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1. Online payment with a credit card

1.1 What credit cards are accepted?

Credit cards that bear any of the following logos are accepted. Visa / Mastercard / JCB / Diners Club / American Express











1.2 Can payment be made using debit cards, prepaid cards, or e-money?

Debit cards issued by leading credit card brands are accepted. Prepaid cards and other forms of e-money are not accepted.

1.3 Can I earn credit card points when using my credit card for this purchase?

Your credit card points policy ist set by your credit card company. Please inquire with your credit card company.

1.4 What currency will be used for the payment?

Payments are processed in Japanese yen. No other currencies are accepted. You may have to pay foreign-transaction fees when using a credit card issued outside of Japan depending on the terms and conditions of your credit card company.

2. Payment procedure (1/4)

2.1 Can I pay by credit card at convenience stores in Japan or at domestic or Japanese overseas establishments?

It is not possible to pay by credit card at convenience stores in Japan or at domestic or Japanese overseas establishments. However, online payment using a smartphone or other device is possible.

2.2 Once I have paid a fee by credit card, must all future fee payments also be made by credit card?

No. You can choose your payment method each time you make a payment.

2.3 Should the applicant and the name of the credit card holder be identical?

In principle, the applicant and the credit card holder must be the same person.

As an exception, when the payments are made by the legal representative (person with parental authority, guardian, etc.) of the applicant due to reasons such as the applicant being a minor, the credit card holder himself/herself must complete the payment procedure since the applicant and the credit card holder is different.

The credit card holder should not lend their credit card or share their credit card details with the applicant for payments.

2.4 Can I use my credit card to pay in installments?

No. Only one-time payments are accepted.

2.5 Can I use more than one credit card for a single payment?

No. Only one credit card can be used to make a single payment.

2.6 When will the credit card payment be charged to my account?

The due date will differ depending on your credit card company. Please refer to the billing statement issued by your credit card company or inquire with the company indicated on your card.

② 2. Payment procedure (2/4)

2.7 When is the completion date of the payment?

The completion date of the payment will be the issuance date of the passport, visa or ID certificate.

2.8 Will a receipt be issued?

A receipt will not be issued. Please use the billing statement issued by your credit card company or print the payment process completed screen.

2.9 After the passport, visa, or ID certificate is issued, how can I check the payment details?

After the payment is completed, you can check the status and details by accessing the specified URL. Please note that this function will be only available 30 days after the payment due date.



2.10 Is it possible to switch from credit card to cash payment?

It is possible to switch from credit card to cash payment before the passport, visa, or ID certificate is issued. Please ask pay by cash at the counter.

2. Payment procedure (3/4)

2.11 Is it possible to cancel a credit card payment?

Once issued, it will no longer be possible to cancel credit card payments or to change the credit card.

2.12 Is it possible to check payment details, such as the registered credit card and payment amount, once the payment procedure is completed?

Yes. You can check your payment details on the screen as described in the credit card payment manual under the procedure of "Change Credit Card." Please note that only the last 4-digits of your credit card number will be displayed.

2.13 If the payment procedure is not completed by the due date (YY/MM/DD), is it possible to restart the payment procedure?

The payment procedure cannot be restarted. For applicants requesting the issuance of a passport or ID certificate, the payment due date (YY/MM/DD) is identical to the receipt deadline (for visa issuance, payment the due period is 90 days). Payment must be made by the due date.

2.14 What is a security code?

The security code is the last 3-digit number shown near the signature space on the back of the credit card or the 4-digit number shown on the front. (The location and number of digits will differ depending on your card.) If you cannot find your security code, please inquire with your credit card company.

Visa / Mastercard / JCB / Diners Club



Back of the card: 3-digit number found near the signature space.

American Express



Front of the card: 4-digit number

2. Payment procedure (4/4)

2.15 How will it appear in my credit card billing statement?

It may be shown in kanji, half-width kana or alphabetical characters, depending on the credit card company. This applies commonly to the issuance of passports, visas, and ID certificates.

In the case of kanji:外務省旅券証明等手数料
In the case of half-width kana:ガイムショウリョケンショウメイトウテスウリョウ
In the case of alphabetical characters: JPN VISA OR CONSULAR FEE

Please note that there may be a period at the end if the card was issued by a credit card issuer that is not Japanese.

In the case of kanji:外務省旅券証明等手数料.
In the case of half-width kana:カ イムショウリョケンショウメイトウテスウリョウ.
In the case of alphabetical characters: JPN VISA OR CONSULAR FEE.

3. Other

3.1 Are there any times when credit card payment will not be available?

The service will not be available during the following hours:

- 19:00 on January 1 12:00 January 2 (Japan Time)
- 20:30 on the third Saturday 12:00 of the following Sunday in June and September (Japan Standard Time)

Please understand that service may be suspended during hours other than the above in some cases.

3.2 Is anything in particular I should pay attention to when using the online payment method?

Please refer to "Note on Use" posted on NTT DATA JAPAN CORPORATION's website for further information on credit card payment procedures for consular fees related to the issuance of passports, visas and ID certificates.

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