

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

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1. From September 1 onwards, if foreign nationals (*Note 1) who have a history of staying in an area which is subject to denial of landing enter or re-enter Japan, in principle, additional epidemic prevention and control measures will be required from the standpoint of preventing and controlling epidemics.
2. Specifically, (1) foreign nationals who intend to enter Japan will be required to have obtained a visa issued by the Japanese embassy / consulate in the country/region of stay in accordance with the purpose of entry, etc., (2) foreign nationals departing from Japan with a re-entry permit (including special re-entry permits; the same applies hereinafter) up until August 31 will be required to have been obtained a Letter of Confirmation of Submitting Required Documentation for Re-entry into Japan issued by the Japanese embassy / consulate in the country/region of stay, and (3) foreign nationals departing from Japan with a re-entry permit on or after September 1 will be required to have obtained a Receipt for Request of Re-entry (Note 2) issued by the Immigration Services Agency prior to departing from Japan and to have obtained 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 3).

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 use 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, sex), B. the contents

of a Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 (testing method (limited to the sample and the testing described in the specified format), test result, sampling date and more, result date, date of issue), and C. information about the medical institution (name of the medical institution (or name of the doctor), address of the medical institution, seal impression of the medical institution (or signature by 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) The following foreign nationals are excluded.

- Special permanent residents
- Foreign nationals who currently have or are about to acquire the status of residence of “Diplomat” or “Official”

(Note 2) If you depart from Japan with a re-entry permit on or after September 1, you will need to obtain a Receipt for Request of Re-entry from the Immigration Services Agency before departing from Japan. Please note that if you depart from Japan without obtaining a Receipt for Request of Re-entry, you will, in principle, become subject to denial of landing as having no special exceptional circumstances. [Please click here for the procedure for issuance of a Receipt for Request of Re-entry.](#)

(Note 3) 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 enter or re-enter 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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