



1 Denial of landing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

For more information regarding pandemic prevention measures when entering Japan, please visit [the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare homepage](#).

(1) Entry to Japan from countries/regions subject to denial of permission to enter Japan

Foreign nationals who have stayed in any of the designated 41 countries/regions subject to denial of permission to enter Japan within 14 days before arrival in Japan will not be granted permission to enter the country without “Special circumstances” as described below.

(For detailed information please see “[Denial of landing to prevent the spread of COVID-19 \(Novel Coronavirus\)](#)” (Japanese))

○ Specific examples under which entry and re-entry are permitted under “Special circumstances” are as follows:

- ① Foreign nationals re-entering Japan with a re-entry permit (including a special re-entry permit)
- ② New entry into Japan by a spouse or child of a Japanese Citizen or Permanent Resident.
- ③ Individuals who currently have, or will have, a visa under the “Diplomat” or “Official” category.
- ④ **Those newly entering Japan under the guidelines detailed in the new measures to strengthen border restrictions (29)**
→ Please refer to section 2 below.
- ⑤ Those visiting relatives or acquaintances in Japan (With a verifiable relationship with the resident in Japan/Where there is a recognized need for the applicant to travel to Japan) and will obtain a “Short term stay/Visitor” Visa.
- ⑥ Foreign Nationals whose purpose of entry is recognized as having high public interest (For example, technical experts on vaccine development, etc.)
- ⑦ Others who are recognized to have special exceptional circumstances such as the need for humanitarian consideration.

(2) Entry to Japan from places other than those countries/regions subject to denial of permission to enter Japan

Currently, Visa issuance has been restricted worldwide and as a general rule only issued to certain people who are recognized to have “special circumstances.”

*Currently, except for re-entry, it is necessary to obtain a visa at a diplomatic mission abroad before entering Japan.

2 Re-consideration of cross-border travel restrictions for foreign nationals (New measures for strengthening border measures (29))

New entry into Japan will in principle be permitted under the classification “special circumstances” for categories (1), (2), or (3) below, if the accepting organization (the company / organization that invites the foreigner for employment or business / entertainment) in Japan completes the registration in the Entrants, Returnees Follow-up System (ERFS), and receives a visa as prescribed by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.

- (1) New entry for temporary visitors (less than three months) for commercial or employment purposes
- (2) New entry for temporary visitors for sightseeing purposes (Only permitted when a travel agent / tour guide acts as the accepting organization)
- (3) New entry for long-term stay

○For details and applications, refer to the [Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare website](#)