

Specific examples of cases where permission for re-entry may be granted due to being special exceptional circumstances corresponding to individual situation in relation to the measures for denial of landing relating to prevention of the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, which is spreading throughout the world, for the time being, the Minister of Justice will be denying permission for landing to foreign nationals, who have a record of staying in certain countries or regions, etc. due to coming under Article 5, paragraph (1), item (xiv) of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, unless special exceptional circumstances exist.

With regard to foreign nationals who departed from Japan with a re-entry permit, foreign nationals who possess the status of residence of “Permanent Resident”, “Spouse or Child of Japanese National”, “Spouse or Child of Permanent Resident” or “Long-Term Resident” (including the spouse of a Japanese national or a child of a Japanese national who does not possess these statuses of residence) and departed from Japan with a re-entry permit (including a special re-entry permit) for a country or region prior to such country or region of stay becoming an area subject to denial of landing, shall be permitted re-entry due to there being special exceptional circumstances, and in addition, re-entry may also be permitted if there are special exceptional circumstances corresponding to the individual situation such as the need for special humanitarian consideration.

The following are specific examples of cases where re-entry may be permitted depending on individual situation.

1. A foreign national who departed from Japan with a re-entry permit (including a special re-entry permit) for a country or region before such country or region where the foreign national was staying became an area subject to denial of landing
 - My family is staying in Japan and we have become separated.
 - I departed from Japan with my child who is enrolled in a Japanese educational institution, but my child is unable to go to school.
 - I need to re-enter Japan for treatment at a Japanese medical institution such as surgery (including re-examination) or childbirth.
 - I had to depart from Japan in order to visit a relative who was in critical condition abroad or to attend the funeral of a deceased relative.
 - I had to depart from Japan for treatment at a foreign medical institution such as surgery (including re-examination) or childbirth.
 - I had to depart from Japan after receiving a summons from a foreign court to appear as a witness.

2. A foreign national who departed from Japan with a re-entry permit (including a special re-entry permit) for a country or region after such country or region where the foreign national

was staying became an area subject to denial of landing (including cases where the foreign national intends to depart from Japan for such country or region in the future)

- I had to depart from Japan in order to visit a relative who was in critical condition abroad or to attend the funeral of a deceased relative.
- I had to depart from Japan for treatment at a foreign medical institution such as surgery (including re-examination) or childbirth.
- I had to depart from Japan after receiving a summons from a foreign court to appear as a witness.

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