

For Students Entering Japan for the First Time

AND expecting to obtain a “student” status of residence

About the Japan Entry Support System for Students Newly Arriving starting March 2022

Overview	<p>Effective 1 March 2022, foreign nationals are permitted to newly enter Japan for purposes aside from tourism. In continuation from 2020, Ritsumeikan University has implemented a Japan entry support system to assist students in coming to Japan to attend in-person classes and participate in research activity. Ritsumeikan University will continue to assist financially with fees associated with a maximum of 8 days of quarantine required after entering Japan.</p>
Support Coverage	<p>Accommodation fee for a maximum 7-night, 8-day quarantine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees for hotel cancellations, PCR tests, transportation (including for hired car/taxi fare), food, laundry are not included. • Support coverage may change in response to border control measures by the Japanese government.
Payment Amount	<p>Maximum 50,000 yen per person</p>
Eligibility	<p>Undergraduate/graduate students registered in a regular curriculum at Ritsumeikan University who plan to obtain a “Student” status of residence must fulfill all conditions (① - ④) below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Has been admitted to Ritsumeikan University during 2020 AY, 2021 AY, or 2022 AY ② Has been issued a “student” COE through Ritsumeikan University, and will enter Japan ③ Has made a reservation for a hotel, etc. using AMARYS, the Japan Entry Procedure Web System ④ Has not received support through previous Japan Entry support systems implemented starting in 2020. <p>CAUTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students entering (reentering) Japan again after having departed the country, already holding a status of residence, are not eligible for support. • Students that left Japan with a valid re-entry permit but were not able to re-enter Japan before the expiration of their status of residence and acquired a new COE and visa are not eligible for this support. • Students that belonged to a Japanese language school or other university before admission to Ritsumeikan University and already hold a “Student” status of residence should refer to Question 12 in the Q&A.
How to Apply	<p>Request an accommodation via AMARYS, the Japan Entry Procedure Web System</p>
Application Period	<p>For the duration that the Japanese government continues to implement equivalent border control measures</p>

Payment Method	By applying for an accommodation via AMARYS, the Japan Entry Procedure Web System, the predetermined amount will be deducted from the total and the remaining amount will be billed by JTB directly to the applicant.
Contact	<p>Ritsumeikan University International Center: Japan Entry Support Team tonichi@st.ritsumei.ac.jp (Closed Sat., Sun., and National Holidays)</p> <p>*When inquiring, please include your student ID number (examinee number), college/faculty name, first and last name, and “Japan Entry Support Inquiry” in the e-mail’s subject line.</p> <p>*Inquiries may take as long as one week to reply. *Please thoroughly review these requirements and the Q&A, and do your best to make a determination on your own.</p>

■ ■ Points of Caution when Applying ■ ■

If it is found that an applicant has not followed the provisions set in the Japanese government’s quarantine policies (the Written Pledge and post-entry quarantining), support will be revoked and the applicant will be requested to return the funds.

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【English Ver.】 <https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/000863646.pdf>

- In order to confirm the contents of the application, the applicant may be requested to submit further materials or may be contacted directly for confirmation. If the applicant does not respond in a timely manner, there is the possibility that the support cannot be provided.
- If there are any falsifications in the application, the applicant may be subject to disciplinary action by the university. Also, if it is discovered that there are falsifications in the application, the applicant will be requested to return the funds.
- If you receive this support, you may be asked to fill out a university-implemented questionnaire concerning student life at a later time.
- After entering Japan, please submit a copy (photo data) of your residence card.

< Privacy Policy > The information contained in the documents submitted for this Student Support Payment will be used for the selection of Emergency Student Support Payment recipients. It may also be used to disseminate information on future scholarship opportunities. Applicants’ information will be used only for the above purposes.

■ ■ Q&A ■ ■

【Q1】 During AY 2020, I received the same Japan entry support. Am I eligible to receive the support this time?

【A1】 Students who were admitted to Ritsumeikan in or after AY 2020 who have not been in Japan once since admission to Ritsumeikan University are eligible for this support. Students that received

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equivalent Japan Entry support are not eligible this time around.

【Q2】 Is it possible to receive this support from Ritsumeikan University in addition to the “Ritsumeikan University Emergency Student Support Fund” and/or the Japanese Government-funded “Emergency Student Support for Continuing Studies”?

【A2】 It is possible.

【Q3】 How do I make a reservation for an eligible accommodation? Is there any procedure that I have to complete to receive this support fund?

【A3】 New entrants to Japan should check the box that they would like to request a hotel in AMARYS. There are no other application materials that need be submitted. JTB will bill the deducted amount directly to the student.

【Q4】 I want to take a PCR test on the third day to shorten my quarantine period. Is this eligible for support?

【A4】 Because only fees for accommodations are eligible for support, fees for PCR tests are to be borne by the student. If you do not take a PCR test and stay in quarantine for up to 8 days, support remains at a maximum of 50,000 yen.

【Q5】 If I apply via AMARYS, will I definitely receive the support?

【A5】 Your submitted materials will be screened, and if there are no omissions, you will be eligible for the support.

【Q6】 How will I know the result of my application?

【A6】 Those that are chosen for the support will be billed by JTB the deducted amount. We will not send out individual letters of acceptance, so please be sure to check using the amount on the bill.

【Q7】 Is the fare for transportation AFTER the quarantine eligible for support?

【A7】 Transportation after the completion of quarantine is not covered.

【Q8】 Can I apply for support to cover the taxi to my quarantine location?

【A8】 Under the current border control measures, public transportation can be used from the airport to the quarantine location under certain conditions. For that reason, taxi/hired car fare is not covered.

*The use of public transportation is permitted for 1. ONLY the shortest necessary route, and 2. within the 24 hours after completing the examination (specimen collection) at the airport quarantine station.

【Q9】 I want to reserve a hotel on my own. Am I still eligible for support?

【A9】 Ritsumeikan University students are eligible for a Certificate for Completion of Registration to the ERFS System (uketsukezumi-sho) which is necessary to newly enter Japan under the condition that they stay at a hotel which has been reserved by JTB. Quarantining at your own home, the home of an acquaintance, friend, or family, or at a hotel reserved on your own is not allowed. Only fees incurred from a hotel reserved via AMARYS will have support allotted.

【Q10】 What is included in the accommodation fee?

【A10】 This only includes a maximum 7-night, 8-day accommodation fee. If you order food or use laundry service, you must pay for this on your own when you check out.

【Q11】 Can I apply if my student status is “leave of absence” or “studying abroad”? What if I am re-enrolling?

【A11】 Students on a leave of absence (study abroad) are eligible if they fulfill all the eligibility requirements. Students re-enrolling are not eligible.

【Q12】 Are students that belonged to a Japanese language school or other university before admission to Ritsumeikan and hold a “Student” status of residence eligible?

【A12】 Those that already held a “student” status of residence at the time of enrollment are not eligible for this support. As an exception, those who returned to their home country after graduating from a Japanese language school or another university for such reasons as having some time left before entering Ritsumeikan University AND whose "student" status of residence expired (or who returned their residence card at the airport upon returning to their home country), and applied for a new Certificate of Eligibility (COE) through Ritsumeikan University are eligible for support.