

Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening (J-PETS)

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Background to the Introduction of J-PETS

Increase in domestic TB patients

- Number of new domestic TB patients registered (annually): 10,000+ people
- Number of deaths (annually): 1,500+ people

(Source: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare [website](#))

Increase in foreign-born, domestic TB patients

- Number of new TB patients registered in 2023: 10,096 people
- Number of foreign-born patients: 1,619 people

TB patients and reason for denial of landing

Tuberculosis (TB) patients are denied entry into Japan (Class II Infectious Diseases, as defined in the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, ["Immigration Law"]).

Legal Framework Pre- and Post-Entry to Japan for individuals with TB

Pre-Entry	On Arrival	Post-Entry
<p>Legal Basis of J-PETS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Immigration Services Agency conducts a review to determine whether an applicant for the Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) meets the landing permission criteria during the application process (Article 7-2 of the Immigration Law). This review includes confirmation of whether an applicant complies with the conditions for landing (Article 7, Paragraph 1, Item 2 of the same Act).▪ If the review concludes that an applicant does not meet the conditions for landing, the CoE is not issued (Article 7, Paragraph 1, Item 4 of the same Act).▪ If after entering the country an individual develops TB, doubts may arise as to whether they can continue to regularly engage in activities related to their resident status. As a result, there is a requirement to submit a Certificate of Non-Infectiousness for Tuberculosis (TB) to confirm whether the conditions for landing are met (referred to as "other reference materials" in Article 6-2, Paragraph 1, Item 2 of the Immigration Control Regulations). <p>Visa Issuance Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Embassies and consulates abroad require the submission of a Certificate of Non-Infectiousness for TB to confirm that the applicant "does not fall under any of the reasons for denial of landing," based on the visa issuance criteria.	<p>Denial of Landing</p> <p>TB is classified as a Class II Infectious Disease (Article 6, Paragraph 3, Item 2 of the Act on the Prevention of Infectious Diseases and Medical Care for Patients with Infectious Diseases). Individuals with a TB infection do not meet the conditions for landing and will be denied entry into Japan by immigration inspectors (Article 5, Paragraph 1, Item 1 and Article 7, Paragraph 1, Item 4 of the Immigration Control Act). Even if a person is free of infection, they may still be denied landing if they are required but unable to provide a valid Certificate of Non-Infectiousness for TB.</p> <p>Procedures for Denial of Landing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ If certain requirements are met, such as the traveller's immediate departure from the country, it may be possible to withdraw the application for the landing permission. If withdrawal of the application is granted, there will no longer be record of any application for landing permission. In these circumstances, the individual is deemed to have not been denied landing and is not the subject of a deportation order.▪ However, if the withdrawal of the landing permission application is not granted, and the special inquiry officer or the Minister of Justice determines that the individual does not meet the conditions for landing based on the provisions of the Immigration Law, the individual will be ordered to leave the country.▪ If an individual wishes to re-enter Japan in the future, previous receipt of a deportation order does not constitute a reason for denial of landing.	<p>Stability and Continuity of Residence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Doubts may arise as to whether an individual who develops TB after entering the country can continue to regularly engage in activities related to their resident status.▪ If TB is contracted during the period of residence, questions may arise about the stability and continuity of the residence. As a result, applicants should exercise caution when applying for a change of resident status or renewal of the period of residence, providing a detailed explanation of the status of TB treatment (whether inpatient or outpatient) and the prospects for recovery.▪ Developing TB is a reason for denial of landing (Article 5, Paragraph 1, Item 1 of the Immigration Law). However, if an individual was healthy at the time of entry but later contracts TB during their stay, this does not constitute a reason for deportation. <div><p>Contracting TB</p><p>The TB incubation period is generally considered to vary from six months to two years (and notably shorter in children). Symptoms may include cough, sputum and low-grade fever, with blood in the sputum, loss of appetite, and weight loss sometimes observed.</p><p>If the examination results show that the cough and sputum contain TB bacteria, the individual will be admitted to a specialized medical institution for treatment (the average hospitalization period is two months). When diagnosed with TB, anti-tuberculosis drugs may be prescribed for six months or longer. Individuals undergoing outpatient treatment are not considered to pose a risk of spreading the infection to others, and it is possible for them to continue working.</p></div>

Outline of J-PETS

J-PETS countries	Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Nepal, Myanmar, China.
J-PETS Exemptions	Philippines, Vietnam, Nepal (*1) Nationals of these countries providing a current residence permit or similar document from a non-JPETS country are exempt from J-PETS screening.
Applicable Status of Residence	Mid to Long-term Residents (*2) (*3) Digital Nomad Visa holder and spouse/child (Status of Residence “Designated Activities 53-54)

- (*1) Indonesia, Myanmar, China: procedures are being finalized and the start date is not yet confirmed.
- (*2) Mid- to long-term residents refers to individuals specified in Article 19-3 of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act [foreign nationals who are residing in Japan with a status of residence, excluding those who fall into one of the following categories:
 - 1. a person who has been granted a period of stay not exceeding three months;
 - 2. a person who has been granted the status of residence of “Temporary Visitor”;
 - 3. a person who has been granted the status of residence of “Diplomat” or “Official”; and
 - 4. a person prescribed by Ministry of Justice Order as being equivalent to an individual in categories 1. through 3].
- (*3) The following applicants who intend to enter or stay in Japan under a system that requires a medical examination prior to entry, including a chest X-ray for the purpose of TB testing, will receive temporary exemption from J-PETS.
 - 1. JET Programme participants
 - 2. JICA trainees (both long-term and short-term)
 - 3. International students of JICA’s Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS)
 - 4. Japanese Government Scholarship students with an embassy recommendation
 - 5. Foreign students who enter Japan under commissioned education and training programs
 - 6. Nurses and care workers accepted under Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) with applicable countries
 - 7. Specified Skilled Workers,
 - 8. Notification No. 55 (specified motor vehicle transportation business preparation) and
 - 9. Foreign nationals who enter Japan under the Project to Accept Foreigners Conducting Housekeeping Services in National Strategic Special Zones (pursuant to the Act on National Strategic Special Zones, Article 16-4)

Outline of J-PETS

■ Start Date of Pre-Entry Screening

Applicable Nationality	Start date for TB screening	Start date for requirement to submit the TB Clearance Certificate (*1)
Philippines and Nepal	Scheduled for 24 March 2025	Scheduled for 23 June 2025
Vietnam	Scheduled for 26 May 2025	Scheduled for 1 September 2025
Indonesia, Myanmar, China	To be scheduled (Pending confirmation of start date)	To be scheduled (Pending confirmation of start date)

(*1) The date for the introduction of the mandatory submission of the TB Clearance Certificate is considered and effective when the application is filed. Individuals applying for a Certificate of Eligibility or a visa from 23 June 2025 in the case of the Philippines and Nepal, and from 1 September 2025 in the case of Vietnam, must submit a TB Clearance Certificate. In cases where the application for a Certificate of Eligibility is made before the date on which the submission of a TB Clearance Certificate becomes mandatory, and the applicant receives a Certificate of Eligibility without submitting a TB Clearance Certificate and then applies for a visa after the date on which the submission of a TB Clearance Certificate becomes mandatory, the applicant will not be required to submit a TB Clearance Certificate when applying for a visa. However, this assumes that the applicant has no subjective symptoms of TB (cough and sputum expectoration lasting more than two weeks, a prolonged mild fever or lethargy, etc.). If such subjective symptoms are present, a TB examination is preferable.

■ Children

Children are subject to pre-entry TB screening. Similarly to adults, children under 5 years of age are subject to a chest X-ray if the medical interview and physical examination reveal findings suggestive of active TB. If the medical interview and physical examination do not reveal findings suggestive of active TB, a tuberculin skin test (TST) or interferon-gamma release assay (IGRA) may be performed.

■ Pregnant Women

Pregnant women are subject to pre-entry TB screening. During pregnancy, there is a small risk of radiation exposure to the fetus, particularly during the first trimester. Pregnant women should therefore consider the following two options at their own risk:

- 1) Postpone the chest X-ray (and application process) until after delivery
- 2) Proceed with the chest X-ray with double-layer lead shielding



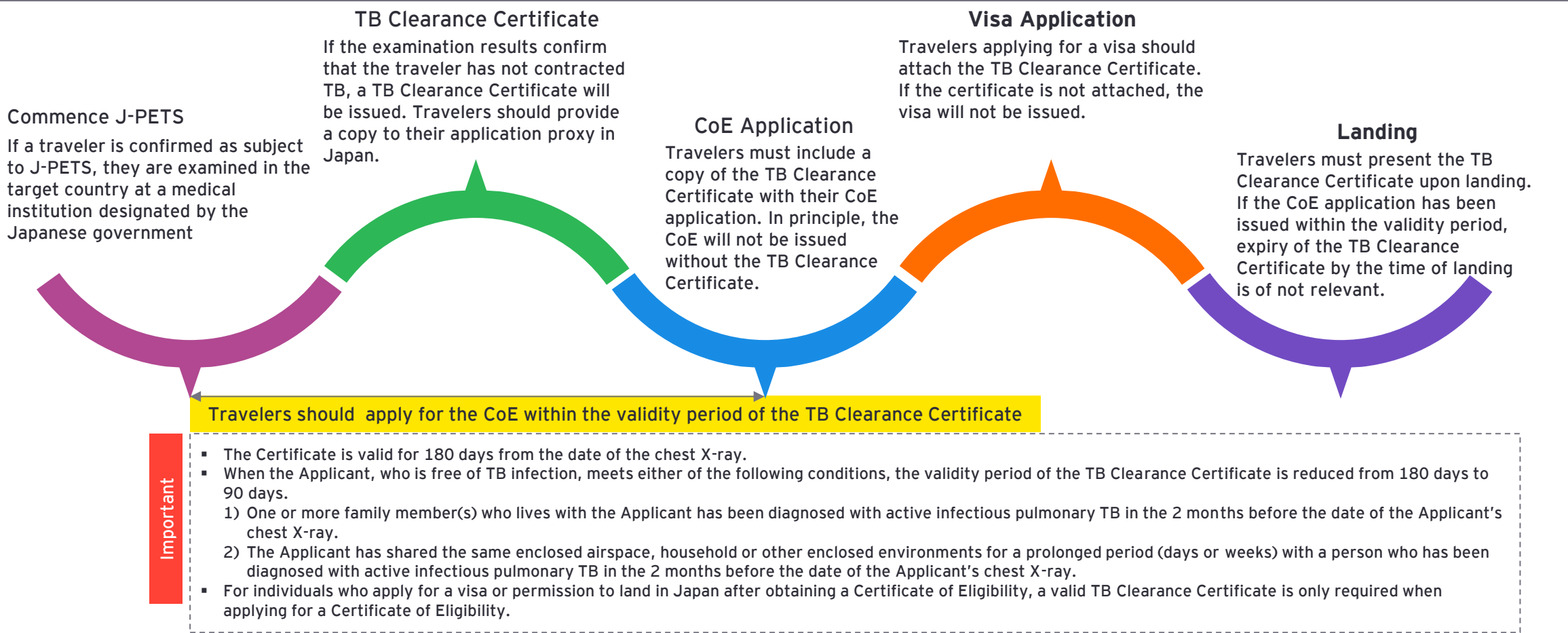
Method for determining who is subject to J-PETS

Determining whether someone is subject to J-PETS can be confusing. The following checklist can help assess whether someone is subject to screening.

STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
Is the traveler exempt?	What is the intended period of stay?	What is the traveler's nationality?	What is the traveler's current country of residence
<p>Travelers who meet the following conditions are exempt from J-PETS.</p> <p>Exemption for travelers with a residence permit or similar document confirming that the current country of residence is a country or region other than the J-PETS target countries (Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Nepal, Myanmar, and China).</p> <p>Temporary exemption from screening for applicants who intend to enter or stay in Japan under a system that requires a medical examination prior to entry, including a chest X-ray for the purpose of TB testing.</p> <p>Please see page 5.</p>	<p>Confirm if the traveler intends to stay for a period exceeding three months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Travelers with an intended stay of three months or less are exempt.Even if the period of stay listed on the Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) exceeds three months, be aware that the period of stay granted during the landing examination may be three months or less.	<p>Confirm if the traveler is a national of the Philippines, Vietnam or Nepal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Verify the traveler's nationality as shown in a passport or similar documentation.	<p>Confirm if the traveler's current country of residence is/is not the Philippines, Vietnam or Nepal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Verify the current country of residence as shown in an official identification document (such as a driver's license).If the traveler has residency in a country other than the J-PETS target countries, verify by reviewing a residence permit or similar document issued by the country of residence.Temporary stays (such as a business trip) in a country other than the J-PETS target countries do not provide exemption from J-PETS

Screening Process

- 1. Travelers cannot apply for a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) unless they undergo the Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening (J-PETS) and are issued a Certificate of Non-Infectiousness for TB.
- 2. Travelers should allow sufficient time for J-PETS. They should aim to be screened one month prior to applying for the CoE.





Designated Panel Clinics

(Updated: 28 February 2025)

Designated Panel Clinics for J-PETS

The Philippines Start Date: 24 March 2025

■ MANILA

Name of Clinic: IOM Manila Health Centre
Address: Trafalgar Plaza Building, 105 H.V. Dela Costa St., Brgy. Belair, Makati City 1227 Metro Manila, Philippines
Tel.: (+63) 9175934688 (+63) 9199934667
Website: <https://philippines.iom.int/manila-health-centre>

Name of Clinic: Nationwide Health Systems Aux, Inc.
Address: 2nd Floor Zeta II Annex Bldg 191 Salcedo Street Legaspi Village, Makati City, 1229, Philippines
Tel.: (+63) 288100785
Website: <https://nhsgroup.ph/makati.html>

Name of Clinic: St. Luke's Medical Center Extension Clinic
Address: 1177 J. Bocobo Street, Ermita, Manila
Tel.: (+63) 285210020
Website: <https://www.slec.ph>

■ BAGUIO

Name of Clinic: Nationwide Health Systems Baguio, Inc.
Address: Room 1, Ground Floor, EDY Building, 144 Kidad Road, Baguio City, 2600, Philippines
Tel.: (+63) 742446036
Website: <https://nhsgroup.ph/baguio.html>

■ DAVAO

Name of Clinic: Nationwide Health Systems Davao, Inc.
Address: 2nd floor Central Lab Tower E. Quirino Ave. Brgy 10-A Poblacion District, Davao City, 8000, Philippines
Tel.: (+63) 822965136
Website: <https://nhsgroup.ph/davao.html>

■ CEBU

Name of Clinic: Nationwide Health Systems Cebu, Inc.
Address: Units C103 C104 B108 Tango Plaza Bldg., Queen's Road, Kamputhaw, Cebu City Philippines
Tel.: (+63) 322386053
Website: <https://nhsgroup.ph/cebu.html>



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- The applicant should contact the Panel Clinic directly (telephone, website, etc.) to confirm all fees and costs

Designated Panel Clinics for J-PETS

Nepal Start Date: 24 March 2025

■ KATHMANDU

Name of Clinic: CIWEC Hospital Pvt. Ltd.
Address: Lainchour, Kathmandu, Nepal *Opposite the British Embassy
Tel.: (+977) 14524111 (+977) 9847758380
Website: <https://www.ciwechospital.com>

Name of Clinic: Siddhi Poly Clinic Health Service
Address: Dillibazaar, Charkhal, Kathmandu, Nepal.
Tel.: (+977) 14547604
Website: <https://www.siddhilab.com.np>

Name of Clinic: Grande International Hospital
Address: Dhapasi, Kathmandu, Nepal
Tel.: (+977) 9801202504
Website: <https://www.grandehospital.com>

Name of Clinic: TRAVEL AND MOUNTAIN MEDICINE CENTER
Address: KALDHARAMARG 20356, KATHMANDU, BAGMATI 44600, NEPAL
Tel.: (+977) 14963614
Website: <https://tmmcnepal.com>

Name of Clinic: IOM Migration Health Assessment Center
Address: Lazimpat Sadak, Panipokhari, Ward-3, Kathmandu, Nepal *Opposite the Embassy of Japan
Tel.: (+977) 15970001 (+977) 9801004586
Website: <https://nepal.iom.int/health-assessment>

■ POKHARA

Name of Clinic: CIWEC Hospital Pvt Ltd, Pokhara Nepal
Address: 14th Street, Lakeside, Pokhara, 33700, Nepal
Tel.: (+977) 61453082 (+977) 61457053
Website: <https://ciwechospital.com>

Name of Clinic: Norvic International Hospital & Medical College Ltd
Address: Thapathali, Kathmandu, 44600, Nepal
Tel.: (+977) 15970032
Website: <https://norvichospital.com>

■ DAMAK

Name of Clinic: IOM Migration Health Assessment Center Damak
Address: Devkota Chowk-6, New Vegetable Market, Jhapa, Nepal
Tel.: (+977) 15970001 (+977) 9801004586
Website: <https://nepal.iom.int/health-assessment>



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Designated Panel Clinics for J-PETS

Vietnam
Start Date: 26 May 2025

To be scheduled
(Pending confirmation of start date)



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Related Links

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JPETS Website

in Japanese > <https://jpets.mhlw.go.jp/jp/>
in English > <https://jpets.mhlw.go.jp/index.html>

J-PETS Guidance

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/001469332.pdf>

J-PETS Technical Instructions

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/001365243.pdf>

TB information (Tokyo Metropolitan Health and Medical Information Center)

https://www.hokeniryo.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/documents/d/hokeniryo/01_eng_02

Businesses with TB patients (Kumamoto Prefecture) - Japanese version only

<https://www.pref.kumamoto.jp/uploaded/attachment/62926.pdf>



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 - As support for foreign companies entering the Japanese market, we provide specialized advisory services related to company establishment, licensing, etc. in collaboration with the tax and labor departments.
 - Publication: “Q&A, Legal consultation on foreign nationals” (Shin-Nihon Shuppan)
 - Administrative Scrivener (Japan)

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