

On December 26, 2020, the Japanese government issued a new announcement regarding border measures for passengers entering Japan.

**The following additional measures will be implemented when entering Japan.**

**1. Temporary suspension of new entry for foreign nationals from all countries and regions**

On December 26, 2020, the Government of Japan announced the suspension of the Phased Measure for Resuming Cross-Border Travel based on the decision on September 25, 2020, which enabled entry into Japan from all countries and regions from October 1, 2020. This suspension will be implemented from December 28, 2020 till **March 7, 2021**.

- For new entry into Japan until January 3rd, 2021, 23:59 Japan time  
If you have a valid newly entered visa that has already been issued, you will not be subject to denial of entry (except for the UK and South Africa).
- For new entry into Japan on or after January 4th, 2021, 00:00 Japan time  
Those who have stayed in countries and regions categorized as level 3 (Avoid All Travel) of MOFA's Travel Advice and Warning on Infectious Diseases within 14 days before arriving in Japan) will be denied entry even if they have a valid new entry visa that has already been issued.

※If you have a residence status of Japan with a valid re-entry permit you will not be subject to entry denial.

**2. Suspension of special measures when returning or re-entering Japan from a short-term business trip to all countries and regions**

From December 28, 2020 until **March 7, 2021**, the framework for business persons residing in Japan which enables limited business activities during the 14-day stay at home period upon their return/re-entry into Japan after short-term business trip will not be applied to those who are arriving from all countries and regions

**3. Strengthening of quarantine measures**

From December 30, 2020, until **March 7, 2021**, all foreign nationals and Japanese citizens, who enter or return to Japan from countries and regions whose authorities have announced the confirmation of domestic infection of new variant of Coronavirus<sup>※1</sup> will be asked to submit a certificate of COVID-19 testing result and COVID-19 testing will be conducted upon entry into Japan. COVID-19 testing upon entry into Japan for passenger arrivals from Australia will be conducted from December 26th.

For Japanese citizens who cannot submit the negative COVID-19 testing result mentioned above, you will not be refused to board, but will be requested to stay at specific facilities designated by the Quarantine Station for 14 days after arrival.

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※ 1 : Please refer the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website for the countries where the new variant of Coronavirus infected confirmed by the Japanese government has been confirmed.  
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For more information, please refer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website: <https://www.mofa.go.jp/index.html>  
For more information, please contact your local Japanese embassy or consulate.