Request of intention to re-enter Japan for foreign nationals with status of residence currently residing in Japan

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Following the expansion of inspection capacity at airports, the COVID-19 Measures Headquarters announced on August 28, 2020 that foreign nationals residing in Japan with the status of residence who have completed the prescribed procedures implemented as of September 1 and who were in possession of a re-entry permit when leaving Japan may re-enter Japan from country/region designated as subject to denial of landing.

Persons who wish to re-enter Japan through these measures must pledge to comply with additional epidemic prevention and control measures before leaving Japan and receive a Receipt for request of re-entry(hereinafter referred to as a "**Receipt**") from the Immigration Services Agency of Japan.

[Eligible persons]

Foreign nationals residing in Japan who have received a residence card, who plan to travel to a country/region designated as subject to denial of landing, and to whom one of the following applies:

- · Persons with a valid re-entry permit
- Persons in possession of a valid passport and residence card who are permitted to leave and enter Japan with a special re-entry permit

Note 1: Special permanent residents are not subject to screening under Article 5, paragraph (1) of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act and will not be denied entry as part of measures to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result, these measures do not apply to such persons.

Note 2: These measures do not apply to persons whose status of residence is "Diplomat" or "Official".

Note 3: Please refrain from submitting your request with no plans for leaving Japan or more than one month in advance of the date on which you intend to leave Japan.

Procedure

 Pledge to comply with current quarantine measures and additional epidemic prevention and control measures You are required to pledge to follow the additional epidemic prevention and control measures below. After confirming the information, submit a request of your intention to re-enter Japan following the procedure in step 2 below if you agree to comply.

Additional epidemic prevention and control measures

The acquisition of a Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 from a medical facility in the country/region of stay proving a negative test result having undergone a test for COVID-19 (the novel coronavirus) within 72 hours prior to departing from the country/region of stay, for re-entry to Japan.

2 Request of intention to re-enter Japan

When intending to re-enter Japan, persons who pledge to comply with the additional epidemic prevention and control measures above should submit a request of their intention to re-enter Japan along with all required information to the Immigration Services Agency of Japan at the email address listed below. Any personal information will be used exclusively for this procedure and not for any other purposes. The following points should be observed when submitting your request.

- * Requests with incorrect information cannot be accepted.
- * Receipts are distributed based on factors such as inspection capacity at airports. Distribution may be temporarily suspended after the available number of receipts has been distributed.
- * Each receipt can only be used to re-enter Japan once.
- * Emails with attachments and emails that are classified as spam cannot be accepted.
- * Requests from outside of Japan cannot be accepted. If you have already left Japan, please contact the nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate in your current country.
- * A single request cannot cover more than one person. A separate request must be provided for each person.
- * All required information must be included in the main body of the email in single-byte alphanumeric characters.

3 Acquisition of Receipt

The Immigration Services Agency of Japan will check your request. If you are eligible, you will receive an email confirming that your request has been accepted.

This email is your Receipt for request of re-entry, ensure that you save this data or print the email.

*If you have your email the account reject setting for spam, you may not receive our reply. Please check email setting in advance.

4 Departure procedure

Present your Receipt to an immigration officer at your port of departure. Persons who cannot present a Receipt may not be eligible to use this procedure.

5 Acquisition of certificate of testing

Acquire a Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 from a medical facility in the country/region of stay proving a negative test result having undergone a test for COVID-19 (the novel coronavirus) within 72 hours prior to departing from the country/region of stay.

* In principle, the specified format should be used. The certificate should be filled out at the medical facility (entirely in English) and signed by your doctor or have their seal affixed. When using another format, the information provided should be the same as that in the prescribed format.

*Only samples and testing methods listed in the prescribed format for the certificate of testing can be accepted.

Format for certificate of testing for COVID-19 required for re-entry to Japan by foreign nationals who have left Japan with a re-entry permit

6 Re-entry procedure

Upon arrival in Japan, undergo inspection of COVID-19 at the quarantine station inspection. Following immigration inspection, present your Receipt and certificate of testing, then undergo inspection. Persons not in possession of a certificate of testing may be denied entry to Japan.

Example of required information

特設ホームページ掲載の追加的防疫措置の内容を確認しました。再入国に当たっては、同措置に従うことを 誓約します。 I have confirmed the additional quarantine measures on the dedicated website and pledge to comply with these measures when re-entering Japan. 再入国の予定は以下のとおりです。 My schedule for re-entry to Japan is as follows. (1)在留カード番号(Residence Card Number): AB12345678CD (2)国籍・地域 (Country/Region): USA (3)氏名 (Name): TURNER ELIZABETH (4)性別(Sex): Female (5) 生年月日(D.O.B): 19851231(yyyymmdd) (6) 渡航予定先(Destination): USA (7)出国予定年月日(Departure Date): 20200910 (8)出国予定港(Departure Port): NARITA (9) 再入国予定年月日(Re-entry Date): 20201001 (10)再入国予定港(Re-entry Port): HANEDA

Frequently asked questions Q&A

Read here for frequently asked questions about procedure of the Receipt for request of re-entry.

Frequently asked questions (Q & A) (As of September 7th) [PDF]

Procedure for sending email

please send the email with the subject as "再入国予定の申出について" and required information as follow as the Example above to either email address below depending on the area you live in.

●Residents of the Tokyo Metropolitan area, Kanagawa Prefecture, Saitama Prefecture, Chiba Prefecture, Ibaraki Prefecture, Tochigi Prefecture, Gunma Prefecture, Yamanashi Prefecture, Nagano Prefecture or Niigata Prefecture

reentry-confirmation-req01.immi@i.moj.go.jp

•Residents of areas other than those listed above

reentry-confirmation-req02.immi@i.moj.go.jp

Please note that this email address is used exclusively for emails relating to notifications of persons' intentions to re-enter Japan. Inquiries not related to this purpose will not receive a reply.

Contact: Border Management Division, Immigration Department, Immigration Services Agency Tel: (Operator) 03-3580-4111 (Ext. No. 5686•2760)