

## Ministry of Foreign Affairs

### ● Application for Visa for foreign nationals eligible for Phased Measures toward Resuming Cross-Border Travel **UPDATE**

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page22e\\_000921.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page22e_000921.html)

Regarding new entry of foreign nationals into Japan, based on the New Border Measures (34) dated on September 26, 2022, prescribed applications in the Entrants, Returnees Follow-up Systems (ERFS) is no longer required from October 11. In addition, the measure to limit the entry of foreign tourists to those on package tours will be lifted at the same time.

### **(Measures on and after October 11, 2022)**

#### **Review on restrictions on new entry of foreign nationals into Japan**

##### **1. Lifting of suspension of visa validity**

The suspension of visas issued prior to December 2, 2021 will be lifted from 0:00 am (JST) on October 11, 2022. As a result, those who hold a visa valid after 0:00 am (JST) on October 11, 2022 will be able travel with the visa as long as it is valid within the time limit.

##### **2. Resumption of visa exemption arrangement**

The visa exemption measures, which were temporarily suspended due to the border measures, will be resumed at 0:00 am (JST) on October 11, 2022.

Please refer to the following links for information on eligible visa exemption countries/regions and types.

- [Visa exemption countries/regions \(Short-Term Stay\)](#)
- [Countries exempting diplomatic and official passport holders from diplomatic and official visa requirements](#)
- [Visa handling for United Nations Laissez-Passer holders visiting Japan on UN business while also carrying the passport of their country of nationality](#)

In addition, visa exemption under the APEC Business Travel Card Arrangement will be resumed.

##### **3. Review on border restrictions on new entry of foreign nationals**

Border measures for new entry of foreign nationals will be lifted. Those who have not been regarded as having special exceptional circumstances will be permitted to enter Japan.

The changes regarding entry under the new measures are as follows.

- The receiving organization located in Japan will no longer need to complete the Entrants, Returnees Follow-up Systems (ERFS) for new entry of foreign nationals entering Japan for a short-term stay (less than 90 days) for the purpose of business, employment, or tourism, and for a long-term stay.
- The measures to limit the entry of foreign tourists to those on package tours will be lifted.
- Those who wish to visit acquaintances but have not been permitted and those who need to enter Japan for transit purposes will be permitted to enter Japan.
- Inviting person will no longer need to agree to the pledge which has been required to apply for a short-term stay visa for the purpose of visiting families/ acquaintances.

● **Border measures to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19)** **UPDATE**

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e\\_001053.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html)

<< **From October 11, 2022** >>

**New entry of foreign nationals**

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- **Visa exemption arrangements** will be resumed from October 11, 2022.

Please refer to **5. Suspension of visa exemption measures** for more details.

- **Suspension of visa validity under the border measures** will be also lifted from October 11, 2022. Please refer to **4. Suspension of visa validity** below for further information.

**Quarantine measures**

Starting from 0:00 am (JST) on October 11, 2022, based on the New Border Measures (34), 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, based on the New Border Measures (27) (February 24, 2022)), on-arrival test at the quarantine station, self-quarantine in places such as their own residence or accommodations, and refraining from use of public transportation are no longer required in principle. In addition, all returnees and entrants will now be required to provide either a valid COVID-19 vaccination certificate (3 doses) of vaccines on the Emergency Use List of World Health Organization (WHO) or a certificate of negative result of pre-departure COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to departing from the original country/region.


● **Q&A on the New Border Measures (As of September 14)**

<https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100321863.pdf>

# Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

## ● COVID-19: Current Japanese Border Measures

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/bordercontrol.html> **UPDATE**

※Click on  button to find about the procedures applicable to entering and returning to Japan.

Every passenger entering Japan must submit a completed questionnaire, and a vaccination certificate or a negative COVID-19 test result. One's quarantine depends on the classification of the country or region of stay prior to one's arrival in Japan as well as one's vaccination status. The Japanese government can only approve vaccination certificates that indicate the use of vaccines which are approved in Japan. Those who are required to isolate must submit a written pledge to complete follow-up health checks.

Pre-registration of MySOS Web or MySOS App is required in order to enter Japan.  
Click on the link for each details.

**From 00:00 JST on October 11th, 2022**, the new measure will apply.

Country or region of your stay before arrival	Valid vaccination certificate	Quarantine		
		Pre-departure test	On-arrival test	Isolation
 BLUE	with	not required	-	-
	without	required	-	-
 YELLOW	with	not required	-	-
	without	required	required	3days at home *1
 RED	with	not required	required	3days at home *1
	without	required	required	3days at facility *2

## ● Grouping of the country or region of your stay before arriving in Japan (Red,Yello,Blue)

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/000945853.pdf>

## ● Vaccine Certificate for Quarantine

[https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/border\\_vaccine.html](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/border_vaccine.html)

## ● Procedures and documents required to enter Japan

[https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/border\\_procedure.html](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/border_procedure.html)

## ● COVID-19 Negative Test Result Certificate before departure

[https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/border\\_test.html](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/border_test.html)

## ● Registration of required applications

<https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/followup/en/>

※A new regulation will be in effect on October 11th. Please click here for details.

## ● Q&A on the New Border Measures and Other Measures((As of September 14)

[https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/03112200QA\\_EN.pdf](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/03112200QA_EN.pdf)