

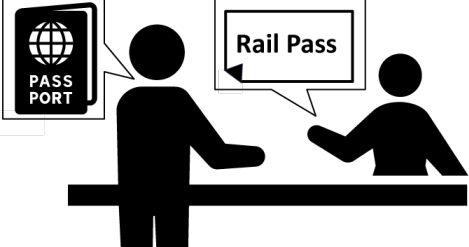
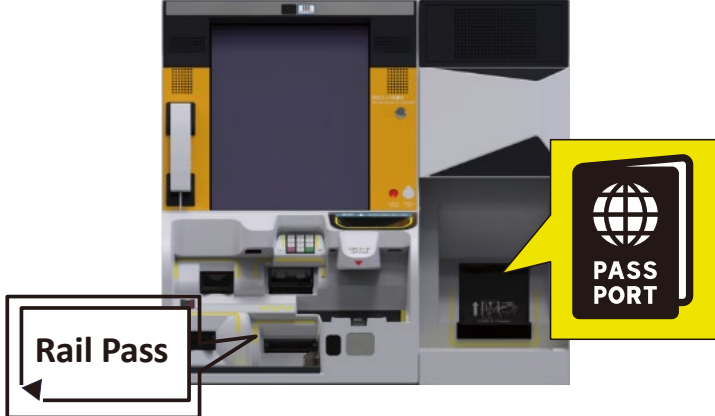
Exchanging and Purchasing Rail Passes for International Visitors Becomes More Convenient!

~Ticket Vending Machines Equipped with Passport Readers to Be Introduced~

JR Hokkaido will begin operating ticket vending machines equipped with passport readers at Sapporo Station and New Chitose Airport Station starting in October. As a result, foreign visitors will be able to purchase rail passes even outside the operating hours of ticket exchange counters, making travel more convenient than ever.

JR Hokkaido will continue striving to provide products and services that are convenient and easy for international visitors to use. We look forward to welcoming even more customers in the future.

1. About the Ticket Vending Machines Equipped with Passport Readers

Until now	Starting on October 20, 2026
 Customers have been required to present their passports at designated station ticket counters when exchanging and purchasing rail passes.	 Rail passes will also be available for exchange and purchase at selected stations equipped with ticket vending machines featuring passport readers. By scanning the passport of an eligible pass user, the machine will verify eligibility and allow the rail pass to be purchased.

2. Locations and Number of Machines

- Sapporo Station (2 machines in the West Concourse and 1 machine in the East Concourse): 3 machines
- New Chitose Airport Station (next to the JR Information Desk): 1 machine

* Note: Rail passes will continue to be available at the JR Information Desks at both stations.

3. Rail Passes Available for Exchange and Purchase at Ticket Vending Machines Equipped with Passport Readers

- Hokkaido Rail Pass
- Sapporo-Furano Area Pass
- Sapporo-Noboribetsu Area Pass
- JR East-South Hokkaido Rail Pass
- JR Tohoku-South Hokkaido Rail Pass

* Note: The Japan Rail Pass will continue to be available only at designated counters.