

For Non-Residents Using Automated Immigration Gates for Landing Examination at Airports -Please read this carefully if you will use export sales stores (tax-free shops)-

You are required to present your passport at export sales stores (tax-free shops) ^(Note 1) in order to identify yourself as a "non-resident." ^(Note 2)

When using the automated immigration gates for landing examination at the airports, your passport is not stamped with the seal of verification for entry. Therefore, you may not be able to identify yourself as a non-resident at tax-free shops.

If you plan to use tax-free shops, please inform the officer at the customs office that you need the seal of verification when passing the automated immigration gates.

(Note) 1 Export sales stores are not duty-free shops in the departure area of airports but tax-free shops situated in the town.

2 "Non-residents" only are eligible to purchase goods at export sales stores without paying taxes.

- * "Non-residents" are those who have no address or domicile in Japan such as foreign tourists.
- * Foreign nationals who are working in offices in Japan or have been in Japan for six months or more since entering Japan generally fall under the category of residents.
- * When Japanese who left Japan and have stayed overseas to work in offices in foreign countries (overseas branches of Japanese companies) return to Japan temporarily for holidays, etc., they are generally regarded as non-residents if the stay lasts less than six months.

○For details of the export sales store system and the procedure at tax-free shops, please refer to the website as below.

- Website of National Tax Agency Japan "Tax exemption at export sales stores"
(<https://www.nta.go.jp/publication/pamph/shohi/menzei/index.htm>)
- Website of Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) "Tax-free Shopping Guide"
(<https://tax-freeshop.jnto.go.jp/eng/index.php>)

○For the operation of the automated gate, please refer to the following website.

- Website of Ministry of Justice "Operation of Automated Gates (User's Guide)"
(http://www.moj.go.jp/nyuukokukanri/kouhou/nyuukokukanri07_00015.html)

