permitted to conduct a business in the coworking space registered by the Aichi Prefectural Government. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If international students who graduated from designated universities* cannot start a business within 1 year, they can apply for "Designated Activities" visa for an additional year, utilizing the measures by the Japanese Government indicated in the far-right column. ● Assistance by SME management consultants are available in preparation for business plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applicants may apply for a change of status of residence from "Student" to "Designated Activities" with certificates from universities. ● Assistance by university staff is available in preparation for business plans.
Notes	Applicable only in Aichi (National Strategic Special Zone)	Applicable only in Aichi	Applicants who did not graduate from designated universities* are allowed to stay for business establishment for 1 year instead of 2 years.

*Designated universities:

Nagoya University, Nagoya Institute of Technology, Toyohashi University of Technology, Aichi Prefectural University, Meijo University, and Nanzan University