

Attachment 3

ATTN: International students traveling to Japan

Tohoku University

The Japanese government permits international students newly coming to Japan to enter the country starting March 1, 2022.

Tohoku University will be accountable for your actions during the immigration procedures. We ask that you please cooperate with the university in following all government-mandated disease prevention measures to the letter. Any violations will result not only in bad publicity for the university, but may cause future international students to be barred from entering Japan.

Therefore, Tohoku University requires international students who wish to come to Japan to consent to the below conditions.

↓ *Already done, no action needed

If you wish to come to Japan, please confer with your academic advisor and department*, then complete the Student Entry Application contained in the Predeparture Instructions.

If your COE has not been issued, please obtain the COE before completing the Student Entry Application.

Conditions for Entering Japan

1. You agree to bear all travel expenses. ^{*1*2}
2. You agree to comply with the terms of the Written Pledge (attached) that you will submit to the quarantine office upon arrival.
3. You agree to use the online travel application system of the university-approved travel agency (JTB). ^{*3}
4. If quarantine is required, you agree to stay at a hotel (near Narita Airport) designated by the travel agency during the quarantine period. ^{*4} You may not stay elsewhere (with a friend etc.).
5. You agree to enroll in health insurance arranged by the university.
6. You agree to use Fast Track and the Visit Japan Web service. You also agree to bring your smartphone upon entering Japan. ^{*5}
7. You agree to arrive in Japan between Monday and Thursday if possible to avoid peak travel days.

*1 Cost of flight to Japan, travel expenses within Japan, food/daily necessities during the quarantine period

*2 If you have accompanying family members, you are responsible for ALL expenses related to their entry to Japan.

*3 The university and JTB will support your entry to Japan based on the information you have registered in the online travel application system.

*4 You are not allowed to go out during the quarantine period

*5 With these two online services, you can complete some entrance and quarantine procedures before entering Japan. JTB will later provide instructions on how to use them.

Fast Track (MHLW) <https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/fasttrack/en/>

Visit Japan Web (Digital Agency) https://www.digital.go.jp/en/services/visit_japan_web-en/

Predeparture Instructions

1. Permission to Travel to Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confer with your academic advisor and department to receive permission to come to Japan. ↑ Already done, no action needed
2. Apply to Travel to Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare the following documents and complete the Student Entry Application form. By applying, you consent to any/all conditions specified by Tohoku University for entering Japan. Please consider the time required for visa application and travel arrangements when entering your desired travel date. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of Eligibility *1 Passport <p>Student Entry Application https://www.insc.tohoku.ac.jp/english/student-entry-application/</p> <p>*1 If your Certificate of Eligibility (COE) has not issued, please obtain the COE before completing the Student Entry Application.</p>
3. Certificate for Completion of Registration to the ERFS System (hereafter, ERFS Certificate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tohoku University will register you with the Entrants Returnees Follow-up System (ERFS). You will receive the below documents by email. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ERFS Certificate Application to continue using your COE for the activities stated at the time it was originally issued (if your COE was issued 3 or more months ago)
4. Visa Application/AMARYS Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once you have received the ERFS Certificate, use it to apply for a visa at the nearest Japanese mission/embassy. Documents required for the application vary depending on the mission/embassy. Please inquire in advance at the location where you plan to apply. Please complete a new registration with the online travel application system (AMARYS) of the university-approved travel agency (JTB). Details on how to do this will be provided when we send you the ERFS Certificate.
5. COVID-19 Test 72 Hours before Departure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A "Certificate of Testing for COVID-19" issued within 72 hours before your departure is necessary to enter Japan. There are requirements for the testing method, and format of the certificate. Please carefully read the information on the website below, undergo the test, and obtain a certificate in the required format. <p>Submission of Inspection Certificate/MHLW https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/000807573.pdf</p>
6. Fast Track and Visit Japan Web	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please complete the Fast Track procedures and the Visit Japan Web registration before departure. JTB will later provide instructions on how to use them. <p>Fast Track (MHLW) https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/fasttrack/en/ Visit Japan Web (Digital Agency) https://www.digital.go.jp/en/services/visit_japan_web-en/</p>
7. Departure	Detailed departure/post-arrival instructions will be provided at a later date.

Government quarantine policies differ depending on the country/region from which you are arriving. Also, the policies may change at any time. Please check the latest information and coordinate with the university and travel agency while making preparations to ensure you are in compliance with government policies.

For information on the new border control policies, see the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare website.

Japanese: https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431_00209.html

English: <https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/bordercontrol.html>