

Users ' Guide to the Automated Gates (For Foreign Nationals)

Ministry of Justice, Immigration Bureau

This guide is for foreign nationals who wish to use the automated gates. Please read the contents given below carefully and if you have any questions, please contact one of our representatives.

1. Installation Sites of the Automated Gates

Narita Airport,PTB 1: South Wing, embarkation and disembarkation inspection areas

PTB 2: South Gate, embarkation and disembarkation inspection areas

2. Potential Users of the Automated Gates

Holders of a valid passport and re-entry permit

Holders of a valid re-entry permit or refugee travel documents

3. User Registration for the Automated Gates

Those who wish to use the automated gates need to register themselves in advance as users at a designated registration office in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, its enforcement regulations and this users ' guide.

4. User Registration Times and Locations for the Automated Gates

Tokyo Regional Immigration Bureau: Re-entry application counter on the second floor,

9:00 to 16:00 (Except Saturdays, Sundays, National Holidays and Dec. 29 to Jan. 3)

Narita Airport,PTB 1: South Wing, the embarkation inspection area, 9:00 to 17:00

PTB 2: South Gate, the embarkation inspection area, 9:00 to 17:00

5. Registration Procedures for Users of the Automated Gates

(1) Required Items

Passport (including the re-entry permit) or refugee travel documents

Application form for user registration of the automated gates

(2) How to Register

Fill in the application form.

After reading this users ' guide carefully and having understood its contents, sign the application form to indicate your consent to the terms and conditions therein.

Submit the application form and your passport (or refugee travel documents) to the registration office.

Following the officer ' s instructions, provide the fingerprints of both hands (index fingers) and a facial photograph using the office ' s special equipment.

After completing the registration, the officer will return your passport with a stamp that represents completion of the registration. For those who do not have a machine readable passport, a two-dimensional bar code sticker will be attached to the passport in addition to this stamp.

(3) Notification of Completion of Registration

Due to procedural circumstances, you may not be able to complete your registration at the site where you apply. In that event, we will notify you of the results by mail at a later date. Those who receive notification may visit any of the registration counters listed under section 4 at their convenience.

6. Points to Consider Regarding User Registration for the Automated Gates

If your name is included on a family member ' s passport, you will not be eligible to register yourself as a user of the automated gates.

When using the automated gates, the user will be recognized by his or her passport number. However, those who do not have their own passport and whose names are included on a family member ' s passport do not have an independent passport number and are not eligible for registration as a user of the automated gates. In the case of the holder of a passport including other people ' s names wishing to register, the passport holder will only be able to register when he or she uses the automated gates alone.

In cases where you are physically unable to provide fingerprints for the fingers of both hands, you will not be allowed to register yourself as a user of the automated gates.

When using the automated gates, the user ' s identification will be confirmed (authenticated) using the fingerprints of both hands. However, users who are unable to provide the fingerprints for one hand for reasons such as loss of all the fingers on one hand will not be allowed to register as it will not be possible to authenticate the user ' s ID in this case.

Users who are unable to provide the fingerprint of their index finger should provide the fingerprint of their middle finger, fourth finger, little finger or thumb in this order.

Users who are unable to provide fingerprints due to a temporary injury still need to be identified with the fingerprints of the same fingers as those provided during registration when using the automated gates. Please note this if you have provided fingerprints of fingers other than your index fingers.

In some cases, children will not be able to register their fingerprints or be authenticated at the automated gates.

Although there is no age restriction for using the automated gates, in some cases, children under 12 years old may not be able to register their fingerprints since their fingerprints are not permanent as yet. (Please note that even when children have registered, they may not be authenticated at the automated gates.)

Those who cannot provide their fingerprints by themselves at the automated gates cannot use the gate.

Due to the problem of authentication accuracy, two or more people cannot enter the gates at the same time. Therefore, those who are unable to provide their fingerprints by themselves will not be able to use the gates.

Information including fingerprints provided during the registration will be treated as personal information regulated by the laws on protection of personal information held by the administrative organs, and under this law, the information will not be used or provided beyond the legally allowed scope.

7. How to Use the Automated Gates

There are two types of automated gates:

Unmanned box type (Unmanned booth)

Lane type with a seated official (Manned lane)

Foreign nationals may only use the manned lane automated gates.

(Upon embarkation)

At the back of the lane (before the official 's counter), there is a passport scanning device. Open the ID information page of your passport (the page with your photograph attached) and hold it over the device following the instructions which appear on the screen.

For holders of a non-machine readable passport, open the page with the two-dimensional bar code attached and hold it over the device.

Then, following the instructions which appear on the screen of the fingerprint scanning device, provide the fingerprints of the two fingers which you have registered.

After you have been authenticated, go to the immigration official and hand him or her your passport and completed ED card. At this time, if you need an authorized seal, please ask the official.

Please proceed when the official opens the exit.

This concludes the embarkation procedure.

(When re-entering Japan)

At the back of the lane (before the official 's counter), there is a passport scanning device. Open the ID information page of your passport (the page with your photograph attached) and hold it over the device following the instructions which appear on the screen.

For holders of a non-machine readable passport, open the page with the two-dimensional bar code attached and hold it over the device.

Then, following the instructions which appear on the screen of the fingerprint scanning device, provide the fingerprints of the two fingers which you have registered. In addition, your facial photograph will be taken at this point, so please turn your head towards the camera.

After you have been authenticated, go to the official and hand him or her your passport and completed ED card. At this time, if you need an authorized seal, please ask the official.

Please proceed when the official opens the exit.

This concludes the re-entry procedure.

8. Points to Consider When Using the Automated Gates

In the case of simply leaving Japan (without the intention of re-entering), you will not be able to use the automated gates. Please use the regular embarkation inspection booth.

When you use the automated gates, unless you so request, we will not stamp an authorized seal of embarkation/disembarkation in your passport. If you need a seal, ask the official to stamp it at this time.

Since you cannot receive an authorized seal after using the automated gates, if you need a record of embarkation/disembarkation after that, you will need to place a request with the Ministry of Justice to disclose personal information. Please note this procedure requires a considerable length of time.

The time limit for user registration for the automated gates is the expiration date of your passport or re-entry permit, whichever comes earlier.

(Attention) Please note that due to system considerations, at the present time, you cannot use the automated gates on the expiration date of your passport and other travel documents.

Your registration will not be automatically extended in the following cases, so if you wish to continue to use the automated gates, you need to re-register yourself as a user of the automated gates.

- When you have extended the expiration date of your passport at a diplomatic mission in Japan or of your re-entry permit at any of the Japanese diplomatic missions overseas.
- When holders of a valid re-entry permit have had their authorized seals transferred to a new re-entry permit for reasons such as a lack of blank visa pages for the re-entry permit.
- When you have obtained a new passport overseas, even before the passport used for the user registration of the automated gate has expired.

Please take note that the expiration date for the automated gates is stated inside the registration stamp stamped in your passport. This will be your only notification of the expiration date.

9. Procedures to Delete Your Registration as a User of the Automated Gates

If you wish to delete your registration as a user of the automated gates, complete the application for cancellation of user registration and submit it to any of the locations listed in section 4. You can also mail the form. (In the case of mailing the form, write “Includes an application for deletion of user registration of the automated gates” in red ink and mail it to the address of the office where you registered.) Your registration and the fingerprint information you provided will be deleted.

[Mailing Address]

Tokyo Regional Immigration Bureau, Inspection Coordination Department
5-5-30 Konan, Minato-ku, Tokyo Pref. Post Code: 108-8255

Or

Narita Airport District Immigration Office, Inspection Coordination Department
Narita Airport Terminal Building 2, 6F, 1-1 Furugome, Narita City, Chiba Pref.
Post Code: 282-0004

10. Points to Consider Regarding Deletion of User Registration

Applications for deletion by proxy will not be accepted.

After the expiration date of user registration for the automated gates, your registration will be deleted, the fingerprint information you provided will also be erased, and you will not be able to use the automated gates.

Even before the expiration date of user registration, you will not be able to use the automated gates in cases where the disembarkation refusal set forth in Article 5 of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act applies or when your passport which you registered has been invalidated due to its being lost or stolen.

Please note that even if the passport is found after being lost, you will not be able to use the automated gates.

Notification of the deletion of your registration will be mailed to the address you wrote in the application form. (Please understand that there are circumstances under which we will not notify you, such as when an arrest warrant has been issued.) We will accept change of address notifications after registration.