

【Before arriving to Japan】 Procedures to Complete Before Studying at Ritsumeikan

Congratulations on earning enrollment at Ritsumeikan University!

The following is a schedule of procedures which must be completed prior to starting your new life in Japan.

0. Introduction

As of September 1, 2021, all foreign nationals around the world are still denied permission to enter Japan unless there are exceptional circumstances, or they have been granted a re-entry permit. Therefore, new students who have not yet arrived in Japan will not be able to enter Japan for the time being.

Criteria for entry into Japan, border restrictions and so on are different for citizens of each country/region and are changing on a daily basis. Always make sure to check the most up-to-date information on the homepage of your local Japanese diplomatic mission.

1. Flow before coming to Japan

The following is a schedule of procedures which must be read and completed.

<p>① Receive a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) from the University</p>	<p>New students who do not currently have a residence card will need a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to come to Japan.</p> <p>Due to the current situation surrounding the coronavirus, there is the possibility that you will not be able to enter Japan by the COE expiration date. For such people, the Immigration Services Agency of Japan has announced special measures.</p> <p>Details can be found HERE.</p>
<p>Please check HERE for the procedures from ② to ⑥.</p>	
<p>② Apply for a "Pledge Form"</p>	<p>Before applying for a "Student Visa" at the embassy (consulate), you need to have a "Pledge Form" issued by the university.</p> <p>After receiving your COE, apply for a "Pledge Form" via the university's online travel procedure system, AMARYS.</p>
<p>③ Apply for a "Student Visa" at the Embassy of Japan</p>	<p>When you have the COE and the "Pledge Form" issued by the university in hand, please apply for a "Student Visa" at the nearest embassy (consulate). Please check directly with the embassy (consulate) you are applying at for the documents required to apply for a "Student" Visa.</p>

④ Book your flight	<p>1) <u>Those who are coming to Japan for the first time (New entrants to the country)</u></p> <p><u>As mentioned in "0. Introduction", foreign nationals who are new to Japan are currently not allowed to enter Japan. (As of September 1, 2021.)</u> This situation is very fluid, we would therefore ask students to keep this FAQs under close review. FAQs will be updated time to time.</p> <p>When the immigration restrictions by the Japanese government are eased, the university will notify you via above website or manaba+R. In addition, new information may be released from the nearest Japanese embassy, etc. Please continue to collect the information yourself.</p>
⑤ Preparations before leaving your countries	<p>2) <u>Those who are currently away from Japan temporarily (Resident Card/Re-entry permit holders)</u></p> <p><u>As of today, re-entry permit holders are classified as having special exceptional circumstances and are allowed to re-enter Japan.</u></p>
⑥ Enter Japan	<p>However, if you have stayed in some countries or regions within 14 days prior to the date of application for landing, you will not be allowed to land even if you hold a re-entry permit. Please check with your local Japanese embassy for the most up-to-date information on whether or not your country or region of departure will allow you to land. Those who hold a resident card and can re-enter Japan, you can enter Japan by following the steps HERE. In addition to checking with the nearest Japanese embassy, please check the following carefully before proceeding with preparations. Please also check back regularly as the information may be updated from</p>

2. Procedures after arriving Japan

For details, please check "[<About Entering Japan> After arriving Japan](#)"

3. How to contact International Center, Ritsumeikan University

After you have received your RAINBOW ID from your college/graduate school, please contact us via inquiry form below.

URL: <https://global.support.ritsumei.ac.jp/hc/en-us>

Access "Form for inquiry/Submit (Students Only)

<QR code>



If you have not received your RAINBOW ID, please contact us at following email addresses.

-For Tuition reduction/Scholarship inquiries rscholar@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

-For Resident status inquiries ru-coe@st.ritsumei.ac.jp

* When sending an email, be sure to specify followings. "Specify that you are a new student in Fall 2021", "Examinee's number (student ID number after receiving one)", and "The college/graduate school you are enrolled".

Please also refer to the "Ritsumeikan University FAQs".

▶ [Ritsumeikan University FAQ website \(Frequently Asked Questions from International Students\)](#)

Please contact the administrative office of your college/graduate school for any inquiries regarding your courses.

4. About the college/graduate school orientation sessions

For details, please check [2021 Startup Guide for New Students](#).

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