

TMC Bulletin: U.S. Marine Corps personnel traveling to Japan

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Effective immediately.

Requesting your attention for the following travel guidance:

Marine Corps personnel were formerly prohibited from traveling commercial air to Japan due to the COVID-19/GOJ quarantine policy. There are limited commercial airports that allow for compliance with GOJ transportation and quarantine requirements. International flights arriving into Japan must **NOT** connect to a domestic connection until after 14 days of quarantine. Commercial travel into and out of Japan is now authorized for official travel (to include PCS, TAD, IPCOT and RAT) with an Exception to Policy (ETP). **This authorization DOES NOT APPLY to Marines in the Accession pipeline.** The ETP must be issued by a commander in Japan. CONUS commanders are not authorized to issue ETPs for this travel. Marines or Civilians must coordinate with the host Marine Corps installation in Japan where transportation and quarantine must be scheduled. Commanders in Japan are responsible to ensure that a place to quarantine will be available as well as transportation to the quarantine area. The ETP should state that this has been coordinated. **The ETP must be attached in the Expenses module BEFORE the traveler applies the SIGN stamp in DTS; otherwise DMO will RETURN the travel authorization.**

1. The primary mode of transportation to and from Japan will still remain the Patriot Express (PE). All personnel should first try to schedule a seat on PE. Continue to ensure all Marine Corps personnel and pets traveling to Japan are booked on AMC/PE flights or placed in hold status inside of GATES even if there appears to be no space available on specific flights.
2. If the PE is not available, or delays in available flights create operational issues or mental health risks to personnel, a person may fly commercial to and from Japan with an ETP. If a person is flying to Japan, he/she must perform Restriction of Movement (ROM) at their destination (Iwakuni, Fuji or Okinawa). The ETP must be signed by the owning/gaining O5 commander or above in Japan and the ETP must state that ROM quarters and transportation to ROM quarters will be available. The following is a list of allowed commercial arrival airports for different Marine installations for personnel with an O5 ETP.

Destination	Allowed Airports	Municipality	Prefecture	IATA
MCAS Iwakuni	Osaka International Airport	Toyonaka / Ikeda / Itami	Osaka /Hyōgo	ITM
MCAS Iwakuni	Fukuoka Airport	Fukuoka	Fukuoka	FUK
MCAS Iwakuni	Hiroshima Airport	Mihara	Hiroshima	HIJ
MCAS Iwakuni	Kansai International Airport	Izumisano / Tajiri / Sennan	Osaka	KIX
Camp Fuji	Narita International Airport	Narita	Chiba	NRT
Camp Fuji	Tokyo International Airport (Haneda)	Ōta	Tokyo	HND
Okinawa	Naha Airport	Naha	Okinawa	OKA

Currently not all airports listed above have international flights arriving. They are listed so if flights start, DMOs may book travel there without the need for further guidance or MARADMIN.

3. If the PE is not available and commercial air travel is desired outside of the above designated airports, then DMOs may issue tickets with a General Officer (GO) ETP that specifies an alternate ROM plan. This authority may not be delegated and the GO ETP will list a detailed travel and ROM plan to ensure that all COVID-19 restrictions are followed. **Marines -must have an active Government Travel Charge Card (GTCC) before**

executing travel and all authorized travel related expenses (to include ROM) should be placed on the Marines' GTCC.