

【Before arriving 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 before coming to Japan prior to starting new life in Japan.

0. Introduction

As of March 31, 2021, all foreign nationals 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.

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.

① Receive a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) from the University	<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 a possibility that you will not be able to enter Japan within 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>
Please check HERE for the procedures from ② to ⑥.	
② Apply to have a “Pledge Form”	<p>Before applying for “Student Visa” at the nearest embassy (consulate), you need to have a “Pledge Form” issued by the university.</p> <p>After receiving your COE, apply to have a “Pledge Form” via the university’s online travel procedure system, AMARYS.</p>
③ Apply “Student Visa” at the Embassy of Japan	<p>After receiving COE and a “Pledge Form”, please apply for “Student Visa” at the nearest embassy (consulate). Please check directly with the embassy (consulate) you are applying for the documents required to apply for a “Student Visa”.</p>

④ Book your flight	<p>1) Those who come to Japan for the first time (New comers to Japan)</p> <p><u>As mentioned in "0. Introduction", foreign nationals who are new to Japan are currently not allowed to enter Japan. (As of March 24, 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>
⑤ Preparations before leaving your countries	<p>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.</p>
⑥ Enter Japan	<p>2) Those who are currently away from Japan temporarily (Resident Card/Re-entry permit holders)</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> <p>If you are currently not in Japan and hold a re-entry permit, 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 time to time.</p>

2. Procedures after arriving Japan

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

3. How to contact 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 Spring 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 FAQ".

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

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

4. About the college orientation sessions

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

5. About the graduate school orientation sessions

For details, please check [Graduate School Entrance Examination Information Website](#)

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