

	Rechargeable IC Cards	Physical Tickets	Smartphone	Japan Rail (JR) Pass
<b>Obtaining</b>	Can only be purchased at the airport (Welcome Suica, and Pasma Passport), or major train stations (Pasma Passport only). Initial purchase typically charges them with fare of ¥1,500, cards expire after 28-days.	Bought at the train station ticket fare machines (with Yen cash, foreign credit cards are typically denied), a train line map nearby should indicate the price of your ticket noted on your end destination.	An IC card can be added to a phone with an appropriate chip (recharging with foreign credit cards may be problematic, iPhones typically work, but foreign Android phones typically don't work).	Purchased only by foreigners in advance of their trip, may be used to purchase limited, express, or bullet train tickets. Passes are 7, 14, or 21-day, unlimited use (with restrictions).
<b>Start (at station Attendant)</b>	If you have an appointment, be sure to plan extra time to ensure you'll be on time. Start first by finding a station attendant, usually one is located next to the turnstiles at a booth. Request a "slope" (a common word used for the portable ramps used at stations) and inform them of your destination (tell/show the name of the end station) typically you will be asked to wait just passed the turnstiles for an attended to assist you.			
<b>Use at start of trip</b>	Each person with their own individual IC card simply touches it to the IC card reader on the turnstile and passes through. For turnstiles gates not large enough for a wheelchair, there should be a bypass at the station attendant booth, who will instead scan your cards.	Each person with their own individual ticket will feed it into the front of the turnstile and passes through to the end where you retrieve your ticket. For turnstiles gates not large enough for a wheelchair, there should be a bypass at the station attendant booth, who will instead stamp your tickets.	Each person with their own individual smartphone simply touches it to the IC card reader on the turnstile and passes through. For turnstiles gates not large enough for a wheelchair, there should be a bypass at the station attendant booth, who will instead scan your phones.	Each person with their own individual JR Pass will feed it into the front of the turnstile and passes through to the end where you retrieve your pass. For turnstiles gates not large enough for a wheelchair, there should be a bypass at the station attendant booth, who will instead scan your pass, you may be requested to provide your passport for verification. After verified, you will be let through.
<b>Accessing Trains</b>	After waiting for the attendant with the slope to arrive, you'll be taken to your train and should be notified of where you may have to change trains (if necessary). Once your train arrives and the initial passengers disembark, the attendant will place the slope and will motion for you to enter the train. There may be a space specifically designated for wheelchair users for you to use. At your end destination (and at any change of trains) another attendant and accompanying slope will be waiting for your arrival to assist your disembarking, and to the exit.			
<b>Use at end of trip</b>	Each person with their own individual IC card will again simply touch it to the IC card reader on the turnstile and passes through, the fare will automatically be calculated and charged to its balance. For turnstiles gates not	If an attendant stamped your ticket at the start, then it should be given to an attendant at the end to pass. Otherwise, each person with their own individual ticket will again feed it into the front of the turnstile	Each person with their own individual smartphone again simply touches it to the IC card reader on the turnstile and passes through, the fare will automatically be calculated and charged to its balance. For turnstiles gates not large enough	Each person with their own individual JR Pass will again feed it into the front of the turnstile and passes through picking it up on the other side. For turnstiles gates not large enough for a wheelchair, there

	<p>large enough for a wheelchair, there should be a bypass at the station attendant booth, who will instead scan your cards. If you do not have enough on your card to pay the fare, see recharging below.</p>	<p>and passes through. For turnstiles gates not large enough for a wheelchair, there should be a bypass at the station attendant booth, who will instead take your tickets. In any case, your ticket will not be returned as you are at your destination.</p>	<p>for a wheelchair, there should be a bypass at the station attendant booth, who will instead scan your phones. If you do not have enough on your phone to pay the fare, see recharging below.</p>	<p>should be a bypass at the station attendant booth, who will instead scan your pass, you may be requested to provide your passport for verification. After verified, you will be let through to your destination.</p>
<p><b>Recharging</b></p>	<p>Often you can find a machine on either side of the turnstiles to recharge before or during your trip. Most ticket machines and adjacent pink charge/recharge machines (look for the “IC” logo) can be used to recharge your IC cards with cash (Yen). Most take only Yen bills of a minimum of ¥1000 denomination. Station attendants can usually charge them with your cash if no machine is available.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>You may be able to recharge with a non-Japanese Apple Pay or a credit card but beware it could be blocked as a false fraudulent charge. Otherwise, only ticket machines and adjacent pink charge/recharge machines <u>with touch pad chargers</u> (look for the “IC” logo on a flat pad) can be used to recharge your phone with cash (Yen). Often you can find a machine on either side of the turnstiles to recharge before or during your trip. Most take only Yen bills of a minimum of ¥1000 denomination. Station attendants can usually charge them with your cash if no machine is available.</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Special Tickets</b></p>	<p>May be used to pay for a portion of a limited, express, or bullet train ticket, but usually special tickets must be purchased from a ticket office in advance if you want a specific time or accessible seat.</p>	<p>Although not recommended, it may be possible to purchase a limited, express, or bullet train ticket for a trip at its starting location for the same day. Nevertheless, usually special tickets must be purchased from a ticket office in advance if you want a specific time or accessible seat.</p>	<p>May be used to pay for a portion of a limited, express, or bullet train ticket, but usually special tickets must be purchased from a ticket office in advance if you want a specific time or accessible seat.</p>	<p>May be used to pay for a portion (sometimes all) of a limited, express, or bullet train ticket, but usually special tickets must be purchased from a ticket office in advance if you want a specific time or accessible seat.</p>