

WELCOME TO JAPAN!

As a visitor to Japan you are required to perform certain Customs procedures which are an important part of entry into and departure from the country.

This brochure has been prepared by Japan Customs to assist foreign visitors coming to Japan by providing information about Customs regulations and procedures. This knowledge will be helpful during your Customs examinations.

This brochure answers such questions as, "How much can a passenger bring in duty-free?" "What are the procedures for goods purchased at duty-free shops?" "What kinds of articles are prohibited or restricted by law?"

We hope this Customs Guide will be useful and will help expedite your Customs clearance.

If you have further questions, please feel free to ask any Customs officer.



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YOUR DECLARATION



1 You are required to make a written declaration about your belongings.

You must submit one copy of Customs declaration forms to a Customs inspector when you enter Japan. Two copies of Customs declaration forms are required if you have unaccompanied baggage.

Customs declaration forms are available on air planes and ships or in the Customs inspection area of the airport or seaport.

Japan Customs recommends submitting declarations electronically.

By accessing to the Visit Japan Web, you will be able to create your Customs Declaration Form electronically. After passengers arrive at the airport and declare electronically at the Electronic Declaration Terminal, they may simply walk through the Gate for customs clearance without stopping or waiting.

For details about Visit Japan Web, please see the Digital Agency website.



Visit Japan Web



Access to the Visit Japan Web

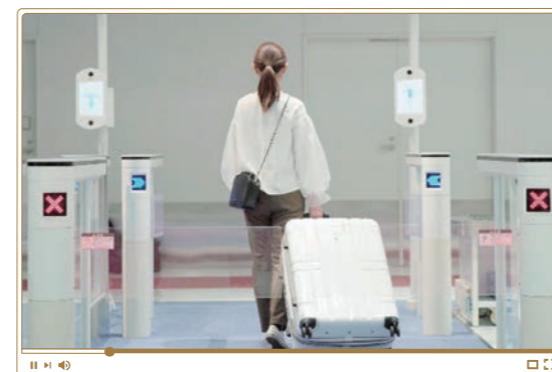
2 The green and red channel system Please choose either the green channel or the red channel.

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- The green channel is for passengers who have no goods or only goods which can be admitted free of duties and/or taxes and which are not subject to import prohibitions or restrictions.
- The red channel is for all other visitors.

*Please pay duties and/or taxes by mobile payment applications and credit cards (only at airports), or by cash.

When the value of dutiable goods exceeds three hundred thousand yen (¥300,000), formal Customs clearance procedures (for general cargo) are required.



Have a smooth and comfortable trip.
- The Electronic Customs Declaration Gate System-



EXEMPTIONS



Personal effects and unaccompanied baggage that are for personal use are free of duties and/or taxes within the allowance specified below. (As for rice, the limit is 100 kg a year) if you have both personal effects and unaccompanied baggage, please consider them together.

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Personal Effects and Professional Equipment

Clothes, toiletries, and other personal effects for your personal use, as well as portable professional equipment that you will use during your stay in Japan, are all free of duties and/or taxes, if they are considered quantitatively appropriate and are not for sale. Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco Products, Etc.

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Allowances are made for certain other articles within the limits specified below.

Household Effects (Including Automobiles)

If you are to move to Japan and to stay for more than one year, your or your family's

household effects that have been used and will be used by the member of your family may be imported free of duties and/or taxes within reasonable limits.

Such household effects may include automobiles, boats, and other vehicles, provided that registration certificates or sales receipts are presented to prove that the automobiles are used or that the boats have been in use for more than one year prior to their arrival in Japan.

Automobiles and other vehicles may be imported temporarily free of duties and/or taxes provided they are subsequently exported.

Simplified Customs Duty Rates

When your belongings exceed the limit of the duty-free allowances, the following simplified Customs duty rates are applied, in most cases, to the amount which is in excess.

Item		Rate
Alcoholic Beverages	Whisky, Brandy	¥800 per liter
	Gin, Vodka, Rum	¥500 per liter
	Liquor	¥400 per liter
	Distilled alcoholic beverages	¥300 per liter
	Wine, Beer and other liquor	¥200 per liter
Tobacco Products	Cigarettes	¥15 per cigarette
	Heat-not-burn	
	(1) Products that use tobacco sticks	¥15 per stick
	(2) Products sold as a packaged set of tobacco capsules and liquid cartridges, etc.	¥50 per capsule
	*Also includes products sold as a packaged set of liquid cartridges only.	¥50 per cartridge
Others		15%

(per person over the age of 20)

Item	Allowance	Remarks
Alcoholic Beverages	3 bottle	760 ml per bottle.
Tobacco Products	Cigarettes	200 cigarettes
	Heat-Not-Burn	10 individual packages
	※ Cigars	50cigars
	Other kinds of tobacco	250grams
Perfume	2 ounces	
Others	¥200,000	The total overseas market value of the articles other than the above items must be under ¥200,000. Any item whose total overseas market value does not exceed ¥10,000 is always free of duties and/or taxes and is not counted in the calculation of the total overseas market value of ¥200,000.(e.g., two ties worth ¥5,000 each) There is no duty-free allowance for articles or sets of articles that have a market value of more than ¥200,000 each or per set.

Notes: • Commodities and commercial samples are subject to duties and/or taxes since they are not regarded as for personal use.
• In the case of applying the duty-free allowance for rice, please submit a "Report for the Import of Rice" to the District Agriculture Office or other relevant authority, and then submit one of the copies returned to you to the Customs office.

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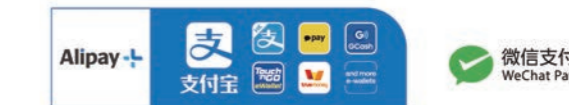
Cashless payments of customs duties and taxes



You can pay customs duties and taxes by the following.

Mobile payment applications

Accepted providers are the following



* LINE Pay is available in Narita International Airport, Tokyo International Airport, Kansai International Airport, Chubu Centrair International Airport, Fukuoka Airport, New Chitose Airport and Naha Airport.



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Credit cards

Accepted providers are the following



Cautions to take

- * Receipts will not be issued.
- * There is a limit to your usable amount. Please ask the officers for details.
- * You cannot use it together with payments by cash.
- * The communication fee for your smartphone and other devices is your responsibility.
- * Not available at seaports and some airports.
- * For credit cards, a system usage fee, which is not national income, is charged in addition to the duties and taxes being paid for.

We hope will be useful!
What are the procedures for goods purchased at duty-free shops?

How much can a passenger bring in duty-free?

UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE



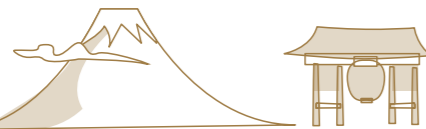
When you have unaccompanied baggage, two copies of Customs declaration forms must be submitted, at the time of your entry, one of which will be returned to you with the seal of certification by a Customs officer. Such declaration is necessary to obtain duty and/or tax exemption status. Such declaration baggage must be in your custody within six months after your arrival. The sealed declaration must be presented at the time of the clearance of the unaccompanied goods.

If baggage is imported by mail, you required to list this unaccompanied baggage on your declaration, and you should identify the parcel by placing the words “unaccompanied baggage” on the parcel.

CURRENCY



There is no limit on the total amount of money and other means of payment that may be brought into or taken out of Japan. However, if you transport money and other means of payment exceeding ¥1,000,000 or its equivalent or precious metal (gold with over 90% purity) exceeding 1 kg in total weight, you are required to submit a declaration to Customs. “Money and other means of payment” includes Japanese or foreign currencies, checks (include traveler’s check), promissory notes, and securities.



Articles prohibited from entry



The following articles are prohibited from entry by law:

- a Opium, cannabis, magic mushrooms, and other narcotic drugs and utensils for opium smoking; stimulants (including Vicks inhalers and Sudafed); psychotropic substances (excluding those designated by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Ordinance); Designated substances except those imported for permitted purposes including medicinal ones.
- b Firearms (pistols, rifles, machine guns, etc.), ammunition (bullets) thereof, and pistol parts
- c Explosives (dynamite, gunpowder, etc.)
- d Precursor materials for chemical weapons
- e Germs which are likely to be used for bio-terrorism
- f Counterfeit, altered, or imitation coins, paper money, bank notes, or securities, and forged credit cards
- g Books, drawings, carvings, and any other articles which may harm public safety or morals (obscene or immoral materials, e.g., pornography)
- h Child pornography
- i Goods which infringe Intellectual Property

Articles restricted from entry



The following articles are restricted from entry by law:

- a Plants and animals must be presented to the plant or animals quarantine officer for quarantine inspection prior to Customs examination. There is quantity restriction on the import of medicine and cosmetic etc. for personal use. (e.g., Internal medicine: amount required for a period of 2 months (as a general rule); External medicine: 24 pieces or less per one item; Cosmetics: 24 pieces or less per one item) However, those which may cause health damage are restricted regardless of their quantity.
- c No person shall bring hunting guns, air guns, swords, etc. into Japan without a permit to possess.

EXPORT OF TAX-FREE PURCHASE



When you purchase articles at specified tax-free shops in Japan, consumption tax on those articles may be exempted on the condition that they are taken out of Japan.

You are required to export the tax-free goods. Do not transfer or consume the tax-free goods in Japan.

When leaving Japan, at the airport or seaport of departure, please present your passport at customs.

Customs inspect your possession of the tax-free goods as necessary. If you do not export the tax-free goods, you have to pay the consumption tax at customs.



Articles prohibited and restricted from exporting



The following articles are prohibited from exporting by law :

- a Narcotics and psychotropic drugs, cannabis, opium and opium straw and stimulants (including raw materials for stimulants)
- b Child pornography
- c Goods which infringe Intellectual Property

The following articles are restricted from exporting by law:

Particular plants (including fruits, vegetables and rice) and animals (including birds, raw meats, dried meats and ham) may need to receive a test for quarantine.

Exporting firearms, swords and highquality performance computers is restricted by law. If you wish to bring these articles out of Japan, you have to obtain a license from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry prior to the export and receive the confirmation by customs.



Example of description for "Accompanied Articles and Unaccompanied Articles declaration" (when exceeding the tax allowance)

Example of exceeding tax allowance

One person over the age of 20 who lives in a foreign country (foreign resident) brings in • three bottles of whiskey (760 ml), • one bottle of brandy (700 ml) • 600 cigarettes, • one ounce of perfume, • one suit of clothes which costs 50,000 yen • one wristwatch which costs 150,000 yen • one handbag which costs 80,000 yen • one ring which costs 120,000 yen

(-A-) Japan Customs Customs Form C No.3380-B
CUSTOMS DECLARATION
 Declaration of Accompanied Articles and Unaccompanied Articles
 Please fill in the following information and submit to Customs.
 (Only one written declaration per family is required.)

Flight No./Name of Vessel	Point of embarkation
Date of Arrival in Japan	Year Month Day
Name	Last name (or Surname) First & middle name Tarou Customs
Address in Japan (Accommodation)	Kasumigaseki 3-1-1, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Natality	Tel. () () () () () ()
Date of Birth	Year Month Day
Passport No.	
Number of Family members Travelling with You	Over 20 years old 6-19 years old Under 6 years old

※ Please answer with a "✓" mark to the following questions.

1. Are you bringing the following into Japan? Yes No
 ① Narcotic drugs, Firearms, Explosives and other Prohibited items (Please refer to 1. of side B.)
 ② Meat products, Vegetables, Fruits, Animals, Plants and other Restricted items (Please refer to 2. of side B.)
 ③ Gold Bullion and products of gold
 ④ Goods (purchases, souvenirs, gifts) exceeding duty-free allowance (Please refer to 3. of side B.)
 ⑤ Commercial goods or samples
 ⑥ Any items you have been requested from someone else to bring into Japan (These include the bags such as suitcases and similar containers and the items that someone else gave you without letting you know the reason.)
 ※ If your answer to any of the questions above is "Yes", please list your belongings in "Description of Accompanied Articles" on side B.

2. Cash, Checks (including T/C), Promissory Notes, Securities which exceed the amount of 1,000,000 yen or its equivalent, or precious metals, etc. exceeding 1kg. Yes No
 ※ If you choose "Yes", please submit "DECLARATION OF CARRYING OF MEANS OF PAYMENT, ETC." to Customs.

3. Do you have Unaccompanied Articles? Yes () No ()
 ※ If you have any unaccompanied articles, please submit this Declaration Form in duplicate. Unaccompanied articles shall be imported within 6 months from the date of your arrival. The sealed declaration must be presented at the time of clearance of the unaccompanied articles.

(NOTICE)
 As regulated by laws and regulations concerned, you are required to declare all the articles that you have purchased abroad or in departures/arrivals duty-free shops in Japan and are bringing into Japan. Any false declaration or failure to declare may be subject to penalty in laws and regulations concerned.

I declare that the above particulars are true and correct.
 Signature Tarou Customs

You are required to answer the questions in section A as requirements at Customs. Answers must be filled in. The declaration form must be authentically signed by the person submitting it. Those who do not have a "Personal effects and unaccompanied goods declaration" form should report to the Customs staff.

One bottle of liquor exceeds the tax allowance and is taxable. In this case, the brandy with a smaller amount of tax will be taxed. Example of tax calculation
 ■ Example of tax calculation
 800 yen/ liter (tax amount) X 0.7 liter (volume) = 560
 *In individual tax calculation, amounts less than 100 yen are truncated. In this case therefore, the liquor tax is 500 yen.
Liquor tax 500 yen

400 cigarettes exceed the tax allowance and are taxable.
 ■ Example of tax calculation
 15yen/each(tax amount) X 400(quantity)=6,000yen
Cigarette tax - cigarette special tax 6,000 yen

Perfume is within the tax allowance

Clothes are subject to 15% customs duty.
 ■ Example of tax calculation
 50,000 yen / (foreign market price) X 0.6 = 30,000 yen
 30,000 yen (taxable value) X 15% (tax rate) = 4,500 yen (Customs duty)

Wristwatches are subject to 10% excise tax and local excise tax.
 (Reference) 10% excise tax and local excise tax are mentioned above but the actual calculation is as follows;

Taxable Value	(foreign market price)	(taxable value)
150,000 yen	X 0.6	= 90,000 yen
Excise tax	(taxable value) (tax rate)	(excise tax)
90,000 yen	X 7.8%	= 7,000 yen
Local excise tax	(excise tax) (tax rate)	(local excise tax)
7,000 yen	X 22/78	= 1,900 yen

Goods subject to relatively higher tax are given priority for exemption.(In this example, the handbag and ring are given priority)
 (Reference) Custom duty when applied (custom duty rate 15%)

■ Example of tax calculation (handbag)
 80,000 yen (foreign market price) X 0.6 = 48,000 yen (taxable value)
 48,000 yen (taxable value) X 15% (tax rate) = 7,200 yen (customs duty)

■ Example of tax calculation (ring)
 120,000 yen (foreign market price) X 0.6 = 72,000 yen (taxable value)
 72,000 yen (taxable value) X 15% (tax rate) = 10,800yen (customs duty)

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 ※ Description of Accompanied Articles (If you choose "No" to all the questions of 1. and 3. on side A, you are not required to fill in this section.)
 * Regarding "Description of other goods" field in the below chart, if the total market value of each item which the arriving traveler who declares to Customs for oneself and the accompanying family uses for their personal use does not exceed 10,000 yen, you are not required to fill in this field. You are not required to provide the information about the unaccompanied articles in this section.

Alcoholic Beverages	Cigarettes	4	Bottle(s)	# Customs use only
		600	Pieces	
	Tobacco Products		boxes	
	Cigars			
	Others		g	
Perfume		1	oz	
Description of other goods	Quantity	Market Value		
Clothing	1	50,000		
Wristwatches	1	150,000		
Handbags	1	80,000		
Rings	1	120,000		
# Customs use only				Yes

1. PROHIBITED ARTICLES (EXAMPLE)
 ① Narcotic drugs, stimulants, marijuana, opium, psychotropic substances, MDMA, designated drugs.
 ② Firearms such as pistols, revolvers and machine guns, and bullets or parts thereof.
 ③ Explosives, pyrotechnic materials for chemical weapons, gases such as anthrax.
 ④ Counterfeit, altered or imitated coins, bank notes or securities, and forged credit cards.
 ⑤ Obscene or immoral materials, and child pornography.
 ⑥ Articles which infringe upon intellectual property rights, (patent, utility model, design, trademark, copyright, neighboring right, etc.)

2. RESTRICTED ARTICLES (EXAMPLE)
 ① Hunting guns, air guns, swords.
 ② Internationally protected endangered animals and plants, or their products. (crocodiles, cobras, snakes, ivory, shark, cactus, etc.)
 ③ Live animals and plants, meat products (including sausage and jerky), vegetables, fruits, or rice that require the quarantine inspection.
 ※ They are required to be checked at the Animal/Plant Quarantine Counter prior to Customs inspection.

3. Duty-Free Allowance (for each person, other than crew members)
 * 3 bottles (760ml as a bottle) of alcoholic beverages.
 * Cigarettes: 200 cigarettes (Regardless of Japan-made or foreign-made).
 ※ There is no duty-free allowance for alcoholic beverages and tobacco products for those under 20 years old.
 ※ All goods for personal use other than the above items with a total overseas market value not exceeding 200,000 yen.
 ※ When the price of an article exceeds 200,000 yen, duties and/or taxes will be imposed on its entire value.
 ※ As for children under 6 years old, duty-free allowances are limited to the articles owned for their personal use.

Thank you for your cooperation in completing this Declaration Form. As regulated in laws and regulations concerned, every person entering Japan is required to submit this Declaration Form to Customs. We appreciate your understanding for Customs inspection.

Payment in this case
 Liquor tax ¥ 500
 Cigarette tax - special cigarette tax ¥ 6,000
 Customs duty ¥ 4,500
 Excise tax and local excise tax ¥ 8,900
Total ¥ 19,900

CUSTOMS

(Customs Counselors)

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Tokyo Customs Headquarters ☎ 03-3529-0700

Haneda Branch Customs ☎ 050-5533-6962

Narita Branch Customs ☎ 0476-34-2128-9

Yokohama Customs Headquarters ☎ 045-212-6000

Nagoya Customs Headquarters ☎ 052-654-4100

Chubu Airport Branch Customs ☎ 0569-38-7600

Osaka Customs Headquarters ☎ 06-6576-3001

Kansai Airport Branch Customs ☎ 072-455-1600

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