

2027 Departure Groups and Dates for JET Program USA

The following information is from the [2027 Japan Exchange and Teaching \(JET\) Programme Application Guidelines](#).

April/May Arrivals and Early Arrivals	
April Arrivals (CIRs) Departure for Japan: April 10, 2027 (Saturday) Arrival to Japan: April 11, 2027 (Sunday)	May Arrivals (ALTs) Departure for Japan: May 22, 2027 (Saturday) Arrival to Japan: May 23, 2027 (Sunday)
Early Arrival Period: April – July 2027 (ALTs and CIRs) Applicants who request an Early Arrival at the time of application but are not placed for an April/May Arrival, as outlined above, will continue to be considered as candidates for arrival between April 12 and July 24, 2027 .	
Important Notice: The period between receiving an acceptance notification and a departure date for Japan for April/May Arrival and Early Arrival candidates will be extremely short. For Early Arrivals, the departure date between April-July 2027 is selected and assigned by the JET Program and cannot be changed even at the candidate's request.	

Main Arrivals (Summer Departures)	
Summer - Group A (ALTs and CIRs) Departure for Japan: July 24, 2027 (Saturday) Arrival to Japan: July 25, 2027 (Sunday)	Summer - Group B (ALTs and CIRs) Departure for Japan: July 31, 2027 (Saturday) Arrival to Japan: August 1, 2027 (Sunday)
Group A: Point of Departures New York, NY Atlanta, GA Chicago, IL Houston, TX Los Angeles, CA Phoenix, AZ Seattle, WA / Missoula, MT* / Spokane, WA* Denver, CO / Salt Lake City, UT* Boston, MA From within Japan***	Group B: Point of Departures Washington, D.C. Detroit, MI Nashville, TN San Francisco, CA Portland, OR Anchorage, AK Honolulu, HI Hagåtña, Guam** / Saipan* ** Miami, FL

***ONLY DEPARTURE LOCATIONS:** Spokane (WA), Missoula (MT), Salt Lake City (UT) and Saipan are departure locations only and not interview locations for the 2027 JET Program. **If you wish to depart from these locations, select the appropriate interview location on your JET Application:** Spokane / Missoula → Seattle; Salt Lake City → Denver; Saipan → Hagåtña.

**** RESIDENTS ONLY:** Applicants who select Hagåtña, Guam, as their interview location **must** be Guam/Saipan residents

*** APPLICANTS / PARTICIPANTS WHO ALREADY RESIDE IN JAPAN:

- Only applicants and participants residing in Japan prior to participation on the Program, who already hold a status of residence other than ‘Temporary Visitor’ and are able to change their status of residence (if necessary) prior to the designated arrival date, are permitted to ‘depart’ for the JET Program from within Japan.
- **For applicable applicants, you must select a Group A U.S. interview location for the 2027 JET Application.**
 - *Guidelines Page 17.* “In principle, those who will join the Programme from within Japan must join Group A”

2027 Interview Locations - Summary: The 2027 JET Program’s interview stage will take place virtually. Applicants will interview from their home or from abroad with the Embassy of Japan or one of the Japan consulates in the United States. At the time of application, applicants **must** select to interview with the U.S. location where they intend to depart from for Japan following acceptance to the Program. Should applicants need to change their departure location, they can do so after interviews.

2027 JET Program: Interview Locations		New York, NY	Atlanta, GA	Chicago, IL
Houston, TX	Los Angeles, CA	Phoenix, AZ	Seattle, WA	Denver, CO
Boston, MA	Washington, D.C.	Detroit, MI	Nashville, TN	San Francisco, CA
Portland, OR	Anchorage, AK	Honolulu, HI	Hagåtña, Guam**	Miami, FL

2027 Departure Locations: Participants cannot depart from a country other than their home country (**with the exception of applicants who already reside in Japan and hold a status of residence other than ‘Temporary Visitor’). When accepted to the 2027 JET Program, successful applicants may change their departure location to a city that differs from their interview location if needed. **Be aware that applicants cannot switch between departure groups for summer arrivals.** For example, if your interview location was New York (Group A), you can only change your departure location to a city that falls within Group A and you would be unable to depart from locations such as Nashville and DC (Group B). Please note that you cannot change the selected airport after submitting the Reply Form, except in unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances.

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Houston, TX	Los Angeles, CA	Phoenix, AZ	Seattle, WA	Missoula, MT*
Spokane, WA*	Denver, CO	Salt Lake City, UT*	Boston, MA	From within Japan***
Washington, D.C.	Detroit, MI	Nashville, TN	San Francisco, CA	Portland, OR
Anchorage, AK	Honolulu, HI	Hagåtña, Guam**	Saipan* **	Miami, FL

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In the event of unavoidable or unforeseen circumstances, CLAIR reserves the right to change or cancel the arrival date, placement, participation, and contents of the application guidelines here within, at any time before or after notification of acceptance into the Program. Unavoidable Circumstances are defined as events whose effects could not reasonably be prevented by MIC, MOFA (including Embassies and Consulate Generals of Japan), MEXT, CLAIR, Prefectural Governments, Designated Cities, Contracting Organizations, or Contractors involved in the administration of the Program including but not limited to force majeure circumstances, acts of government (including local government, hereafter referred to as government), acts of government authorities (including limitations on travel or immigration enacted by the Japanese government or other foreign countries’ governments due to the event of infectious disease), compliance with laws, regulations or orders, fire, flooding and torrential rain, earthquakes, acts of war (regardless of a declaration of war), revolt, revolution or rebellion, strike, or lockout.