

Important Notice for Successful Applicants Who Are Nationals of the Philippines, Nepal, or Vietnam ~Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening (JPETS)~

Effective June 2025, the Japanese government has introduced the Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening (JPETS) program. This initiative aims to prevent the spread of tuberculosis (TB) in Japan.

Who is affected?

Nationals of the Philippines, Nepal, and Vietnam are required to undergo pre-entry tuberculosis screening and submit a “TB Clearance Certificate” when applying for a Certificate of Eligibility (COE).

To avoid delays in the COE application process after acceptance to Keio University, successful applicants are strongly advised to review the latest information through the official links provided and complete all required procedures in advance.

Exemption!!

Nationals of the designated countries who currently reside outside their home country may be exempt from the JPETS requirement if they can provide proof of residence, such as a valid residence permit issued by their country of residence.

*Nationals of Indonesia, Myanmar, and China will also be subject to this requirement; however, the start date of the JPETS requirement for these countries has not yet been determined (as of April 2026).

*The list of designated countries and implementation dates may change. Therefore, all successful applicants, including those who are not nationals of the currently designated countries, are strongly encouraged to check the official sources for the most up-to-date information.

What is JPETS?

The Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening (JPETS) system requires individuals from designated countries who plan to stay in Japan for a medium- to long-term period (more than 90 days) to undergo a chest X-ray

examination at a designated medical institution before entering Japan. If no signs of tuberculosis are detected, a “TB Clearance Certificate” will be issued. Successful applicants who are nationals of the Philippines, Nepal, or Vietnam must complete this screening and submit the TB Clearance Certificate when applying for a COE.

Screening process

1. Medical examination

Successful applicants must undergo a medical examination, including a chest X-ray, at a designated medical institution in their home country.

2. Certificate issuance

If the tuberculosis screening result is negative, the designated medical institution will issue a TB Clearance Certificate.

3. Certificate submission

Successful applicants must submit their TB Clearance Certificate to Keio University through the designated form (TBA) by June 10, along with all other required information and documents for the COE application.

Related links

For further details on JPETS, please refer to the official links below.

Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare website (about the JPETS)

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryou/kenkou/kekkaku-kansenshou03/english.html

Official website for the JPETS (by Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare)

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

Immigration Services Agency website

https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/10_00219.html