October 7, 2026

**Applicants who hold nationality from the Philippines / Vietnam / Indonesia / Nepal / Myanmar / China**

**[This information is as of October7, 2026. It will be updated as necessary in accordance with notifications from the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW).]**

# Regarding the "Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening (JPETS)"

1. Overview

When applying for the Certificate of Eligibility (COE), those who have an obligation to take JPETS will be required to submit a "TB Clearance Certificate" in addition to the usual application documents in order to prove that you do not have active tuberculosis(TB).

For the details about JPETS, please refer to the following website provided by MHLW:

◇Special website for JPETS
◇Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening (JPETS)

2. Those who must take JPETS;

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| Principles | Those who meet all the following conditions;<br>- Those who are applying for COE (including reapplicants) to stay in Japan for more than three months.<br>- Those who are nationals of the TB screening target country designated by the MHLW *. |
| Exceptions | - Those who are nationals of the TB screening target country, but are currently residing in an another country (only if you can prove that your current place of residence is in a country/region other than the designated country by using a "residence permit", etc.)<br>* For the details, refer to the notes written in "4. Others" in this document.<br>- MEXT Scholarship Students selected by Embassy Recommendation category.<br>- Those who have Japanese nationality in addition to the nationality of the TB screening target country (dual nationality). |

* Details of the TB screening target country and the schedules are as below;

| TB screening target country | Starting date of the submission of "TB Clearance Certificate" |
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| Philippines, Nepal | Applicable |
| Vietnam | Applicable |
| [NEW] Indonesia | *Students who enroll in April 2027 and onwards are applicable.<br>* Applications for Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening at Designated Panel Clinics are scheduled to begin on 2 November 2026. |
| Myanmar / China | NOT applicable<br>* Although it has been announced that it will be eligible in the future, it is currently NOT applicable. |

3. Required Procedures

- Please undergo the TB screening at the designated panel clinics in your country and receive the "TB Clearance Certificate". Please submit it together with the other COE application documents by the specified deadline and

in the specified manner.

- **You must visit the clinic AFTER the designated date (Spring Enrollment: "October 1st of the year before", Fall Enrollment: March 21st of the same year), and BEFORE the "the deadline of your COE application documents specified by the school".**

  * The "TB Clearance Certificate" is valid for 180 days. If you undergo the screening too early, the certificate may expire before you apply for your COE. As a guideline, students enrolling in the spring should undergo the screening on or after October 1 of the previous year, and students enrolling in the fall should undergo the screening on or after March 21 of the same year.
  * If the date of your TB screening is too late, you may not be able to obtain the "Tuberculosis Free Certificate" by the deadline for submitting the COE documents, so please prepare well in advance.

4. Others

・In case you were infected by TB and unable to prepare the "TB Clearance Certificate", please contact your school/graduate school in Waseda as soon as possible.

・If this situation came upon you and cannot come to Japan, you may be eligible for a special leave of absence (with no tuition and other expenses).

・In case you found out you are unable to enter Japan just before the enrollment, it may seriously impact your future plans. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you undergo the TB screening at an early stage, separate from the one for the COE application to confirm that you are not infected.

・Those who are nationals of the TB screening target country, but are currently residing in an another country may submit the following documents in lieu of a "TB Clearance Certificate".

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| (1) | A copy of your residence permit or other document proving your current country of residence (including scanned data). |
| (2) | 説明書（Statement of Reasons）<br>*Please print out the format on the next page and fill in the necessary information.<br>*The English version is planned to be released by the Immigration Services Bureau soon. |

[Note] Regarding the document (1) above, there have been multiple cases in which the Immigration Services Agency did not accept the document submitted as a "residence permit or other document" and subsequently requested the applicant to submit a "TB Clearance Certificate" after the application had already been filed.
"Residence permit or other document" appears to refer to a document similar to Japan's "Residence Card". However, since immigration procedures and documentation vary by country, many countries do not issue a document or card equivalent to Japan's "Residence Card". Because the Immigration Services Agency has not clearly defined what documents qualify under this category, Waseda is unable to determine whether the documents submitted by applicants satisfy the requirements. Therefore, in order to avoid the risk of additional document requests and delays in processing, we strongly recommend that applicants follow the standard procedure by undergoing the tuberculosis screening in advance and obtaining a "TB Clearance Certificate" before submitting their application.

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# Explanation

Date _____
(DD/MM/YYYY)

Name (Applicant) _____

Nationality/Region (Applicant) _____

I (the applicant) hereby submit a copy of my residence permit issued by _____ to prove that I currently reside in _____.

(Note 1) This document should be submitted together with a copy of your (the applicant's) residence permit or other proof of residence in your current country or region of residence if your current country or region of residence is not a country or region subject to the Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening (JPETS) system.

(Note 2) If you, the applicant, are unable to prove that you currently reside in a country or region that is not subject to JPETS, you will be required to submit a TB Clearance Certificate.