

**Important Notice on Visa Restrictions and Entry Ban
for Strengthening Border Security Measures
to Prevent the Spread of Novel Coronavirus**

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Embassy of Japan in Zambia

On 30 October 2020, the Government of Japan decided to take new border security measures against the spread of Novel Coronavirus infections by introducing measures below;

1. Designation of areas subject to the entry ban

(1) **Myanmar and Jordan have been newly added to the list below** pursuant to the aforementioned decision. Foreign nationals who have stayed in these countries and regions within 14 days prior to the application for landing will be denied permission to enter Japan in principle. This measure is effective from 00:00am (JST) on November 1.

(2) The following 9 countries/region have been removed from the list below pursuant to the aforementioned decision.

Australia, Brunei, China, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Viet Nam

Asia:

Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines

North America:

Canada, United States of America

Latin America and the Caribbean:

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, 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, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela

Europe:

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

Middle East:

Afghanistan, Bahrain, Israel, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates

Africa:

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, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tunisia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

【Note】

- (1) On 25 September 2020, the Government of Japan announced to expand the scope of Cross-Border Travelers under the Phased Measures toward Resuming Cross-Border Travel which entered into force on 1 October 2020. Under these measures, foreign nationals of all countries and regions who travel to Japan should obtain a newly issued visa with "EX-R" or "EX-B" in its Remarks column by the Embassies, Consulates or Consulate Offices of Japan in respective countries/regions to be permitted to newly enter Japan. Foreign nationals with this kind of visa including those who depart from countries/regions subject to the entry ban may enter Japan. They should carry around a pre-departure negative Coronavirus test result and a Written Pledge (addressed to the airport quarantine office in Japan).
- (2) Foreign nationals with a visa without "EX-B" or "EX-R" (nationals of Thailand and Viet Nam could possess a visa with "EX") in its Remarks column issued by a Japanese overseas establishment should have a visa and a negative Coronavirus test result (they are not required to possess other documents such as the Written Pledge).
- (3) There are some exceptional cases that foreign nationals need to enter / re-enter Japan urgently for humanitarian reasons. In such cases, they could be exempt from obtaining the pre-departure negative COVID-19 test result. Foreign nationals in such cases are supposed to have a letter signed by a consul of Japanese overseas

establishments as a proof of exemption. Also, holders of diplomatic or official visa are exempted from obtaining the pre-departure negative COVID-19 test result and the letter signed by a consul of Japanese overseas establishments.

- (4) From 1 November 2020 all foreign nationals with the status of residence with a valid re-entry permit, will not need to carry around the “Letter of Confirmation of Submitting Required Documentation for Re-entry into Japan” or “Receipt for Request of Re-entry” when re-entering Japan from countries/regions designated as an area subject to the entry ban. A negative Coronavirus test result is still required.

2. Already-implemented measures on suspension of visa validity and suspension of visa exemption measures below will remain in place until further notice. With regard to the suspension of visa exemption measures, **Australia, New Zealand and Taiwan** have been newly added to the list (2) below.

【Note】 Single and multiple-entry visas issued by Japanese Embassies or Consulates General in Australia, New Zealand and Taipei Kaohsiung offices of Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association are valid.

(1) Suspension of visa validity

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

- (b) Single and multiple-entry visas issued by March 20th, 2020 by Japanese Embassies and Consulates General in or accredited to the following countries;

Europe

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, the United Kingdom, Vatican

Middle East

Iran

Africa

Egypt

(c) 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

(d) 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 the 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 waiver registration certificate”

Africa

Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central Africa, 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

(2) Suspension of visa exemption measures

As visa exemption measures with the countries and 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 until further notice.**

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

Asia

Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Laos. Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam

Oceania

Australia, Nauru, New Zealand. Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon

Latin America and the Caribbean

Argentine, Bahamas, Barbados, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay

Europe

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, the United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Vatican

Middle East

Israel, Iran, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates

Africa

Lesotho, Tunisia

(b) 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, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam

We would appreciate it very much if your team could notify all related airlines that they should inform all concerned passengers of those measures in order for them to avoid arriving in Japan without proper documents.

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