



Update on the entry to Japan

Few people can have missed that from 8 November Japan changed its regulations regarding entry of new expats and quarantine. Japan will again issue short-term and long-term visas if the purpose is business. It is, furthermore, also possible to get visas for students and so-called technical interns.

The EBC therefore recommends that companies having personnel they would like to bring into Japan contact for further details the Japanese Embassy or Consulate in the country where the person(s) reside(s) or where the visa application will be handed in.

As for quarantine, it is now possible to, instead of 10 or 14 days, only do three days of quarantine. There are, however, several requirements that will need to be fulfilled. Unfortunately, there is, so far, very little official information in English. The most comprehensive information can be found on MHLW's homepage, in Japanese:

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431_00318.html

Here, you will find the various applications that need to be sent in.

Please note that the receiver of said applications differs depending on your company's/organisation's area of activity. The contact points can be found here:

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/000853376.pdf>

On the homepage of MHLW there is a flow chart. The EBC [translated it](#)*. Do keep in mind that this is not an official translation. The Japanese version can be found here.

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/000852134.pdf>

There is furthermore a slightly less complicated flowchart published on the homepage of the Prime Minister's Office in English:

https://japan.kantei.go.jp/ongoingtopics/20211109_update_e.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3kUDH0mCwEUSQ50FVBVSiQJbA_5GU1bldp7dM2JZ1mq-SBmBTw695GYWo



The MHLW homepage also contains a Q&A that covers a number of questions. The direct link to the Q&A is:

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/000852581.pdf>

The EBC translation can be found [here](#).*

The EBC will continue to push the authorities to publish more detailed information in English. At the same time, we will also point out to the authorities the complexity of the system.

* Please note that it is machine translated. Hence it might not always be perfectly accurate and the editing might be off.