

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

Additional Epidemic Prevention and Control Measures for the Entry
or Re-entry of Foreign Nationals

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1. In principle, if a foreign national (Note 1) with a history of staying in an area subject to denial of landing enters or re-enters Japan, additional epidemic prevention and control measures are required from the perspective of epidemic prevention and control.
However, if a foreign national who comes under (1) or (2) below enters or re-enters Japan by August 31, no additional epidemic prevention and control measures are required (Note 2).
 - (1) Those who meet all of the following conditions (i) to (ii).
 - (i) 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).
 - (ii) Foreign nationals who do not have a history of staying in Pakistan, Bangladesh, the Philippines or Peru within 14 days prior to the date of applying for landing.
 - (iii) A foreign national with the status of residence of “Permanent Resident”, “Spouse or Child of Japanese National”, “Spouse or Child of Permanent Resident” or “Long-Term Resident” (including the spouse of a Japanese / Permanent Resident or Japanese / Permanent Resident child who does not have these statuses of residence).
 - (2) Foreign nationals recognized to have special exceptional circumstances corresponding to an individual situation such as the need for special humanitarian consideration (Note 3)

2. Specifically, the foreign national is required to be issued with a visa or Letter of Confirmation of Submitting Required Documentation for Re-entry into Japan by a Japanese embassy or consulate in the country/region of stay, and to obtain a Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 from a medical facility in the country/region of stay proving a negative test result having undergone a test for COVID-19 (the novel coronavirus) within 72 hours prior to departing from the country/region of stay (Note 4).

The format for the Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 is as given below. As a general rule, please use the specified format in (1). If you are using a your own format, make sure that you prepare one that meets the requirements of (2).

- (1) The [specified format](#) which has been filled in by the local medical facility and signed or stamped with a seal by a doctor
- (2) Your own format (however, it must contain the same content as described in the specified format. Specifically, A. personal identification details (name, passport number, nationality, date of birth, gender), B. the contents of a Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 (testing method (limited to the collected sample and testing method described in the specified format), test result, sample date, test result decision date, testing certificate issuance date), and C. information about the medical facility (name of the medical facility (or name of the doctor), address of the medical facility, seal impression of the medical facility (or signature of the doctor) where all the items are written in English).

3 Please submit the original or a copy of your Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 to the immigration inspector (in re-entry case, along with your Letter of Confirmation of Submitting Required Documentation for Re-entry into Japan form after arriving in Japan).

If you are unable to submit the required documents to the immigration inspector, you will be subject to denial of landing pursuant to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act.

In addition, if you are deemed to have received landing permission by submitting a falsified Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 or other documents, you may be subject to the procedures for revocation of your status of residence and the deportation procedures based on the

Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act.

(Note 1) Excluding the following foreigners.

- Special permanent resident
- A foreign national who has the status of residence of “Diplomat” or “Official” or is going to acquire the status of residence of “Diplomat” or “Official”

(Note 2) Even foreign nationals who come under 1 (1) or (2) above will be subject to additional epidemic prevention and control measures if they enter or re-enter Japan on or after September 1.

(Note 3) Specific examples of cases which are described in the [“Specific examples of cases where permission for entry or re-entry may be granted due to being special exceptional circumstances cases corresponding to an individual situation in relation to the measures for denial of landing relating to prevention of the spread of the novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)”](#), and in addition foreign nationals who come under 1 (1) (i) above and who are in the following situations.

- My family is staying in Japan and we have become separated.
- I am a child who was living with my parent(s) or guardian in Japan and was enrolled in a Japanese educational institution but I departed from Japan accompanying my parent(s) or guardian, and I am therefore unable to go to school (including the accompanying parent(s) or guardian).
- I am a student who was receiving elementary or secondary education in Japan and I have to re-enter Japan in order to continue to receive the said education at the same educational institution.
- I need to re-enter Japan for treatment at a Japanese medical institution such as surgery (including re-examination) or childbirth.
- 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.

(Note 4) If it is recognized that there is a high degree of urgency to enter or re-enter Japan, it is not necessary to obtain a pre-departure Certificate of Testing for COVID-19.

In this case, when applying for a visa or Letter of Confirmation of Submitting Required Documentation for Re-entry into Japan, it is necessary to notify the diplomatic mission abroad to the effect that it is necessary to urgently newly enter or re-enter Japan and to submit a document that explains the urgency.

Specific examples of cases where it is recognized that there is a high degree of urgency include the following.

- I need to entry or re-entry Japan for treatment at a Japanese medical institution such as surgery (including re-examination) or childbirth.
(Example of explanation documents: a medical certificate which proves that s/he needs to travel abroad urgently, etc.)
- I need to entry or re-entry Japan in order to visit a relative who was in critical condition abroad or to attend the funeral of a deceased relative.
(Example of explanation documents: a medical certificate which proves that his/her relative is in a critical condition or a death certificate, and an official document which proves the relationship with the relative, etc.)

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