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Japan – UPDATE: Immigration/Travel Restrictions Related to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As part of its response to managing the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19), the Japanese government has announced updated entry restrictions on 18 March.¹ The measures below will last until the end of April. Depending on the situation, there is a possibility that the duration will be extended.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Due to the imposed travel restrictions, the Japanese embassies/consulates in the listed countries or regions strongly advise waiting for the visa application until further notice. If one's CoE (Certificate of Eligibility) is about to expire before the end of April, please raise this matter immediately with the competent embassy/consulate and ask for the issuance of a letter to be officially granted for six-month period of validity for the CoE. (See [GMS Flash Alert 2020-060](#), 16 March 2020.)

Denied Entry (Updated)

Effective from 19 March at 0:00 (JST, GMT +9), further countries and regions have been added to the previous list (see [GMS Flash Alert 2020-060](#)). Foreign nationals who have travelled or stayed in the below-noted countries and regions within 14 days prior to their arrival in Japan are not permitted to land in Japan unless there are exceptional circumstances.²

- Iceland
 - All areas

- Italy
 - Valle d'Aosta
 - Trentino Alto Adige
 - Friuli Venezia Giulia
 - Liguria
- Spain
 - Navarra Province
 - Basque Province
 - Madrid Province
 - La Rioja Province
- Switzerland
 - Canton of Ticino
 - Canton of Basel-Stadt

Enhanced Quarantine (Updated)

Effective from 21 March at 0:00 (JST, GMT +9), a further 38 countries have been added to the previous list (see GMS *Flash Alert* 2020-060).³ All travelers entering from those listed countries will be subject to mandatory quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. As a consequence, the Japanese embassy and consulate in those countries will suspend the issuance of all types of visas (whether short/long or single/multiple) until further notice. The visa application can only be accepted when there is an unavoidable humanitarian reason authorized by the Japanese government. The temporary visa exemption agreements for holders of passports of the below-noted countries are temporarily suspended:

All Schengen member states: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.	
Andorra	Iran
Bulgaria	Monaco
Croatia	Romania
Cyprus	San Marino
Egypt	United Kingdom
Ireland	Vatican City

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 See the Prime Minister's Office of Japan [website](#).
- 2 See the Ministry of Justice [website](#) .
- 3 See the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare [website](#) .

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