

Temporarily Departing Japan, and Re-entry

Dear All,

This is the Graduate Students Section, Graduate School of Engineering Science at Osaka University.

For those of you planning temporary travel to your respective home countries during your summer, winter, or spring breaks, here is an overview of what to expect upon re-entry to Japan. We hope that this will help you to navigate the procedures at the airport and beyond, many of which may change at any given moment.

Please remember to follow the procedures outlined below, which we have divided into four categories.

1. To Do Before You Depart Japan

2. What You Need to Do in Order to Re-enter Japan (1)~(7)

1. To Do Before You Depart Japan

- 1) Obtain your supervisor's permission to travel.
- 2) Confirm your **home country's** requirements for entry (PCR tests, etc.)
- 3) Make sure you know what you can expect upon re-entry to Japan.
- 4) Inform your plan to the Student Affairs Section(Undergraduate Students), the Graduate Students Section(Graduate Students), or the Advising Room for International Students.
- 5) Enter your travel information in the "Travel Abroad Registration System".

[The Re-entry Permit (on your Embarkation Card*1)]

For foreign nationals temporarily departing Japan with the intention of re-entering- You will want to make sure that you obtain a re-entry permit (*sainyukokukyoka*/再入国許可) before departing Japan.

There are two types of re-entry permits. Those who intend to return to Japan within a year of departing must obtain a Special Re-Entry Permit.

<https://iss-intl.osaka-u.ac.jp/supportoffice/eng/living/legal1/#IMMIGRATION>

*1 The re-entry permit can be found in the airport; if you are unable to locate one, the airport staff will help you)

It is extremely important to remember that you will need to present both this re-entry permit and your residence card to Customs, **otherwise you may be denied entry and subsequently deported.**

※Make sure that your residence card isn't set to expire while you are in your home country, before you return to Japan.

[Travel Abroad Registration System]

https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/international/outbound/Studyabroad_crisis_management/assovr

2. What You Need to Do in Order to Re-enter Japan (1)~(6)

Be prepared with the following documents/device:

IMPORTANT:

A visa alone will not be sufficient to qualify for re-entry.
You will be required to present a negative COVID-19 test result from a test conducted within 72 hours of your flight's departure to the Quarantine Station.)

Border enforcement measures to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) [Updated November 30, 2021]

https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html#section2

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000164708_00079.html

(1)Presenting your Inspection Certificate

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431_00248.html

(2)Quarantine and Submitting Your Written Pledge (Individual)

[The Written Pledge]

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431_00249.html

•Mandatory 14-day Isolation

To Anyone Entering/Returning to Japan

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

• Entering Japan After Quarantine

<https://arqs-qa.followup.mhlw.go.jp#/doc-confirm?doc=healthcard&language=en-us&closeText=I%20have%20confirmed%20the%20notes>

(3)Required Smartphone Apps (please see bottom of page for languages other than English)

[Your Smartphone]

Either iPhone or Android; must be capable of downloading and running the required apps for contact-tracing, etc. during your quarantine period.

[The Apps]

1. **MySOS:** Video call app to confirm your location (daily) during quarantine

2. **COCOA:** contact-tracing app

To save time, it is recommended that you download the two apps (MySOS and COCOA)

from the provided QR codes before boarding your flight, as the airport Wi-Fi in the terminal can get congested if everyone is downloading at the same time upon arrival.

-Please refrain from opening them before arriving in Japan.

-Please also check the version of your smartphone's OS ahead of time.

iPhones must be on iOS 13.5 or higher, while Android phones must be on Android 6.0 or higher.

(4)Questionnaire (Japanese)

[The Questionnaire]

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431_00251.html

•Questionnaire - 11 languages provided <https://arqs-qa.followup.mhlw.go.jp>

(5) Your residence card

(6) Your Re-entry Permit (on your Embarkation Card)

(7) Vaccination Certificate of COVID-19 *updated 8/5/2021 JP

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/vaccine_certificate.html#certificate

COVID-19 Vaccination Certificates Valid for Entry into Japan from Abroad& Shortening or exempting quarantine periodfor arrivals who have a valid vaccination certificate

*Updated November 19, 2021

https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page24e_000317.html

If you should have any questions, please feel free to ask us.

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