

Doucho's Guide to Re-entry Permit Procedures

What is it?

The re-entry permit is something you need to have applied for at least two weeks before you leave Japan – and grants you permission to return to the country. Without it, you will be unable to re-enter.

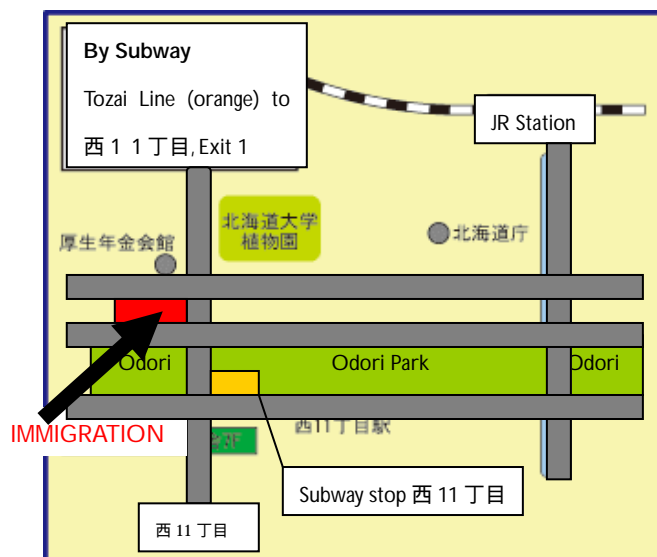
Single or multiple available – multiple will last you for ALL trips made during valid visa dates. If your visa expires you must apply for a new re-entry permit also.

How much?

Multiple re-entry - (6000yen) (will last you for any trips made during your valid visa dates)

Single re-entry (3000yen)

Where? Immigration Bureau 入国管理局 (Nyukoku kanri kyoku) Sapporo 3rd Joint Government Building,



Odori, Nishi 12 Chome, Sapporo Take the Tozai line (orange) from Odori Park just one stop down to Nishi 11 Chome and there are signs for immigration that'll lead the way. Remember that you are looking for the THIRD joint government building (it's brown). Alternatively, walk along Odori Park AWAY from the TV tower and after about 10 minutes the brown building appears on your right. Enter the building, sign in, and head to the floor that the staff direct you to (don't take the 'number badge' off once they give it to you -that's very bad. Opening times are from 9-12 and 1-4, closed Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.

Once You Arrive at the Right Floor: Note that it can take anywhere from 20minutes to an hour and a half to get things done.

1. Fill out the application form, at which point the person serving you will hand you a letter of intent.
2. Take the letter of intent to the basement of the building, find the combini, show them the letter and buy a 6000/3000yen stamp, which you then affix to the letter.
3. Carry the newly stamp-affixed letter to the immigration floor, hand it back to the person who first gave it to you.
4. Wait. They will stamp AND staple important things into your passport.
5. Sign out on the first floor when you leave, and hand that number badge back in. All done!

What do I need to bring?

Passport, alien registration card, personal stamp (just in case), cash