Congratulations on earning enrollment at Ritsumeikan University! The following is a schedule of procedures which must be completed before coming to Japan prior to starting new life in Japan.

0. Introduction
As of September 15, 2020, foreign nationals from 154 countries around the world are still denied permission to enter Japan unless special exceptional circumstances are found, or 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. The university will notify students by email when the restrictions on entry to Japan have been eased and permitted to enter Japan.

1. Flow before coming to Japan
The following is a schedule of procedures which must be read and completed.

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<td>Receive a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) from the University</td>
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<td>New students who do not currently have a residence card will need a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to come to Japan. If you have not yet applied for COE to the university, please contact the administrative office of the graduate school where you are enrolled.</td>
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<td>※If your current COE is about to expire (valid for 3 months), please be sure to contact the university.</td>
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<td>Due to the current situation surrounding the coronavirus, it was announced by the Immigration Services Agency that Certificates of Eligibility which are normally valid for 3 MONTHS will be treated as if they are valid for 6 month from the date of the entry restriction measures being lifted OR until April 30, 2021, whichever comes first. If three months pass AFTER the issuance date listed on the Certificate of Eligibility (which means expired), you will need a document stating that &quot;the university can still accept the student under the same activities as when applying for issuance of the Certificate of Eligibility&quot; issued by Ritsumeikan University.</td>
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<td>Students that need this document issued by the university direct their consultations to <a href="mailto:ru-coe@st.ritsumei.ac.jp">ru-coe@st.ritsumei.ac.jp</a></td>
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<td>Apply “Student Visa” at the Embassy of Japan</td>
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<td>After receiving COE, please apply for “Student Visa” at the nearest embassy (consulate) immediately. Please check directly with the embassy (consulate) you are applying for the documents required to apply for a &quot;Student Visa&quot;. ※After receiving your “Student Visa”, if your current COE is about to expire (valid for 3 months), please be sure to contact the university.</td>
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1) Those who come to Japan for the first time (New comers to Japan)
As mentioned in "0. Introduction", foreign nationals who are new to Japan are currently not allowed to enter Japan. (As of September 15, 2020.) As of today, only the re-entry permit holders stated in 2) below are allowed to enter Japan.
When the immigration restrictions by the Japanese government are eased, the university will notify you by email. In addition, new information may be released from the nearest Japanese embassy, etc. Please continue to collect the information yourself.

2) Those who are currently away from Japan temporarily (Re-entry permit holders)
As of today, re-entry permit holders are allowed to re-enter Japan.
If you are currently not in Japan and hold a re-entry permit, you can enter Japan by following the steps below. 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 time to time.

【Procedures required for re-entry permit holders to return to Japan】
As of September 15, 2020, re-entrants are required to take various procedures to take preventive measures against epidemics by the Japanese government. Before you book your flight and leave your home country, be sure to check the Ritsumeikan University FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions from International Students) on the Ritsumeikan University website. In addition, the following three points are currently required even after entering Japan as an epidemic prevention measure by the Japanese government. Click here for details.

- Required to secure a place to stay (waiting place) at a location (home or hotel) designated by the quarantine station chief for 14 days from the day after entry.
- Required to secure a means of transport from the arriving airport to the place to stay without using public transportation.
- Make sure you have a waiting place and transportation before you enter Japan.
- Required to register the waiting place after entering Japan and the means of transport from the airport at the quarantine station.

2. Procedures after arriving Japan
For details, please check “<About Entering Japan> After arriving Japan”

3. How to contact Ritsumeikan University
You may have a lot of anxiety and don’t know what to do upon entering the university since you cannot come to Japan.
In such a case, please forward your inquiries to the address listed on the "Inquiries" page on the Ritsumeikan University website.
If you would like to ask any questions to Ritsumeikan University International Center, contact us at ru-inter@st.ritsumei.ac.jp.
When sending an email, be sure to specify followings. "Specify that you are a new student in Fall
2020", "Examinee’s number (student ID number after receiving one)", and "The graduate school you are enrolled". Please contact the administrative office of your graduate school for any inquiries regarding your courses.

Please also refer to the “Ritsumeikan University FAQ”.
► Ritsumeikan University FAQ website (Frequently Asked Questions from International Students)

4. About the graduate school orientation sessions
For details, please check Graduate School Entrance Examination Information Website

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