

**\*This notice applies to individuals who plan to depart Japan on or after September 1, 2020.**

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

Starting from September 1, 2020 special exceptional circumstances include 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 either a Receipt of intention to re-enter Japan from the Immigration Services Agency of Japan or Letter of Confirmation of Submitting Required Documentation for Re-entry into Japan from the Japan diplomatic mission abroad, foreign nationals who applied for landing in accordance with the “Phased Measures for Resuming Cross-Border Travel” as well as those foreign nationals given permission to newly enter or re-enter Japan due to special exceptional circumstances corresponding to an individual situation such as the need for special humanitarian consideration (Note 1).

The following are specific examples of cases where re-entry or new entry may be permitted depending on individual situation.

- A foreign national who newly enters Japan, and who falls under one of the following categories (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 going 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 to 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 going to acquire the status of “Medical Services” and who contributes to the enhancement and strengthening of Japanese medical systems.

(Note 1) In principal, additional epidemic prevention and control measures are required for entry to Japan. (See “[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 a Japan Visa at the Japanese embassy or consulate in the country/region you are staying.

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