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New entry of foreign nationals

As emergency precautionary measure from a preventive perspective, new entry of foreign nationals is suspended. This measure will remain in effect at least until the end of February.

Please refer to [7. Entry of foreign nationals with special exceptional circumstances](#) below for further information.

Suspension of visa validity

From 0:00 am (JST) December 2, 2021, as emergency precautionary measure from a preventive perspective against coronavirus variant Omicron (B.1.1.529), validity of visas already issued by December 2, 2021 are suspended except for those issued for the holders of status of residence as "Spouse or Child of a Japanese National", "Spouse or Child of a Permanent Resident" or "Diplomat".

Please refer to [4. Suspension of visa validity](#) below for further information.

Re-entry into Japan of foreign nationals with status of residence : This measure have ended on 0:00 am (JST) January 12, 2022.

Measures to deny foreign nationals with re-entry permit who hold the record staying in Angola, Eswatini, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Botswana, Malawi, South Africa, Mozambique, Lesotho have ended on 0:00 am (JST) January 12, 2022.

Quarantine measures : Change of self-quarantine period after entry into Japan

From 0:00 am (JST) on January 15, 2022, self-quarantine period after their entry into Japan is changed.

All cross-border travelers and returnees from countries/regions where the B.1.1.529 Omicron variant becomes dominant are required to self-quarantine in places such as their own residence or accommodations after their entry into Japan, to follow-up checks conducted by the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants (HCO) and to refrain from using public transportation for 10 days.

Please see [3. Quarantine measures](#) below for further information.

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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 [Regarding the denial of landing permission to prevent the spread of COVID-19 \(multilingual version\) 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:

Region	Countries/Regions
Asia	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste
Oceania	Fiji
North America	Canada, United States of America
Latin America and the Caribbean	Argentina, 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, Angola, Botswana, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central Africa, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, 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 certain countries/regions among designated countries/regions in response to COVID-19 variants of special treatment on border measures (New)

The re-entry into Japan of foreign nationals with status of residence who have stayed in designated countries/regions in response to coronavirus variants of special treatment on border measures within 14 days prior to the application for landing will be denied for the time being unless there are special exceptional circumstances.

Designated Date	Date of Commencing quarantine measures	Countries/Regions
-	-	None

(Note 1) subject countries and regions of the measures designated on and after September 18, 2021 will be designated and confirmed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. The designation is duly announced.

(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, in principle, as persons in special exceptional circumstances. Foreign nationals with the status "Special Permanent Resident" are not within the scope of this entry ban.

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.


From 0:00 am (JST) on January 15, 2022, self-quarantine period after their entry into Japan is changed. All cross-border travelers and returnees from countries/regions where the B.1.1.529 Omicron variant becomes dominant are required to self-quarantine in places such as their own residence or accommodations after their entry into Japan, to follow-up checks conducted by the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants (HCO) and to refrain from using public transportation for 10 days.

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) Reinforced 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 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, and to be in quarantine at home or other designated areas, 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).

From 0:00 am (JST) on January 15, 2022, self-quarantine period after entry into Japan is changed.

For all cross-border travelers and returnees from countries/regions where the B.1.1.529 Omicron variant becomes dominant (all countries/regions except for those where COVID-19 variants other than the Omicron variant become dominant), the length of period when they are required to self-quarantine in places such as their own residence or accommodations after their entry into Japan, to follow-up checks conducted by the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants (HCO) and to refrain from using public transportation is changed from 14 days to 10 days.

Based on New Border Measures (25), countries/regions where COVID-19 variants other than the Omicron variant become dominant are to be specified separately. For all cross-border travelers and returnees from the specified countries/regions, the length of period when they are required to self-quarantine in places such as their own residence or accommodations after their entry into Japan, to follow-up checks conducted by the HCO and to refrain from using public transportation is 14 days.

(2) Reinforced quarantine measures for all the travelers who enter, re-enter or return to Japan from designated countries/regions in response to coronavirus variant Omicron (B.1.1.529).

Taking such elements as knowledge of coronavirus variant Omicron (B.1.1.529), epidemic situation in each country/region, risk assessment of current situation of inflow of the COVID-19 to Japan, and efficacy of the vaccination among others into account, and judged from a comprehensive risk assessment of inflow of coronavirus from each country/region, the following countries/regions will be designated as countries/regions in response to coronavirus variant Omicron (B.1.1.529);

Designated Date	Date of Commencing quarantine measures	Countries/Regions
November 29, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on November 30, 2021	Angola, Israel, Italy, the UK, Eswatini, Austria, Netherlands, Province of Ontario (Canada), State of New South Wales, Northern Territory (Australia), Zambia, Zimbabwe, Germany, Czech, Denmark, Namibia, France, Belgium, Botswana, Malawi, South Africa, Mozambique, Lesotho
November 30, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 1, 2021	Sweden, Spain, Nigeria, Portugal
December 1, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 2, 2021	Korea, Provinces of Alberta, British Columbia(Canada), Switzerland, State of Sao Paulo (Brazil), Reunion
December 2, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 3, 2021	Ireland, Ghana, Norway, State of California (United States of America)
December 3, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 4, 2021	State of Karnataka (India), Greek, States of Colorado, New York, Hawaii, Minnesota (United States of America)
December 6, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 7, 2021	State of Maharashtra (India) , Australian Capital Territory (Australia), States of Connecticut, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Missouri, Maryland, Washington (United States of America)
December 7, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 8, 2021	Croatia
December 9, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 10, 2021	Iceland, State of Rajasthan (India)
December 10, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 11, 2021	Democratic Republic of the Congo, Chile, State of Louisiana (United States of America)
December 13, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 14, 2021	Cyprus, Pakistan, Finland, State of Texas, Washington DC (United States of America)
December 14, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 15, 2021	Estonia, Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia (Canada) , Kenya
December 15, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 16, 2021	State of Arizona (United States of America)
December 16, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 17, 2021	State of Kerala (India) , Slovenia, Lebanon
December 17, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 18, 2021	Tanzania
December 20, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 21, 2021	Argentina, States of Queensland, Victoria (Australia), States of Delaware, Michigan (United States of America), Peru
December 21, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 22, 2021	Egypt, Hungary

Designated Date	Date of Commencing quarantine measures	Countries/Regions
December 22, 2021,	0:00 am (JST) on December 23, 2021	Ecuador, Slovakia, United States of America, Lithuania, Russia States of Arizona, California, Connecticut, Colorado, Texas, Delaware, New York, Nebraska, Hawaii, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Maryland, Louisiana, Washington, Washington DC (United States of America) were already designated regions in response to coronavirus variant Omicron (B.1.1.529)).
December 23, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 24, 2021	Georgia, Trinidad and Tobago, Poland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg
December 24, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 25, 2021	Canada, Malta Provinces of Alberta, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, British Columbia (Canada) were already designated regions in response to coronavirus variant Omicron (B.1.1.529)).
January 4, 2022	0:00 am (JST) on January 5, 2022	United Arab Emirates
January 7, 2022	0:00 am (JST) on January 8, 2022	Qatar, Sierra Leone, Dominican Republic, Philippines
January 11, 2022	0:00 am (JST) on January 12, 2022	State of Tamil Nadu, National Capital Territory of Delhi (India), Columbia, Turkey
January 14, 2022	0:00 am (JST) on January 15, 2022	India, Thailand, Nepal, Mexico, Maldives States of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, National Capital Territory of Delhi, States of Maharashtra, Rajasthan (India) were already designated regions in response to coronavirus variant Omicron (B.1.1.529)).
January 18, 2022	0:00 am (JST) on January 19, 2022	Australia, Tunisia, Fiji, States of Santa Catarina, Minas Gerais, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) State of Queensland, Australian Capital Territory, States of New South Wales, Victoria, Northern Territory (Australia) were already designated regions in response to coronavirus variant Omicron (B.1.1.529)).

(3) Reinforced quarantine measures for all the travelers who enter, re-enter or return to Japan from designated countries/regions in response to COVID-19 variants of special treatment on border measures.

Taking such elements as knowledge of COVID-19 variants of special treatment on border measures, epidemic situation in each country/region, risk assessment of current situation of inflow of the COVID-19 to Japan, and efficacy of the vaccination among others into account, and judged from a comprehensive risk assessment of inflow of coronavirus from each country/region, the following additional measures will be implemented as designated

countries/regions in response to COVID-19 variants of special treatment on border measures according to separate designation based on this measure;

(i) All cross-border travelers and returnees from some of the countries/regions which are separately listed among the designated countries/regions are requested, for the time being, **to stay for 10 days** at facilities designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station (limited only to those facilities secured by the Quarantine Station). In addition, those who obtain negative results of **all COVID-19 tests conducted on the third, sixth and tenth days** from the entry into Japan, may leave the facilities, but are still required to stay for the remaining period of 10 days after the entry into Japan at places such as their own residence.

Designated Date	Date of Commencing quarantine measures	Countries/Regions
November 26, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on November 27, 2021	Eswatini, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Botswana, South Africa, Lesotho
November 27, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on November 28, 2021	Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique
November 29, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on November 30, 2021	Angola
December 10, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 13, 2021	Democratic Republic of the Congo

(ii) All cross-border travelers and returnees from some of the countries/regions which are separately listed among the designated countries/regions, are requested, for the time being, **to stay for 6 days** at facilities designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station (limited only to those facilities secured by the Quarantine Station). In addition, those who obtain negative results of **both COVID-19 tests conducted on the third and sixth days** from the entry into Japan, may leave from facilities secured by the Quarantine Station, but are still required to stay for the remaining period of 10 days after the entry into Japan at places such as their own residence.

Designated Date	Date of Commencing quarantine measures	Countries/Regions
November 5, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on November 8, 2021	Venezuela
November 29, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 1, 2021	Italy, the UK, Netherlands
December 1, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 3, 2021	Korea, Sweden, Germany, Portugal
December 10, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 13, 2021	Denmark
December 13, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 14, 2021	Norway
December 17, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 20, 2021	States of New York, Hawaii (United States of America)
December 21, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 24, 2021	France
December 23, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 26, 2021	States of Illinois, Massachusetts (United States of America)
December 24, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 27, 2021	Kenya, Tanzania, Nigeria
December 27, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 30, 2021.	States of California, Texas, Florida (United States of America)

(iii) All cross-border travelers and returnees from some of the countries/regions which are separately listed among the designated countries/regions are requested, for the time being, **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). In addition, those who obtain a negative result of **COVID-19 test conducted on the third day** from the entry into Japan, may leave the facility and are still required to stay for the remaining period of 10 days after the entry of Japan at places such as their own residence.

Designated Date	Date of Commencing quarantine measures	Countries/Regions
November 5, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on November 8, 2021	Ecuador, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Haiti
November 29, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 1, 2021	Austria, Province of Ontario (Canada), Czech, Belgium

Designated Date	Date of Commencing quarantine measures	Countries/Regions
November 30, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 2, 2021	Spain
December 1, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 3, 2021	Provinces of Alberta, British Columbia (Canada), Switzerland, State of Sao Paulo (Brazil), Reunion
December 2, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 4, 2021	Ireland, Ghana
December 3, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 5, 2021	State of Karnataka (India), Greek, States of Colorado, Minnesota (United States of America)
December 6, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 8, 2021	State of Maharashtra (India) , Australian Capital Territory (Australia), States of Connecticut, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Maryland, Washington (United States of America)
December 7, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 9, 2021	Croatia
December 9, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 12, 2021	Iceland, State of Rajasthan (India)
December 10, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 13, 2021	Chile, State of Louisiana (United States of America)
December 13, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 16, 2021	Cyprus, Pakistan, Finland, State of Washington DC (United States of America)
December 14, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 17, 2021	Estonia, Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia (Canada)
December 15, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 18, 2021	State of Arizona (United States of America)
December 16, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 19, 2021	State of Kerala (India) ,Slovenia, Lebanon
December 20, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 23, 2021	Argentine, States of Queensland, Victoria (Australia), States of Delaware, Michigan (United States of America), Peru
December 21, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 24, 2021	Israel, Egypt, State of New South Wales, Northern Territory (Australia), Hungary
December 22, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 25, 2021	Slovakia, United States of America (other than States of Illinois , California, Texas, New York, Hawaii, Florida, Massachusetts, which were already listed in the above-mentioned measure (ii).), Lithuania, Russia
December 23, 2021	0:00 am (JST) December 26, 2021	Georgia, Trinidad and Tobago, Poland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg
December 24, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on December 27, 2021).	Canada, Malta (Provinces of Alberta, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, British Columbia, (Canada) were already listed in the above-mentioned measure (iii).)
January 4, 2022	0:00 am (JST) on January 7, 2022	United Arab Emirates

Designated Date	Date of Commencing quarantine measures	Countries/Regions
January 7, 2022	0:00 am (JST) on January 10, 2022	Sierra Leone, Philippines
January 7, 2022	0:00 am (JST) on January 11, 2022	Qatar
January 11, 2022	0:00 am (JST) on January 14, 2022	State of Tamil Nadu, National Capital Territory of Delhi (India), Turkey
January 14, 2022	0:00 am (JST) on January 17, 2022	India, Thailand, Nepal, Mexico, Maldives (States of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, National Capital Territory of Delhi, States of Maharashtra, Rajasthan (India) were already listed in the above-mentioned measure (iii).
January 18, 2022	0:00 am (JST) on January 21, 2022	Australia, Tunisia, Fiji, States of Santa Catarina, Minas Gerais, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) State of Queensland, Australian Capital Territory, States of New South Wales, Victoria, Northern Territory (Australia) were already listed in the above-mentioned measure (iii).

(4) Reinforced quarantine measures for all the travelers who enter, re-enter or return to Japan from designated countries/regions in response to COVID-19 infection other than coronavirus variants of special treatment on border measures.

With regard to countries/regions other than countries/regions based on the designation mentioned in (2) above, taking such elements as knowledge of COVID-19, epidemic situation in each country/region, risk assessment of current situation of inflow of COVID-19 to Japan, and efficacy of the vaccination among others into account, and judged from a comprehensive assessment of the risk of inflow of the coronavirus from each country/region, all cross-border travelers and returnees from countries/regions judged with high risk of inflow of COVID-19 are requested, for the time being, to stay 3 days at facilities designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station (limited only to those facilities secured by the Quarantine Station) as “designated countries/regions in response to coronavirus infection other than COVID-19 variants of special treatment on border measures” according to the separate designation based on this measure. In addition, those who obtain a negative result of COVID-19 test conducted on the third day from the entry into Japan, may leave the facilities, but are still required to stay for the remaining period of 10 days after the entry into Japan at places such as own residence.

Designated Date	Date of Commencing quarantine measures	Countries/Regions
November 5, 2021	0:00 am (JST) on November 8, 2021	Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Costa Rica, Suriname, Morocco, Mongolia

(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.

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

From 0:00 am (JST) December 10, 2021, taking such elements as knowledge of COVID-19 variants of special treatment on border measures, epidemic situation in each country/region, risk assessment of current situation of inflow of the COVID-19 to Japan, and efficacy of the vaccination among others into account, and judged from a comprehensive risk assessment of inflow of coronavirus from each country/region, you are exempt from the 3 days/6 days stay at the government-designated accommodation if you are entering from the “designated countries/regions” (excluding countries/regions in response to coronavirus variant Omicron (B.1.1.529)), whose travelers are required to stay for 3 days/6 days at the government designated accommodation. However, you still need to stay at home or in the place you're staying for 10 days quarantine period.

Countries/regions in response to COVID-19 infection other than variant Omicron (B.1.1.529), where all travelers required to stay at designated accommodation for 3 days/6 days.

Countries/Regions designated accommodation for 3 days	Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Costa Rica, Suriname, Haiti, Morocco, Mongolia
Countries/Regions designated accommodation for 6 days	Venezuela

Please see [this page for information about COVID-19 Vaccination Certificates Valid for Entry into Japan from Abroad](#)

4. Suspension of visa validity

From 0:00 am (JST) December 2, 2021, as emergency precautionary measure from a preventive perspective against coronavirus variant Omicron (B.1.1.529), validity of visas already issued by December 2, 2021 are suspended except for the status of residence of “Spouse or Child of a Japanese National”, “Spouse or Child of a Permanent Resident” or “Diplomat”. This measure does not apply to foreign nationals who departed from overseas before 00:00 am (JST) on December 2, 2021 and arrive in Japan after the time.

As for visas already issued under “Business Track” or “Residence Track” and visas issued based on “New border measures (4)” (referred in Note 2 of Article 1), for the time being, validity of those visas have been suspended from 0:00 am (JST) on January 21, 2021 based on the announcement of the Government of Japan dated 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

Region	Countries/Regions
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

Region	Countries/Regions
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

Region	Countries/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, Argentina, 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

Region	Countries/Regions
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. 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

Region	Countries/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	Argentina, 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.

Region	Countries/Regions
Asia	Brunei, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Viet Nam
Oceania	Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea
Latin America and the Caribbean	Mexico, Peru
Europe	Russia

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.

From 0:00 am (JST) December 2, 2021, as emergency precautionary measure from a preventive perspective, cases for entry of foreign nationals with other special exceptional circumstances were changed.

Please see [Regarding the denial of landing permission to prevent the spread of COVID-19 \(multilingual version\) to be informed of the detailed cases of special exceptional circumstances](#).

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 [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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