

Scheme for Smooth Entry of International Students

GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (as of March 14,2022)

This Guide is intended for international students wishing to study in Japan. It explains the “Scheme for Smooth Entry of International Students,” (hereinafter, “Scheme”) announced as below on March 3.

Please use this Guide as reference for the Scheme; if there are any unclear points, please consult with the Japanese school you are/will be enrolled in (hereinafter, “school” or “schools”).

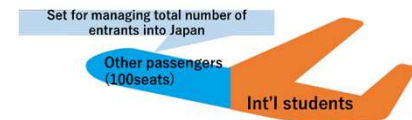
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Introduction of Scheme for Smooth Entry of International Students

In order to assure the entry of international students into Japan with priority, the Japanese government will initiate the “Scheme for Smooth Entry of International Students”.



- With the cooperation of airlines, a block booking for international students will be provided according to the application for preferred flights submitted to accepting universities by the students. (Flights arriving in Japan on Mon-Thu will mainly be the subject for provision.)
- The scheme is subject to use by students coming to universities, high schools, and Japanese language education institutions.
- Flights provided under this scheme will be those of as early as mid March.
- A support center will be established jointly by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and Immigration Services Agency of Japan. The support center will aggregate the volume of students being accepted by universities and Japanese language education institutions and work in liaison with airlines to secure the flights for international students.
- For the time being, flights until the end of May will be subject to application.



Overall points to note

- Personal information of international students applying will be provided to airline companies participating in the Scheme to be used for making flight reservations. Please understand that point.
- Entry of international students is not limited to this Scheme, and when possible, international students may reserve tickets on flights on their own. Please consider this Scheme as a measure for enabling your entry into Japan as soon as possible.
- This Scheme is to be **utilized after you have made applications for your passport and visa.**

Target for application

- The organizations applying to the Scheme are **high schools, universities, colleges of technology (KOSEN), professional colleges, Japanese language institutions**, etc.
- Targets for the Scheme are international students only. **Foreign faculty, researchers, etc. are asked to enter Japan through the usual reservation method for the general public.**



Target flights

- Since the Scheme is intended to enable the smooth entry into Japan of international students by utilizing empty seats particularly during periods when there are relatively fewer business and other passengers, the **flights targeted will basically be those arriving in Japan from Monday through Thursday.**
- At present, the airlines participating in the Scheme are the **Japan Airlines (JAL) Group*** and **All Nippon Airways (ANA).** **Only the international flights operated by these airlines will be targeted.** *JAL, ZIPAIR Tokyo, Spring Japan
- **All international flights of the participating airlines** within the scope of the Scheme **will be targeted.**
- **Since connecting flights operated by other airline companies not participating in the Scheme will not be targeted,** please arrange your flight schedule to give you ample time for transfer flights, etc. so that you can be sure to board flights reserved under the Scheme.
- As of March 2022, since the number of flights from China will be limited, it is expected to be very difficult to reserve airline tickets even under the Scheme.



Application method

- Please secure your reservation and ticket by following the reservation method for each airline described in the pages below. Please be aware that the reservation methods for JAL and ANA are different.
- **Please refrain from applying directly to the Support Center for Entry of International Students.** Under the new measure (27) for the strengthening of border measures, receiving organizations are to take responsibility for managing the new entry of foreign students, including collecting the information from the international students and applying to the Support Center.



After application

- After inquiring to the airline companies about the availability of seats, the Support Center will **notify the schools of the inquiry results as soon as possible**.
- **In the case that a reservation cannot be made, please try to reserve a ticket on a different day and time through the regular reservation method**. It will also be possible to apply to the Scheme again for a different date and time.
- **If you are notified that a provisional reservation has been made, please proceed with the procedures for payment of the ticket by the deadline for the issuance of the ticket.**
- **Should you cancel the reservation** after payment for the ticket, **you may have to pay a cancellation fee, depending on the flight reserved**. For details, please confirm with the applying travel agency or airline.



If using Japan Airlines (JAL) Group

*JAL Group comprises JAL, ZIPAIR Tokyo, Spring Japan

- 1) First, students should try making a reservation through the JAL website or through a domestic or overseas travel agent.
- 2) In case all desired flights are already fully booked and a reservation cannot be made, you should put your name on the reservation waiting list through a travel agent or a contact center in each country (for ZIP and SJO, only through the contact centers). Waiting list reservations cannot be made through the JAL website.
JAL contact center: <https://www.jal.co.jp/jp/ja/information/branch/>
ZIP contact center: ZIPAIR help center contact.jp@zipair.net
SJO contact center : SPRING JAPAN call center (+86 21) 95524
- 3) You can be placed on the reservation waiting lists for multiple flights, but for securing a seat, airline companies will respond for only one flight. (On the application form, please fill in one flight each in the desired order of flights.)
- 4) Your name should be placed on the reservation waiting list by seven business days before the scheduled flight day; please apply by five business days before the scheduled flight to the Support Center for Entry of International Students.

Example: If you want to take a flight scheduled to arrive in Japan on April 10th, you need to make a waiting list reservation by April 3rd 23:59 (JST), and apply to the Support Center by April 5th 23:59(JST).



If using All Nippon Airways (ANA) : Page 1/2

(1) First, try making reservation through ANA website or through a domestic or overseas travel agent, etc.

→ Have your ticket issued when you have successfully made a reservation.

(2) In case all desired flights are already fully booked and a reservation cannot be made, after putting your name on the reservation waiting list through a domestic or overseas travel agent or the ANA contact center*, fill out the application form and submit it to your destination school in Japan.

*Waiting list reservations cannot be made through the ANA website.

- ✓ If a seat is available, ANA reserves the seat. You can be placed on the reservation waiting lists for multiple flights, but ANA will respond for only one flight.
- ✓ Have the ticket issued by the travel agent you used to make the waiting reservation.
- ✓ The student's name should be placed on the reservation waiting list by seven business days before the scheduled flight day; schools should submit application by five business days before the scheduled flight to the Entry for International Students Support Center.

Example: If you want to take a flight scheduled to arrive in Japan on April 10th, you need to make a waiting list reservation by April 3rd 23:59(JST) , and schools should apply to the Support Center by April 5th 23:59(JST).

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(3) For those not on a waiting list, application for desired flights can be made.

- ✓ You can apply for multiple flights, but ANA will respond for only one flight.
- ✓ ANA provides you the information regarding temporary slots, ticket costs, etc.
- ✓ If you wish for the issuance of the ticket under the conditions offered, you should contact the ANA overseas contact center by the deadline for the issuance of the ticket.
- ✓ The student should submit the application information to the school by ten business days before the scheduled flight, and the school should submit the application to the Entry for International Students Support Center by eight business days before the flight.

Example: If the student wants to take a flight scheduled to arrive in Japan on April 10th, the student needs to submit the application information to the school by March 31st 23:59(JST), and schools should submit it to the Support Center by April 2nd 23:59(JST).



Upon their entry into Japan, international students are asked to **use the fast track AND the Visit Japan Web** to ensure smooth immigration process and avoid congestion at airports. We appreciate your cooperation!

Fast Track (pre-registration for airport quarantine procedure)
<https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/fasttrack/en/>

Visit Japan Web

Visit Japan Web is a web service that visitors (including Japanese and the foreigners who have reentry permits) can use for quarantine, immigration and customs procedures in order to enter Japan.

https://www.digital.go.jp/en/services/visit_japan_web