

Japan's Digital Nomad Visa — A Cautious First Step into Remote-Work Immigration

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Japan's 'Digital Nomad' visa lets high-earning remote workers stay up to six months; issuance rose from 257 in its first nine months (2024) to 646 in 2025, per Ministry of Foreign Affairs data — officials say the count itself is not the real measure of success.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	0/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-30

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