

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.

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.

- 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.

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.

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	If there is more than one kind of tobacco products, the total allowance is 250 grams.
	Heat-Not-Burn	10 individual packages	
	Cigars	50 cigars	
	Other kinds of tobacco	250 grams	
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.

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



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



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.

How much can a passenger bring in duty-free?

