

VISA to enter Japan for those with a “Screening Certificate”

On November 29, 2021, the Government of Japan announced strengthened quarantine measures in response to the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. Effective November 30, 2021 at 00:00 (JST) to December 31, 2021, new entry of foreign nationals based on the below measure will be suspended. Those foreign nationals who hold a valid visa based on the below measure will be also denied to enter Japan.

- Those foreign Nationals who are under “Exceptional Circumstances” are required to apply for a visa.*
- We request all visa applicants to call the Visa Section (TEL: 213-617-6700) before visiting to apply for a visa as the required document will vary depending on your purpose of travel to Japan as well as your category of “Exceptional Circumstances”. Please kindly call again later if a staff member is unable to respond to your call as the office is experiencing a high volume of calls each day.
- Please note that the Consulate-General of Japan in Los Angeles only accepts visa applications from those who are residents of [area of jurisdiction](#) .
- For residents in other places, please refer to [List of Embassy/Consulates in the U.S.](#)
- Those visa applicants intending to enter Japan under **“New measures for border enforcement (19)”** need to submit a copy of the **“Screening Certificate (審査済証 / Shinsazumisho)”** when applying for a visa, in addition to the other standard documents, which include the following:

Essential documents

- Passport
- Visa Application Form with a photo attached (taken within the last 6 months)
- Copy of the Screening Certificate
- Proof of Current Address (Can be either a CA/AZ Driver License or CA/AZ ID. If your DL is not your current address, please bring a copy of a utility bill)

Additional documents for short-term business/work

- Invitation Letter

- Letter of Guarantee
- Letter from U.S. Company (Use Company letter head with appropriate signature by manager. The letter must describe the following in Japanese or English: (a)Company name, (b)Company address and phone number, (c) Applicant's name, title and position, (d) Length of employment, (e)Detailed purpose of visit, (f) Length of stay in Japan, (g) Guaranteeing financial responsibility for expenses incurred during trip)
- Flight Itinerary (Must have the visa applicant's name and date along with the flight information. You **do not need to purchase** your airline ticket until the visa is approved, however, you need to make a reservation. You may want to consider adding trip protection or insurance should you need to cancel. In order to make a reservation without purchase, please consult with the airline or travel agency.)
- Daily itinerary in Japan

Additional document for long-term stay with the Status of Residence

- Certificate of Eligibility (Original **AND** Copy)

Please note that the Consul may request additional documents in addition to those listed above.

* While the Visa exemption measure to U.S. citizens has NOT been suspended, all foreign nationals including U.S. citizens who intend to newly enter Japan (including short-term business/work purposes) without a proper entry visa will, in principle, be subject to "Denial of Permission to Enter."

Please refer to Important Guidance on Japan's Border Control Measures Related to COVID-19 for details.