

Q1 : Is the nature of the business you are planning to start categorized under one of the following types?
 (1)Business that utilizes advanced technology (IT, health, medical care and welfare, environment, logistics, etc.)
【Criteria to determine whether your business can be categorized under (1)】
 · Does your business utilize technologies that have been patented or are scheduled to be patented?
 · Does your business utilize deep technology such as AI or machine learning?
 (2)Business that utilizes advanced technology (IT, health, medical care and welfare, environment, logistics, etc.)
【Criteria to determine whether your business can be categorized under (2)】
 · Does your business create new value by combining existing technologies?
 · Is your business the one that creates new value by combining existing technologies? Is there no similar business in Japan? Or, does your business have an advantage over other competitors (if any)?

→ **NO** → Your business is not eligible for the Kobe City Startup Visa program.

↓ **YES**

Q2 : Do you already have a prototype of the product you are planning to promote as your business?

→ **NO** → When you have completed the prototype of your product, please contact us again at that stage.

Q3 : Do you have a three-year business plan and budget plan for the business you are planning to implement in Kobe City?

→ **NO** → Please make a three-year activity plan for your start-up business and then contact us again.

↓ **YES**

Q4 : Have you already prepared more than 5 million yen to start your own business?

→ **NO** → **Q5 : Do you have concrete prospects or supporters who can help you raise more than 5 million yen to start your business?**
【Examples】
 · Fundraising through share transfer, etc.
 · Financial support from overseas headquarters
 · Financial support from your relatives, etc.

→ **NO** → As a general rule, you are not allowed to work (activities outside the scope of your visa status) during the one-year period of stay granted under the SU visa program (you must renew your residence permit after six months). Please contact us again after you have secured the necessary funds to live in Kobe for one year and to prepare for your entrepreneurial activities.

↓ **YES**

↙ **YES**

Your entrepreneurial plan that you are inquiring about is eligible to apply for this program. Please fill out the entry form and submit it to the Kobe SU Visa Concierge or help desk for this program.

※If you already meet the requirements for a "Business Manager visa", we recommend that you apply directly to the Kobe Branch of the Osaka Regional Immigration Bureau for the visa.
 If you are planning to start your business in Kobe City in the near future and expect to start your business within a year, you will use this program to apply for a SU visa and engage in preparatory activities for starting a business in Kobe City within the time frame allowed.