

Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 for the entry or re-entry of foreign nationals.

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1. 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, they will be required 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 from the standpoint of preventing and controlling epidemics(Note 2,3).
2. 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 form after arriving in Japan (Note 4).

If you are unable to submit a Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 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 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, 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.)

(Note 3) From November 1, foreign nationals who have departed for business purposes in a country / region designated as a denial of landing with a re-entry permit, and who meet the condition that their receiving companies/entities in Japan can ensure required epidemic prevention and control measures, and who stay in there for within 7 days (excluding the period for requesting isolation at their destination) do not need to obtain a Certificate of Testing for

COVID-19([Click here for details](#)).

(Note 4) It would be required to submit a Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 on paper based document to the immigration inspector on arrival.

If you have above a document as electronic data, please be sure to prepare a printed one in advance.

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