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To Current and Future Applicants who are Nationals of the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Nepal, Myanmar, and China

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[Important] Start of the Pre-Entry Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Requirement for Nationals of the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Nepal, Myanmar, and China

Starting from June 2025, those who are nationals of the Philippines, Nepal, Vietnam, Indonesia, Myanmar, and China will gradually be required to undergo a Pre-Entry Tuberculosis (TB) Screening before applying for the Certificate of Eligibility, the document needed to obtain a visa for entering Japan. **The starting time of this screening requirement varies by nationality.** If you are a national of one of the countries listed above, please be sure to check the website of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare for further information.

1. What is the Pre-Entry Tuberculosis (TB) Screening?

- Those who intend to enter and stay in Japan as medium- to long-term residents (including university students) must submit a "TB Clearance Certificate" when applying for a Certificate of Eligibility.
- The "TB Clearance Certificate" must be issued by a medical institution outside Japan designated by the Japanese government ("designated medical institutions") and will generally be valid for 180 days from the date of the TB medical examination (the date of the chest X-ray examination).
- If you are accepted to APU but unable to submit a "TB Clearance Certificate", **you will not be able to receive a Certificate of Eligibility and therefore not be able to enroll in APU.** In such a case, your enrollment to APU cannot be deferred, and your enrollment fee will not be refunded.
- For more information on this screening, including the "designated medical institutions" in each country, please check the special website of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

2. Who is Required to Undergo TB Screening?

- You will be required to undergo the screening if you are a national of one of the designated countries (the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Nepal, Myanmar, and China) and intend to enter APU and stay in Japan as a university student (i.e. a medium- to long-term resident).
- The starting time of the screening requirement varies by nationality. (For Indonesia, Myanmar, and China, the start time has not yet been announced.)

3. When the TB Screening Requirement will Start

Nationality	Starting Time
Philippines, Nepal	From September 2025 Enrollees to APU
Vietnam	From April 2026 Enrollees to APU
Indonesia, Myanmar, China	TBD

4. Related Links (Information is Currently Available in Japanese Only)

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs Website (Immigration Services Agency): https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/10_00219.html
- Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Website (About the Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening): https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/kenkou/kekkaku-kansenshou03/index_00006.html