

Japan's New Border Enforcement for International Students

As of March 18, 2022

- From March 1, 2022, international students can enter Japan under the supervision of **"Receiving Organizations"*** located in Japan. Receiving Organizations check here [ERFS System](#) (Japanese only)
*University, Technical College, Japanese Language School, High School, etc.

- On March 3, 2022, Prime Minister Kishida announced a **"Scheme for Smooth Entry of International Students"** (留学生円滑入国スキーム) to assure the entry of international students into Japan with priority. Check here [Scheme for Smooth Entry of International Students](#) (English, French, Chinese available)

*Entry of international students is not limited to this scheme, and when possible international students may prepare flight tickets on their own without using this scheme.



International Students

School Admission

Receiving Organization

Apply for a COE*

*Certificate of Eligibility

Receiving Organization

Receive a COE

Local Immigration Office

Registration through ERFS* system

*Entrants, Returners Follow-up System

Receiving Organization

Apply for a Visa

Student

[Application] In principle, visa applications must be submitted in person.

[Standard Processing Time] 5 BUSINESS DAYS.

Receive a Visa

Japanese Embassy/Consulate General

Get tested for COVID-19 within 72 hours prior to departure

Student

Complete Pledge & Questionnaire, Install App (MySOS)

Student

Enter Japan (Mon-Thu recommended*)

* To avoid flight congestion

Get tested at the airport quarantine section

Immigration/customs

Traveling from "Designated countries/regions"?

No

Yes

Vaccinated 3 times?

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Yes

No

Yes

No

No Quarantine

7 Days Home Quarantine							
Day 0*	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
			Test				

3 Days Quarantine in gov. hotel			
Day 0*	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
			Test

* Day 0 = Day of arrival

If the result is negative, no further quarantine required.

[Necessary Documents for Visa] Check here Visa information for students (English available)

- Valid Passport
- One completed visa application form (nationals of Russia, CIS countries or Georgia need to submit two visa application forms)
- One photograph (nationals of Russia, CIS countries or Georgia need to submit two photographs)
- Certificate of Eligibility* (the original and one copy)

*For COE over 3 months old, receiving organization must complete Moushitatesho (申立書)
(Link: [Immigration Services Agency of Japan](#))

(Note)

- Depending on the nationality of the applicant, other documents may be necessary in addition to the above.
- For details, please refer to [the website of a Japanese embassy or consulate in your area](#).

Valid Format of Certificate of Negative Test Result (English available)

Must clearly indicate a valid specimen collection method, testing method, and testing period.



Japan's Border Measures (English available)

[Telephone Inquiries] +81-120-565-653 (all hours in Japan time zone)

English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish: 9:00-21:00

Thai: 9:00-18:00

Vietnamese: 10:00-19:00



Fast Track (English, Chinese available)

- Can pre-register information (vaccination certificate, test certificate, pledge) to finish a part of airport quarantine procedures via MySOS app before entering Japan.
- Complete at least 16 hours prior to your arrival time.
- Available at Narita, Haneda, Chubu Centrair, Kansai, Fukuoka Airports.



Visit Japan Web (English available)

- Can pre-submit information online for quarantine, immigration, customs procedures before entering Japan.
- Necessary to create an account to log in.



[Valid Vaccine in Japan]

- 1st-2nd doses: Pfizer/AstraZeneca/Moderna/Janssen (J&J)
- 3rd doses: Pfizer/Moderna