

Specific examples of cases where permission for entry or re-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 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), 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.

From September 1 onwards, special exceptional circumstances will apply to foreign nationals who departed from Japan with a re-entry permit (including special re-entry permits; the same applies hereinafter) and who are in possession of a Letter of Confirmation of Submitting Required Documentation for Re-entry into Japan issued by a Japanese embassy / consulate or a Receipt for Request of Re-entry issued by the Immigration Services Agency, foreign nationals who departed from Japan with a re-entry permit before August 31 and who were not permitted to re-enter Japan because the validity period of the re-entry permission expired after the country/region of stay was designated an area subject to denial of landing, and foreign nationals who applied for landing in accordance with the “Phased Measures for Resuming Cross-Border Travel”, and in addition, if there is a situation requiring humanitarian consideration, entry may be permitted as special exceptional circumstances corresponding to an individual situation (Note 1).

The following are specific cases in which entry may be permitted depending on the individual situation.

- Foreign nationals newly entering Japan who come under one of the following (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 about 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 about to acquire the status of "Medical Services", and who contributes to the enhancement and strengthening of Japanese medical systems

(Note 1) Please note that, in principle, additional epidemic prevention and control measures are required for entry into Japan (for details, please refer to [“Additional epidemic prevention and control measures for the entry or re-entry of foreign nationals”](#)).

(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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