



# How to cancel your student visa

(Immigration procedures for students departing Japan on a leave of absence or withdrawal from APU)

空港での出国審査  
IMMIGRATION



DO NOT CHECK!

- ※ You are not allowed to have a student visa during your leave of absence or after withdrawal. Be absolutely sure to cancel your student visa.
- ※ If you do not cancel your visa, you may have trouble returning to school later on.
- ※ Keep your invalidated card (with the punched hole).

**Items to present at immigration**

① **Embarkation card for reentrant**

再入国出国記録 EMBARKATION CARD FOR REENTRANT  
【 DEPARTURE 】

氏名 Name	Family Name	Given Names
生年月日 Date of Birth	Day 月	Year 年
航空機便名・船名 Flight No./Vessel	出国予定期間 Intended period out of Japan	主な渡航先国名 Destination
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. 一時的な出国であり、再入国する予定です。 I am leaving Japan temporarily and will return. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. 「再入国許可」の有効期間内に再入国の予定はありません。 I do not plan to re-enter Japan while my re-entry permit is valid. <small>(地方入国管理官署で「再入国許可」を受けており、その有効期間内へ再入国予定のない方は、おして下さい。)</small> <small>(Check the box if you do not plan to re-enter Japan while your re-entry permit, which you have obtained at a regional immigration bureau, is valid.)</small>		
署名 Signature		
官用欄 Official Use Only		

Say you want to cancel your student visa:  
"Ryuugaku biza wo kyanseru shimasu."

② **Residence Card or Certificate of Alien Registration**

The immigration officer will punch a hole in your card. (This will make your card invalid.)

**Be sure to get a hole punched in your card!**

The consequences of not cancelling your student visa

If you leave Japan without canceling your student visa, according to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, you might be punished. You could also get **disadvantage(s)** when applying for COE and/or visa renewal.

Once there was a student who were taking a leave of absence and did not cancel student visa at airport. He applied for visa renewal after reinstated, but it took 3 months to complete the procedure at Immigration Bureau, renewed visa was valid only for 6 months, and work permit application was denied.

To avoid such disadvantages and humiliation, you **MUST** cancel your student visa at airport immigration when you leave Japan.

# Cancelling your Student Visa

You have a student visa. This visa allows you to attend school in Japan. If you take a leave of absence or withdraw from the University, you cannot keep your student visa. You must cancel your visa when you leave Japan.

## 1. When leaving Japan

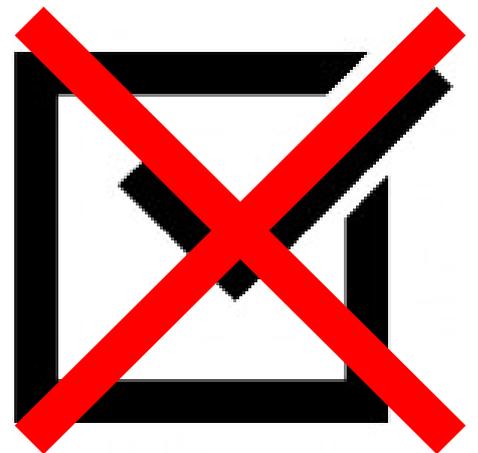
You will go through an immigration screening when you are leaving Japan. At this screening, you will submit an Embarkation Card (ED card) to the immigration officer. You can get an ED card from the Student Office or when you are going through immigration.

## 2. Do not check any boxes for "Re-entry Permission" on the ED card

The immigration officer may ask if you plan on returning to Japan in the future. Even if you plan to return to APU in the future, you need to cancel your current student visa. Be sure to tell the immigration officer that you want to cancel your visa because you are leaving school.

Because you will cancel your student visa, **you will need to get a temporary visa or other new visa** if you want to come to Japan after starting your leave of absence or after withdrawing from the University.

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生年月日 Date of Birth	Day 月 Month Year 年 主な渡航先国名 Destination
航空機便名・船名 Flight No./Vessel	出国予定期間 intended period out of Japan <input type="checkbox"/> 1年以内 Within one year <input type="checkbox"/> 1年超2年以内 Over one year but within two years <input type="checkbox"/> 2年超 Over two years
次のいずれかに☑を記入してください。Please check either one of the boxes below.	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. 一時的な出国であり、再入国する予定です。 I am leaving Japan temporarily and will return.	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. 「再入国許可」の有効期間内に再入国の予定はありません。 I do not plan to re-enter Japan while my re-entry permit is valid. (地方入国管理官署で「再入国許可」を受けており、その有効期間内に再入国予定のない方は、☑して下さい。) (Check the box if you do not plan to re-enter Japan while your re-entry permit, which you have obtained at a regional immigration bureau, is valid.)	
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## When you want to return to APU

You will apply for a new student visa after your application to return to APU has been approved. If you take a leave of absence or withdraw from the University without cancelling your student visa when you leave Japan and if it can be shown that you reentered Japan using your student visa during your withdrawal or leave of absence, not only will your application for a new student visa become very complicated, but you may suffer serious penalties. This could also cause problems for you when renewing your visa after returning to APU.

**Don't make things difficult for yourself.**

**Cancel your student visa when you leave Japan.**