

## Consular Services

## Border enforcement measures to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

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## 1. Denial of permission to entry

For the time being, foreign nationals who have stayed in any of the following 159 countries/regions within 14 days prior to the application for landing are denied to enter Japan in pursuant to the Article 5, paragraph (1), item (xiv) of Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, unless special exceptional circumstances are found. Note that foreigners (from the countries and regions where the entry bans do not apply) are not denied to enter Japan even when they arrive in Japan via those countries or regions, which are subject to denial of permission to entry, for refueling or transit purpose. Those who entered those countries or regions will, however, be subject to the entry ban.

Please see [this page](#)  for further information about the denial of landing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

## Countries/Regions subject to denial of permission to enter Japan:

## Asia

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste

## North America

Canada, United States of America

## Latin America and the Caribbean

Argentine, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela

## Europe

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyz, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Vatican

## Middle East

Afghanistan, Bahrain, Israel, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates

## Africa

Algeria, Botswana, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central Africa, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tunisia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

## 2. Denial of the re-entry from countries/regions with high concern of coronavirus variant (B.1.617) confirmed for the first time in India (New)

The re-entry into Japan of foreign nationals with status of residence who have stayed in countries/regions with high concern of coronavirus variant (B.1.617) confirmed for the first time in India within 14 days prior to the application for landing will be denied for the time being unless there are special exceptional circumstances.

(Note 1) subject countries and regions of the measures will be designated and confirmed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. The designation is duly announced.

- On May 12, 2021, the following countries are designated (The above-mentioned quarantine measures commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on May 14, 2021).:  
India, Pakistan, Nepal
- On May 18, 2021, the following countries are designated (The above-mentioned quarantine measures commence from 0:00 am (JST) on May 20, 2021).:  
Maldives, Bangladesh
- On May 19, 2021, the following country is designated (The above-mentioned quarantine measures commence from 0:00 am (JST) on May 21, 2021).:  
Sri Lanka

(Note 2) Foreign nationals with the status of residence of "Permanent Resident", "Spouse or Child of a Japanese National", "Spouse or Child of a Permanent Resident" or "Long Term Resident", who have departed Japan with Re-entry Permission by the next day of the designation mentioned in (Note 1) above with intent to re-entry into Japan from those countries/regions mentioned in (Note 1) above, are treated as persons in special exceptional circumstances. Foreign nationals with the status "Special Permanent Resident" are not within the scope of this entry ban.

(Note 3) The forgoing measures won't be applied to those who will depart those designated countries/regions mentioned in (Note 1) above (excluding India, Pakistan and Nepal) after 0:00 am (JST) 2 days after the designation mentioned in (Note 1) above and arrive in Japan after this time.

According to the above measure, when foreign nationals, who departed from Japan with a re-entry permit before August 31, 2020 and who were not permitted to re-enter Japan because the validity period of the re-entry permission expired after the country/regions of stay was designated an area subject to denial of landing and, have already obtained a visa based on the newly issued Certificate of Eligibility (COE), they will be subject to denial of landing for the time being if they have stayed in those designated countries/regions mentioned in (Note 1) above within 14 days prior to the application for landing.

## 3. Quarantine measures (New)

The current quarantine measures are strengthened as followings. These measures are decided to remain in place until further notice. For travelers arriving from the countries/regions with community transmission of coronavirus variants of concern and countries/regions whose authorities have announced the confirmation of domestic infection of new variant of coronavirus, please check (2) as well as (1).

### (1) Enforced quarantine measures

From March 19, 2021, all travelers including Japanese nationals have to submit a certificate of negative test result conducted within 72 hours prior to departing from the country/region where travelers stay when entering Japan. Those who do not submit a certificate of negative test result will be denied entry into Japan in accordance with the Quarantine Act. Airline companies will reject boarding those without one. Please consult with Embassies or Consulates or Consular Office of Japan in case it is truly difficult to obtain the certificate of negative test result.

From January 8, 2021, all those who enter, re-enter or return to Japan (including Japanese nationals) are also subject to conducting of COVID-19 test upon arrival no matter whether arriving from the countries/regions designated as an area subject to denial of permission to enter Japan or not until further notice. Then they are required to stay 14 days at a location designated by the quarantine station chief (own residence etc.) and to refrain from using public transportation.

From January 14, 2021 until further notice, all Japanese nationals and foreign nationals with the status of residence are also required to pledge to refrain from using public transportation for 14 days, and to be in quarantine at home or other designated areas for 14 days, retain the location data,

and provide it to the health centers or other institutions, if requested. (If separate quarantine measures are to be taken, those also need to be pledged.) They are required to sign and submit the [Written Pledge \(PDF\)](#) when entering Japan. In case of violation, they may be subject to detention under Quarantine Act and the following shall apply:

- (i) For Japanese nationals, names and other information that contribute to preventing the spread of infection may be made public.
- (ii) For foreign nationals with the status of residence, names, nationalities, and other information that contribute to preventing the spread of infection may be made public. They may also be subject to the revocation of status of residence and procedures for deportation under Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Law. Those who do not submit the “Written Pledge” are requested to stay at a location designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station (only at the accommodation booked by the quarantine office) for 14 days.

**(2) Reinforced quarantine measures for all the travelers who enter, re-enter or return to Japan from designated countries/regions with coronavirus variant (B.1.617) confirmed for the first time in India.**

- (i) Japanese and Foreign nationals arriving from designated countries/regions with coronavirus variant (B.1.617) confirmed for the first time in India are requested to stay for 3 days at specific facilities designated by the chief of the quarantine station (limited to the accommodations facilities designated by the chief of the quarantine station), and then required to take the COVID-19 tests on the third day. Those who have negative result in the test may leave the facility and are requested to self-quarantine at home during the remaining period of 14 days after entering Japan.
- (ii) Among all cross-border travelers and returnees from the countries/regions mentioned above, especially those from countries/regions of high concern judged from a comprehensive assessment factoring in the current infection status, results of the COVID-19 test during the quarantine inspection at the Japanese airports among others, are requested, for the time being, to get tested for COVID-19 on the third and sixth days from the entry into Japan. Then those who obtain the negative results of both COVID-19 tests, may leave from facilities secured by the Quarantine Station, but are still required to stay for the remaining period of 14 days after the entry into Japan at a location designated by the quarantine station chief (own residence etc.)

(Note 1) subject countries and regions of the measures will be designated and confirmed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. The designation is duly announced.

Countries/ regions subject to the quarantine measures mentioned in (i) above.

On May 18, 2021, the following countries are designated (The above-mentioned quarantine measures commence from 0:00 am (JST) on May 21, 2021.):

Ireland, Netherlands, Greece, Finland, France, Poland, Jordan (Those 5 countries, namely Ireland, Netherlands, Finland, France and Poland, are already recognized as countries/regions with community transmission of coronavirus variants of concern. Those are subject to the same measures for border enforcement as mentioned in (i) above)

Countries/ regions subject to the quarantine measures mentioned in (ii) above.

On May 18, 2021, the following countries are designated (The above-mentioned quarantine measures commence from 0:00 am (JST) on May 21, 2021.):

India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bangladesh

(The above-mentioned quarantine measures had already applied if they have stayed in India, Pakistan and Nepal.)

(Note 2) The above-mentioned quarantine measures will be applied to those entering Japan who have stayed within 14 days in the countries and regions with coronavirus variant (B.1.617) confirmed for the first time in India.

(Note 3) The above-mentioned quarantine measures will commence from 0:00 am (JST) on May 21, 2021. The application of the above-mentioned measures to any additional countries and regions will commence from 0:00 am (JST), 3 days after the designation mentioned in (Note 1) above. (The above-mentioned quarantine measures are already applicable if they have stayed in India, Pakistan and Nepal.)

**(3) Enforced quarantine measures for all the travelers who enter, re-enter or return to Japan from the countries/regions with community transmission of coronavirus variants of concern and countries/regions whose authorities have announced the confirmation of domestic infection of new variant of coronavirus (Except for countries/regions mentioned in (2) above)**

- (i) countries/regions with community transmission of coronavirus variants of concern In addition to the quarantine measures mentioned in (1) above, all Japanese nationals and foreign nationals with status of residence are requested to stay for 3 days at specific facilities designated by the chief of the quarantine station (limited to the accommodation facilities by the chief of the quarantine station) until further notice. On the third day, they are required to take the COVID-19 test again. Those who have negative result in this test leave the facility and are required to self-quarantine at home during the remaining period of 14 days after entering Japan.

(Note 1) subject countries and regions of the measures will be designated and confirmed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. The designation is duly announced.

- On December 23, 2020, the following country is designated (The above-mentioned quarantine measures commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on December 24, 2020.):  
the UK
- On December 25, 2020, the following country is designated (The above-mentioned quarantine measures commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on December 26, 2020.):  
South Africa
- On February 2, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated (The above-mentioned quarantine measures commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on February 5, 2021.):  
Ireland, Israel, Amazonas (Brazil)
- On March 2, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated (The above-mentioned quarantine measures commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on March 5, 2021.):  
the UAE, Italy, Austria, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden, Slovakia, Denmark, Germany, Nigeria, Brazil(Except Amazonas), France, Belgium
- On March 17, 2021, the following countries are designated (The above-mentioned quarantine measures commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on March 20, 2021.):  
Estonia, Czech Republic, Pakistan, Hungary, Poland, Luxemburg, Lebanon
- On March 26, 2021, the following countries are designated (The above-mentioned quarantine measures commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on March 29, 2021.):  
Ukraine, Philippines
- On April 6, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated (The above-mentioned quarantine measures commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on April 9, 2021.):  
Province of Ontario (Canada), Spain, Finland
- On April 28, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated (The above-mentioned quarantine measures commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on May 1, 2021.):  
States of Tennessee, Florida, Michigan and Minnesota(United States of America), India, Peru
- On May 12, 2021, the following country is designated (The above-mentioned quarantine measures commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on May 15, 2021.):  
Nepal

(Note 2) The above-mentioned quarantine measures are applied to those entering Japan who have stayed within 14 days in the countries/regions with community transmission of coronavirus variants of concern.

- (ii) Countries/regions whose authorities have announced the confirmation of domestic infection of new variant of coronavirus (Except for the countries/regions with community transmission of coronavirus variants of concern as explained above (i)) (Note 1)

All Japanese nationals and foreign nationals with the status of residence are required the quarantine measures mentioned in (1) above.

(Note 1) subject countries and regions of the measures will be designated and confirmed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. The designation is duly announced.

- On December 26, 2020, the following countries and regions are designated (The above-mentioned quarantine measures commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on December 30, 2020.):  
Ireland, Israel, Italy, Australia, Netherlands, Denmark, France, Belgium
- On December 27, 2020, Province of Ontario(Canada) was designated as a region subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on December 31, 2020.
- On December 28, 2020, the following countries/regions are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on January 1, 2021.:  
Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Norway, Liechtenstein
- On December 29, 2020, Iceland (designated on December 26, 2020) was removed from the list of designated countries and regions.
- On December 30, 2020, the following countries/regions are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on January 3, 2021.:  
State of Colorado (United States of America), Province of Quebec (Canada)
- On December 31, 2020, the following countries/regions are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on January 4, 2021.:  
State of California (United States of America), the UAE(Note4), Germany
- On January 1, 2021, the following region is designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on January 5, 2021.:  
State of Florida (United States of America)
- On January 5, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on

January 9, 2021.:

Iceland, State of New York (United States of America), Slovakia, Finland

- On January 6, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on January 10, 2021.:  
State of Georgia (United States of America), Georgia, Nigeria (Note 4), State of Sao Paulo (Brazil), Luxembourg
- On January 8, 2021, the following country is designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on January 12, 2021.:  
States of Connecticut, Texas and Pennsylvania (United States of America)
- On January 9, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on January 13, 2021.:  
Province of British Columbia (Canada), Romania
- On January 11, 2021, the following region is designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on January 15, 2021.:  
State of Minnesota (United States of America)
- On January 13, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on January 17, 2021.:  
State of Maryland (United States of America), Portugal
- On January 19, 2021, the following country is designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on January 23, 2021.:  
Ghana (Note4)
- On January 20, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on January 24, 2021.:  
State of Utah (United States of America), Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary
- On January 21, 2021, the following region is designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on January 25, 2021.:  
Beijing (People's Republic of China)
- On January 26, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on January 30, 2021.:  
States of New Jersey and Virginia (United States of America), Palestine, Vietnam
- On January 27, 2021, the following countries are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on January 31, 2021.:  
Greece, Singapore, Serbia, Jordan
- On January 29, 2021, the following countries are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on February 2, 2021.:  
Ecuador, North Macedonia, Poland, Mozambique
- On February 1, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on February 5, 2021.:  
States of Oregon, South Carolina and Delaware (United States of America), Province of Alberta (Canada), Bulgaria
- On February 3, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on February 7 2021.:  
Kosovo, Turkey
- On February 5, 2021, the following countries are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on February 9, 2021.:  
Republic of Korea, Tanzania (Note 4)
- On February 8, 2021, the following country is designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on February 12, 2021.:  
Qatar (Note 4)
- On February 10, 2021, the following countries are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on February 14, 2021.:  
Chile, Malta
- On February 12, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on February 16, 2021.:  
State of Hawaii(United States of America), Croatia, State of Paraiba(Brazil)
- On February 17, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on February 21, 2021.:  
Iran, Estonia, State of Goiás(Brazil), Latvia

- On February 19, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on February 23, 2021.:  
States of Massachusetts and Mississippi(United States of America), Iraq, State of Bahia(Brazil)
- On February 25, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on March 1, 2021.:  
Cambodia, Zimbabwe, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, States of Acre(Note 4), Alagos and Rio de Janeiro(Brazil)
- On February 26, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on March 2, 2021.:  
Costa Rica, State of Rio Grande do Norte(Brazil), Lithuania
- On March 3, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on March 7, 2021.:  
State of Nevada(United States of America(Note 4)), Slovenia, Botswana
- On March 5, 2021, the following countries are designated as regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on March 9, 2021.:  
Argentina, Tunisia, Venezuela
- On March 10, 2021, the following countries are designated as countries/regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on March 14, 2021.:  
Ukraine, Cote d'Ivoire, Jamaica, Bangladesh
- On March 12, 2021, the following countries are designated as countries/regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on March 16, 2021.:  
Albania, Colombia, Belarus
- On March 17, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as countries/regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on March 21, 2021.:  
Kenya(Note 4), Nepal(Note 4), Ulyanovsk Oblast (Russia)
- On March 19, 2021, the following country is designated as countries/regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on March 23, 2021.:  
Indonesia
- On March 24, 2021, the following countries are designated as countries/regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on March 28, 2021.:  
India(Note 4), Uruguay, Moldova
- On April 1, 2021, the following countries are designated as countries/regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on April 5, 2021.:  
Peru, Bosnia and Herzegovina(Note 4)
- On April 2, 2021, the following country is designated as countries/regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on April 6, 2021.:  
Kazakhstan
- On April 7, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as countries/regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on April 11, 2021.:  
Afghanistan, Djibouti(Note 4), Morocco
- On April 9, 2021, the following countries are designated as countries/regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on April 13, 2021.:  
Armenia, Cuba, Suriname, Thailand
- On April 14, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as countries/regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on April 18, 2021.:  
Angola, Uzbekistan(Note 4), Equatorial Guinea, Paraguay, Sverdlovsk Oblast and Republic of Dagestan(Russia)
- On April 21, 2021, the following countries are designated as countries/regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commences from 0:00 am (JST) on April 25, 2021.:  
Syrian Arab Republic, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
- On April 23, 2021, the following country is designated as countries/regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on April 27, 2021.:  
Bolivia
- On April 28, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as countries/regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on

May 2, 2021.:

Krasnoyarsk Krai and Tyva Republic(Russia)

- On April 30, 2021, the following countries are designated as countries/regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on May 4, 2021.:

Fiji, Malaysia

- On May 14, 2021, the following countries/regions are designated as countries/regions subject to the above-mentioned quarantine measures, the application of which commenced from 0:00 am (JST) on May 18, 2021.:

Uganda(Note 4), Zambia, Sri Lanka(Note 4), Taiwan, Hong Kong, Mauritania, Mongolia, Laos, Sakha Republic(Russia)

(Note 2) The above-mentioned quarantine measures will be applied to those entering Japan who have stayed within 14 days in the countries and regions mentioned in (Note 1) above.

(Note 3) The above-mentioned quarantine measures will commence from 0:00 am (JST) on December 30, 2020. The application of the above-mentioned measures to any additional countries and regions will commence from 0:00 am (JST) 4 days after the designation mentioned in (Note 1) above.

(Note 4) Although the domestic infection of new variant of Coronavirus has not been confirmed in this country/region, the designation was introduced as a precautionary measure since the new variant of Coronavirus has been detected from infected persons who have stayed in that country/region within 14 days prior to entering Japan.

For further information, please see the following [website \(Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare\)](#) 

## 4. Suspension of visa validity

**Important notice of the validity of visas already issued under “Business Track” or “Residence Track” on January 13, 2021**

Validity of visas listed below are suspended for the time being

**(1) Single and multiple-entry visas issued by March 8th, 2020 by Japanese Embassies or Consulates General in China (including Hong Kong and Macau) and Republic of Korea**

**(2) Single and multiple-entry visas issued by March 20th, 2020 by Japanese Embassies and Consulates General in the following countries**

### Europe

Andorra, Austria, Bulgaria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Vatican

### Middle East

Iran

### Africa

Egypt

**(3) Single and multiple-entry visas issued by March 27th, 2020 by Japanese Embassies and Consulates General in the following countries**

### Asia

Brunei, Indonesia (note), Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam  
Note: including seal of “visa wavier registration certificate”

### Middle East

Bahrain, Israel, Qatar

### Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo

**(4) Single and multiple-entry visas issued by April 2nd, 2020, by Japanese Embassies and Consulates General located in or accredited to the following countries and regions**

### Asia

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Laos, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste

#### Oceania

Cook, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

#### Latin America and the Caribbean

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentine, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guyana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela

#### Europe

Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

#### Middle East

Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates (note), Yemen

Note: including seal of “visa wavier registration certificate”

#### Africa

Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

**(5) From 0:00 am (JST) on January 21, 2021 for the time being, the validity of visas already issued under “Business Track” or “Residence Track” and visas issued based on “New measures for border enforcement (4)” (referred in Note 2 of Article 1) will be suspended.**

## 5. Suspension of visa exemption measures

As visa exemption measures with the countries and regions listed below are temporarily suspended, those who fall under the measures are required to obtain visas before visiting Japan. Australia, New Zealand and Taiwan have been newly added to the list (1) and (2) below. The measures will be in place for the time being.

### (1) Visa exemption measures agreed with Japan and the following countries and regions

#### Asia

Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Viet Nam

#### Oceania

Australia, Nauru, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon

#### Latin America and the Caribbean

Argentine, Bahamas, Barbados, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay

#### Europe

Andorra, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Vatican

#### Middle East

Israel, Iran, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates

#### Africa

Lesotho, Tunisia

**(2) The effect of Pre-Clearances (i.e. visa exemptions) granted by the Japanese Government to APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) issued by the following countries and regions is also suspended.**

Australia, Brunei, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Viet Nam

## 6. Restrictions on airport/ports for arrival

The Government of Japan (GOJ) announced the following measures (1) and (2) on March 5, 2020, and (3) on April 1, 2020. These measures will be in place for the time being.

- (1) The Government of Japan restricts arrival airports for passenger flights from China or Republic of Korea to Narita International Airport and Kansai International Airport only and requests the airlines concerned to conform this restriction. Based on the announcement of the GOJ on September 25, 2020, the incremental relaxation of the limitation on the number of arrival airports for passenger aircraft being implemented for the time being will be considered in light of the conditions including testing capacities upon arrival of each airport. The relaxation will be implemented once such conditions are met at each airport.
- (2) The Government of Japan suspends passenger transportation departing from China or Republic of Korea by vessels and requests related companies to conform this suspension.
- (3) Requesting airlines concerned to curb the number of arrival passengers to Japan by such measures as reducing the number of passenger arrival flights in order to ensure the appropriate implementation of quarantine measures. In order to securing smooth return to Japan of Japanese citizens or overseas travelers wishing to return, a proper care, including providing information and sending advisories, will be taken.
- (4) The measures will be in place for the time being

## 7. Entry of foreign nationals with special exceptional circumstances

**Currently, all foreign nationals who wish to newly enter Japan need to apply for a visa except for those with re-entry permit. Please note that due to the impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the visa approval procedure may take longer than usual. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated.**

Foreign nationals who are entitled to enter Japan as those with special exceptional circumstances are required to apply for an appropriate visa at Embassies or Consulates or Consular Office of Japan (for Taiwan, Taipei Kaohsiung offices of Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association)(hereinafter referred as "Japan's overseas establishments") in your country/region.

Please see [here \(PDF\)](#) to be informed of the detailed cases of special exceptional circumstances.

Please see [this page](#) for the information about the visa application.

Please note that [the certificate of negative test result \(PDF\)](#) of pre-departure COVID-19 test conducted within 72 hours prior to departing from the country/region where travelers stay is required for foreign nationals to enter Japan, with special exceptional circumstances, in addition to obtaining a valid visa.

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