

※This information is for those who enter Japan before August 31.

Specific examples of cases where permission for re-entry or entry may be granted due to being special exceptional circumstances cases corresponding to individual situation in relation to the measures for denial of landing relating to prevention of the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, which is spreading throughout the world, for the time being, the Minister of Justice will be denying permission for landing to foreign nationals, who have a record of staying in certain countries or regions, etc. due to coming under Article 5, paragraph (1), item (xiv) of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, unless special exceptional circumstances exist.

Special exceptional circumstances include foreign nationals who departed from Japan with a re-entry permit (including special re-entry permits; the same applies hereinafter) by the day before the date on which the country/region of stay was designated an area subject to denial of landing (however, April 3 for those countries/regions which were designated an area subject to denial of landing on or before April 2) (provided however that with regard to foreign nationals who departed on or after April 3, this is limited to those foreign nationals who do not have a history of staying in a country/region that had already become an area subject to denial of landing at the time of the foreign national departing from Japan) and foreign nationals who applied for landing in accordance with the “Phased Measures for Resuming Cross-Border Travel” as well as those foreign nationals given permission to newly enter or re-enter Japan due to special exceptional circumstances corresponding to an individual situation such as the need for special humanitarian consideration (Note 1).

The following are specific examples of cases where re-entry or new entry may be permitted depending on individual situation.

(Note 1) Depending on entry or re-entry date, additional epidemic prevention and control measures are required from the perspective of epidemic prevention and control (See ["Additional Epidemic Prevention and Control Measures for the Entry or Re-entry of Foreign Nationals"](#)).

1. A foreign national who departed from Japan with a re-entry permit (including a special re-entry permit) for a country or region after such country or region where the foreign national was staying became an area subject to denial of landing (including cases where the foreign national intends to depart from Japan for such country or region in the future)
 - I had to depart from Japan in order to visit a relative who was in critical condition abroad or to attend the funeral of a deceased relative.
 - I had to depart from Japan for treatment at a foreign medical institution

such as surgery (including re-examination) or childbirth.

- I had to depart from Japan after receiving a summons from a foreign court to appear as a witness.
- A foreign national residing under the status of "Instructor" or "Professor", who needs to re-enter Japan to fill a vacancy at the educational institution s/he belongs or will belong to, of which vacancy results in the suspension of the educational activities at the above-mentioned educational institution.
- A foreign national residing under the status of "Medical Services", who contributes to the enhancement and strengthening of Japanese medical systems.

2. A foreign national, who newly enters Japan (Note 2)

- Spouse or child of a Japanese national/permanent resident
- Spouse or child of a foreign national who has a status of residence of "Long-Term Resident" whose family is staying in Japan and who has been separated from the family.
- A foreign national who is going to acquire the status of "Instructor" or "Professor" and who needs to enter Japan to fill a vacancy at the educational institution s/he belongs or will belong to, of which vacancy results in the suspension of the educational activities at the above-mentioned educational institution.
- A foreign national who is going to acquire the status of "Medical Services", and who contributes to the enhancement and strengthening of Japanese medical systems.

(Note 2) Depending on the purpose of your entry, you may need to get Japan Visa at the Japanese embassy or consulate in the country / region.

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