

# Japan



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### Measures by the Government of Japan

#### 1. Areas subjected to entry ban

For the time being, foreign nationals who have stayed in any of the areas listed in the following table within 14 days prior to the application for landing are denied to enter Japan, unless special exceptional circumstances are found.  
Note that foreigners from the countries/regions where the entry bans do not apply are not denied to enter Japan, even when traveling via those countries/regions listed in the table for refueling or transit purpose. Those who entered those countries/regions are, however, subject to the entry ban.

#### Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

Forthcoming

A s i a	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste
O c e a n i a	Fiji
N o r t h A m e r i c a	Canada, United States of America
L a t i n A m e r i c a n d t h e C a r i b b e a n	Argentine, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela
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M i d d l e E a s t	Afghanistan, Bahrain, Israel, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates
A f r i c a	Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central Africa, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tunisia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

For details, please check the following page.  
[https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e\\_001053.html#section1](https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html#section1)

## **2. Denial of the re-entry from designated countries /regions in response to COVID-19 variants of special treatment on border measures**

The re-entry into Japan of foreign nationals with status of residence who have stayed in designated countries/regions in response to coronavirus variants of special treatment on border measures within 14 days prior to the application for landing are denied for the time being, unless there are special exceptional circumstances.

For details, please check the following page.  
[https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e\\_001053.html#section2](https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html#section2)

## **3. Quarantine measures**

The current quarantine measures are strengthened and are decided to remain in place until further notice.

For more information, please check the following page.  
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## **4. Suspension of visa validity**

From 12:00 am (Midnight/JST) December 2, 2021 to December 31, 2021, as an emergency precautionary measure from a preventive perspective against coronavirus variant Omicron (B.1.1.529), validity of visas already issued by December 2, 2021 is suspended except for the status of residence of "Spouse or Child of a Japanese National", "Spouse or Child of a Permanent Resident" or "Diplomat". This measure does not apply to foreign nationals who departed from overseas before 12:00 am (Midnight/JST) on December 2, 2021 and arrive in Japan after the time.

Validity of visas listed below is suspended for the time being.

(1) Single and multiple-entry visas issued by March 8th, 2020 by Japanese Embassies or Consulates General in China (including Hong Kong and Macau) and Republic of Korea

(2) Single and multiple-entry visas issued by March 20th, 2020 by Japanese Embassies and Consulates General in the following countries

E u r o p e	Andorra, Austria, Bulgaria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Vatican
M i d d l e E a s t	Iran
A f r i c a	Egypt

(3) Single and multiple-entry visas issued by March 27th, 2020 by Japanese Embassies and Consulates General in the following countries

Asia	Brunei, Indonesia (note), Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam Note: including seal of "visa waiver registration certificate"
Middle East	Bahrain, Israel, Qatar
Africa	Democratic Republic of the Congo

(4) Single and multiple-entry visas issued by April 2nd, 2020, by Japanese Embassies and Consulates General located in or accredited to the following countries and regions

A sia	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Laos, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste
O c e a nia	Cook, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
L a t i n A m e r i c a n d t h e C a r i b b e an	Antigua and Barbuda, Argentine, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guyana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela
E u r o pe	Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
M i d d e E a st	Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates (note), Yemen Note: including seal of "visa wavier registration certificate"
A fr ica	Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles , Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

(5) From 12:00 am (Midnight/JST) on January 21st, 2021, the validity of visas already issued under "Business Track" or "Residence Track" and visas issued based on "New measures for border enforcement(4)" is suspended.

For details, please check the following page.

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e\\_001053.html#section4](https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html#section4)

## 5. Suspension of visa exemption measures

As visa exemption measures with the countries/regions listed below are temporarily suspended, those who fall under the measures are required to obtain visas before visiting Japan. The measures will be in place for the time being.

(1) Visa exemption measures agreed with Japan and the following countries and regions

A s i a	Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Viet Nam
O c e a n i a	Australia, Nauru, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon
L a t i n A m e r i c a  a n d t h e C a r i b b e a n	Argentine, Bahamas, Barbados, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay
E u r o p e	Andorra, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Vatican
M i d d l e E a s t	Israel, Iran, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates
A f r i c a	Lesotho, Tunisia

(2) 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 and regions is also suspended.

Australia, Brunei, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Viet Nam

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[https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e\\_001053.html#section5](https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html#section5)

## 6. Restrictions on airports/ports for arrival

The Government of Japan announced some measures concerning arrivals at airports/ports.

These measures will be in place for the time being.

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[https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e\\_001053.html#section6](https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html#section6)

## 7. Entry of foreign nationals with special exceptional circumstances

Currently, all foreign nationals who wish to newly enter Japan need to apply for a visa except for those with re-entry permit. Foreign nationals who are entitled to enter Japan as those with special exceptional circumstances are required to apply for an appropriate visa at Embassies or Consulates or Consular Office of Japan (for Taiwan, Taipei Kaohsiung offices of Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association) in your country/region.

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## 8. State of emergency

The state of emergency was fully lifted on October 1st, 2021.

Source: [https://www.japan.travel/en/coronavirus/#entry\\_ban](https://www.japan.travel/en/coronavirus/#entry_ban)

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## Measures by the Government of Japan

### 1. Areas subjected to entry ban

Foreign nationals categorized below are denied permission to enter Japan for the time being, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Foreign nationals who have stayed in any of the areas listed in the following table within 14 days prior to the application for landing.



A s i a	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste
N o r t h A m e r i c a	Canada, United States of America
L a t i n A m e r i c a n d t h e C a r i b b e a n	Argentina, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela
E u r o p e	Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyz, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Vatican
M i d d l e E a s t	Afghanistan, Bahrain, Israel, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates
A f r i c a	Algeria, Botswana, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central Africa, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tunisia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

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The Government of Japan announced “Phased Measures for Resuming Cross-Border Travel” whereby it intends to establish a special quota pertaining to cross-border business travelers and others for entry into and departure from Japan, that operates separately from general procedures for cross-border travelers.

(temporarily suspended from January 14th, 2021)

For details, please check the following page.  
[https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/cp/page22e\\_000925.html#section1](https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/cp/page22e_000925.html#section1)

## **2. Denial of the re-entry from certain countries/regions designated in response to coronavirus variants of special concern on border measures**

The re-entry into Japan of foreign nationals with status of residence who have stayed in certain countries/regions designated in response to coronavirus variants of special concern on border measures within 14 days prior to the application for landing are denied for the time being unless there are special exceptional circumstances.

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## **3. Quarantine measures**

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## **4. Suspension of visa validity**

Validity of visas listed below is suspended.

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(2) Single and multiple-entry visas issued by March 20th, 2020 by Japanese Embassies and Consulates General in the following countries

E u r o p e	Andorra, Austria, Bulgaria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Vatican
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(3) Single and multiple-entry visas issued by March 27th, 2020 by Japanese Embassies and Consulates General in the following countries

Asia	Brunei, Indonesia (note), Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam Note: including seal of “visa wavier registration certificate”
Middle East	Bahrain, Israel, Qatar
Africa	Democratic Republic of the Congo

(4) Single and multiple-entry visas issued by April 2nd, 2020, by Japanese Embassies and Consulates General located in or accredited to the following countries and regions

Asia	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Laos, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste
Oceania	Cook, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
Latin America and the Caribbean	Antigua and Barbuda, Argentine, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guyana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela
Europe	Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
Middle East	Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates (note), Yemen Note: including seal of “visa wavier registration certificate”
Africa	Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

(5) From 12:00 am (JST) on January 21st, 2021, the validity of visas already issued under “Business Track” or “Residence Track” and visas issued based on “New measures for border enforcement” is suspended.

The measure described in paragraph 4 (1) - (5) will be implemented for the time being.

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## 5. Suspension of visa exemption measures

As visa exemption measures with the countries and regions listed below are now suspended.

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A s i a	Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Viet Nam
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The measure described in paragraph 5 (1)(2) will be implemented for the time being.

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## **7. Entry of foreign nationals with special exceptional circumstances**

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Please apply for an appropriate visa at Embassies or Consulates or Consular Office of Japan (for Taiwan, Taipei Kaohsiung offices of Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association) in your country/region.

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## **8. State of emergency**

The Japanese government has declared a state of emergency for the following prefectures.

- Targeted prefectures:

Okinawa, Tokyo

Chiba, Kanagawa, Saitama, Osaka (from August 2nd, 2021)

- Period: until August 31st, 2021

Further information: <https://www.japan.travel/en/>



**Source: WCO/Customs and Tariff Bureau - Japan**

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### **Flexibilities concerning the AEO Programme**

Japan Customs has introduced the basic policy to refrain from physical contact with traders as far as possible during the outbreak of coronavirus. This measure includes relevant AEO validation processes.

Considering the situation, the necessary physically-checking process in the course of on-site validation by the AEO section has been substituted by the examination on the data, e.g. the facilities' photo, and the company's internal documents, which are communicated via e-mail. Additionally, the necessary documents, including the application for AEO status, could officially be submitted by e-mail, as a general measure for flexibility.

Through these measures, Japan Customs has provided flexible approach to traders for their AEO processes.



**Source: WCO/Customs and Tariff Bureau - Japan**

30.03.2020

### **Customs clearance procedures relating to countermeasures to the COVID- 19**

#### **1. Customs clearance procedures on relief goods, etc.**

Customs clearance has been prioritized for relief goods relating to countermeasures to the COVID-19 and for goods such as water and fuel that require an urgent clearance to maintain the lifeline.

Customs duties and consumption taxes are exempted for the importation of abovementioned goods with the submission of simplified declaration form that enables declarants not to submit the certificate for duty exemption for donated goods, etc. (The form can be found at [https://www.customs.go.jp/news/news/form\\_kyuen.pdf](https://www.customs.go.jp/news/news/form_kyuen.pdf) )

Relief goods relating to countermeasures to the COVID-19 can be exported with a simplified declaration format.

#### **2. Flexibility in customs procedures**

Since it is expected that importers/exporters and Customs brokers telework as a countermeasure to the COVID-19, flexible measures for import/export procedures have been adopted as follows:

- (1) Customs declaration at convenient Customs offices

If it is difficult to lodge Customs declaration to designated Customs office due to the COVID-19, importers/exporters and Customs brokers can lodge import/export declarations to Customs offices which are more convenient to them, based on a prior consultation with Customs.

**(2) Relaxation of the requirement of seal**

With regard to certain documents on which seals by importers/exporters and Customs brokers are required for import/export declarations or for the submission of such documents to Customs after import/export permission, if it is difficult to seal such documents due to the COVID-19, the requirement of seal is exempted.

**(3) Relaxation of the requirement of original copies**

With regard to certain documents whose original copies are required to be submitted to Customs at the time of import/export declaration, if it is difficult to submit them due to the COVID-19, the original copies can be submitted by electric means. (N.B. The original copies need to be submitted to Customs by the date designated by Customs. Customs designates the date by taking into account situations of importers/exporters.)

With regard to certain documents whose original copies are required to be submitted to Customs within three days from the day of import/export permission, if it is difficult to submit them due to the COVID-19, the original copies can be submitted to Customs by the date designated by Customs. Customs designates the date by taking into account situations of importers/exporters.

**(4) Teleworking of Customs brokers**

Offer (consultation) to Customs brokers to start teleworking has been flexibly accepted. Japan Customs permit teleworking to customs brokers flexibly.

**(5) Others**

- Flexibility in the term for the submission of certificate of origin,
- Flexibility in the lodgment of financial security to extend the term for duty payment.

Web-link to relevant information

- Japan Customs (Japanese only) [https://www.customs.go.jp/news/news/20200304\\_index.htm](https://www.customs.go.jp/news/news/20200304_index.htm)
- The Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare [https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/newpage\\_00032.html](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/newpage_00032.html)



As of 4 March, Japan prioritized customs clearance for relief supplies, water and fuel. Source: Japan Customs ([https://www.customs.go.jp/news/news/20200304\\_index.htm](https://www.customs.go.jp/news/news/20200304_index.htm)) (in Japanese)

Customs duties and consumption taxes are exempted for the importation of priority goods with simplified declaration form. Relief goods relating to countermeasures to the COVID-19 can be exported with a simplified declaration format. Flexibility in customs procedures, including lodging Customs declaration in convenient locations; relaxation of the requirement of seal; submission of documents electronically. Source: Japan Customs (as posted on WCO website); Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry ([https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/0214\\_004.html](https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/0214_004.html); [https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/0305\\_001.html](https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/0305_001.html))