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

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Information about entering into Japan

New entry of foreign nationals

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. In addition, the measure to limit the entry of foreign tourists to those on package tours was lifted.

Furthermore, visa exemption arrangements have been resumed from 0:00 am (JST) on October 11, 2022. Please refer to [5. Lifting of the suspension of visa exemption measures](#) for more details.

Suspension of visa validity under the border measures has been also lifted from 0:00 am (JST) on October 11, 2022. Please refer to [4. Lifting of the suspension of visa validity](#) below for further information.

Quarantine measures:

From 0:00 am (JST) on December 30, 2022, all travelers and returnees who have stayed in China (except Hong Kong and Macau) within 7 days prior to the entry and all travelers and returnees coming from China (except Hong Kong and Macau) by direct flight will be required to take on-arrival test at the quarantine station. In addition, from 0:00 am (JST) on January 8, 2023, all travelers and returnees coming from China (except Hong Kong and Macau) by direct flight will be required to submit a certificate of negative result of pre-departure COVID-19 test conducted within 72 hours prior to departure with or without a vaccination certificate.

From 0:00 am (JST) on January 12, 2023, all travelers and returnees coming from Macau by direct flight will be required to take on-arrival test at the quarantine station and to submit a certificate of negative result of pre-departure COVID-19 test conducted within 72 hours prior to departure with or without a vaccination certificate. (NEW)

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 are 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 taken within 72 hours prior to departing from the original country/region](#).

For FAQ about Quarantine measures, please see [Japanese Border Measures \(Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare\)](#).

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1. Denial of permission to entry

The denial of landing that had been placed to all the countries/regions were lifted on September 4, 2022.

Please refer to the page of [Immigration Services Agency](#).

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

Currently, there are no subject countries/regions.

3. Quarantine measures (New)

(1) Entering Japan from China from December 30, 2022

From 0:00 am (JST) on December 30, 2022, all travelers and returnees who have stayed in China (except Hong Kong and Macau) within 7 days prior to the entry and all travelers and returnees coming from China (except Hong Kong and Macau) by direct flight will be required to take on-arrival test at the quarantine station. In addition, from 0:00 am (JST) on January 8, 2023, all travelers and returnees coming from China (except Hong Kong and Macau) by direct flight will be required to submit a certificate of negative result of pre-departure COVID-19 test conducted within 72 hours prior to departure with or without a vaccination certificate.

From 0:00 am (JST) on January 12, 2023, all travelers and returnees coming from Macau by direct flight will be required to take on-arrival test at the quarantine station and to submit a certificate of negative result of pre-departure COVID-19 test conducted within 72 hours prior to departure with or without a vaccination certificate. (NEW)

Please refer to the page of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare ([entering Japan by January 11, 2023 \(PDF\)](#)) / [entering Japan after January 12, 2023 \(PDF\)](#).

(2) From October 11, 2022: Review on the on-arrival COVID-19 test and the quarantine period after entry into Japan / New Border Measures (34)

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)), self-quarantine in places such as their own residence or accommodations and refraining from use of public transportation are no longer required in principle. On arrival COVID-19 testing is no longer required unless entrants and returnees have suspected COVID-19. However, all returnees and entrants are 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 taken within 72 hours prior to departing from the original country/region](#).

(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.

Designated Date	Date of Commencing quarantine measures	Countries/Regions
		None

(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 7 days after the entry into Japan at places such as their own residence.

Designated Date	Date of Commencing quarantine measures	Countries/Regions
		None

(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). If the test result (PCR test) at the facility on the third day after the entry is negative, home quarantine after leaving the facility is no longer required. Meanwhile, those who have obtained a valid vaccination certificate will be allowed to have 7-day home quarantine instead, and if they submit a negative result of a voluntary test (PCR test or Quantitative Antigen test) on or after the third day from the entry into Japan, home quarantine is no longer required only after the MHLW(Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants) confirms the test result via MySOS app.

Designated Date	Date of Commencing quarantine measures	Countries/Regions
		None

(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.

(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 7 days after the entry into Japan at places such as own residence

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		None

(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, Labor 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.

4. Lifting of the suspension of visa validity

Single entry visa and multiple entry visa which have been issued by Embassies, Consulate-Generals and Consulates of Japan in all countries/regions and whose validity have been temporarily suspended have been resumed again from 0:00 am (JST) on October 11, 2022.

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.

5. Lifting of the suspension of visa exemption measures

The visa exemption arrangements which have been temporarily suspended under the border measures have been resumed from 0:00 am (JST) on October 11, 2022.

For countries/regions applicable to the visa exemption arrangements, please visit the link below:

- ▶ [Exemption of Visa \(Short-Term Stay\)](#)
- ▶ [Visa Exemptions for Diplomatic and Official Passport Holders](#)
- ▶ [Visa Exemption Arrangement for United Nations Laissez-Passer Holders](#)

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 has been also resumed from 0:00 am (JST) on October 11, 2022. For more information on the APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC), please refer to the link below:

- ▶ [APEC Business Travel Card \(ABTC\)\(Japanese\)](#)

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	Chile, Mexico, Peru
Europe	Russia

6. Restrictions on airport/ports for arrival (NEW)

Regarding airports/ports that currently suspend international flights/cruises, preparation toward resumption of international flights/cruises in response to upcoming flight/cruise plans has been conducted on a port-by-port basis, in cooperation with local governments, etc. The international flights/cruises at those airports/ports have been resumed from those airports/ports whose preparations are completed.

Temporary measures regarding direct flights from China (NEW)

From December 30, 2022, relevant airlines will be requested to limit the place of the landing of direct flights between China (including Hong Kong and Macau) and Japan to Narita International Airport, Haneda Airport, Kansai International Airport, and Chubu Centrair International Airport, and not to increase the number of those flights.

From January 8, 2023, direct flights coming from Hong Kong and Macau will be allowed to land at airports other than those listed above, confirming that the quarantine capacity is sufficient. Meanwhile, relevant airlines will be requested not to increase the number of flights over a certain amount, considering the quarantine capacity.

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