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## No2. New measures on the entry and re-entry of foreign nationals with the status of residence.

From 1st September 2020

### **【Re-entry of foreign nationals】**

#### **1 All foreign nationals with the status of residence regardless of its category who have left Japan before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 with a valid re-entry permit are now eligible to re-enter Japan**

This new measure applies to all foreign nationals who have left/will leave Japan **from the day when the country/region where they are currently staying was designated** as an area subject to denial of permission to enter Japan **before 31<sup>st</sup> Aug. 2020 (both date inclusive)**.

**They are required to present the following 2 documents upon re-entry:**

**(1) The letter of Confirmation of Submitting Required Documentation for Re-entry into Japan, issued by Japanese overseas establishments (*Attachment 1*)**

**(2) Negative COVID 19 test result conducted within 72 hours prior to the departure time.**

In principle, the test result has to be in the prescribed format (*Attachment 2*), but other formats are also acceptable provided it contains all of the following information:

- Personal information of the applicant (name, passport number, nationality, date of birth, sex)
- Proof of authenticity of the COVID-19 test result (test method (only limited to the sample and test method mentioned in the format), result, result date, sampling date and time, date of issuance of the test)
- Information of the medical institution that issued the test result (the name and address of a medical institution /the name of a doctor/stamp seal (or signature by doctor))

#### **2 All foreign nationals with the status of residence who leave Japan after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 with a valid re-entry permit**

**They are required to present the following 2 documents upon re-entry:**

**(1) (Receipt for request of re-entry) (*Attachment 3*) issued by Immigration Services Agency of Japan.**

**\*This document must be obtained by those who intend to re-enter before leaving Japan.**

- (2) Negative COVID 19 test result conducted within 72 hours prior to the departure time.**

**\*For details of the test result, please refer to the description in 1(2) above.**

There might be some foreign nationals with the status of residence who will need to urgently leave Japan with a valid re-entry permit after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 due to special exceptional circumstances without obtaining the document (Receipt for request of re-entry) mentioned in 2(1) above. In such a case, these foreign nationals are required to present the following 2 documents upon re-entry:

- (1) (*Attachment 4*) handed to the foreign national by Immigration Services Agency of Japan at the airport, when the circumstances they claimed are recognized as special exceptional ones. In such a case, the foreign national is required to bring explanatory documents to prove such circumstances when returning to Japan.**

- (2) Negative COVID 19 test result conducted within 72 hours prior to the departure time.**

**\*For details of the test result, please refer to the description in 1(2) above.**

## **【New Entry】**

### **3 Foreign nationals newly entering Japan with special exceptional circumstances from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020**

Foreign nationals in a country/region subject to denial of permission to enter Japan may be exceptionally permitted to enter Japan in case they are deemed to be in special exceptional circumstances. In such cases, they are required to have:

- (1) Valid visa issued by Japanese overseas establishments.**  
**(2) Negative COVID-19 test result conducted within 72 hours prior to the departure time**

(Note) In case foreign nationals need to enter/ re-enter Japan urgently for humanitarian reasons, they can 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 (*Attachment 5*) as proof of exemption instead of *Attachment 2*.

(Note) Diplomatic and official passport and visa holders are exempted from obtaining all of the above mentioned documents.