Note for customers using the Japan Rail Pass

This note provides important information for customers traveling in the Hokuriku or Shin'etsu regions (Ishikawa Prefecture, Toyama Prefecture, Niigata Prefecture, and Nagano Prefecture). The area within which your pass is valid for travel will change when the Hokuriku Shinkansen (between Nagano and Kanazawa) begins service on March 14, 2015.

Your pass is valid for travel on the newly opened Hokuriku Shinkansen (between Nagano and Kanazawa). (However, the pass is not valid for travel in Gran Class cars.)
*The pass is valid only for travel on Shinkansen service and on routes indicated by solid lines in the figure above.

Note 1 Your pass is not valid for travel on routes indicated by broken lines in the figure. Travel on those routes is subject to separate fares.

Note 2 When traveling to the Nanjo Line (between Tsubata and Wakura onsen), your pass is valid for travel on limited express and local services of IR Ishikawa Railway between Kanazawa and Tsubata. However, use of the pass in this manner is restricted to travel continuing through Tsubata.

Note 3 When traveling to the Himi Line (between Himi and Takaoka) or the Johana Line (between Johana and Takaoka), your pass is valid for travel on local trains of Ainokaze Toyama Railway between Toyama and Takaoka. However, use of the pass in this manner is restricted to travel continuing through Takaoka.

Note 4 Some limited express trains will be added or eliminated due to the opening of the Hokuriku Shinkansen. There will also be some route changes.

<Limited express service on legacy lines>
Eliminated: Limited express “Hakutaka” between Fukui/Kanazawa/Wakura onsen and Echigo-Yuzawa, limited express “Hokutetsu” between Kanazawa and Niigata
New: Limited express “Shirayuki” between Arai/Jōetsu Myōkō and Niigata, limited express “Noto Kagari” between Kanazawa and Wakura onsen, limited express “Dinos-tar” between Kanazawa and Fukui

[Notes]
- Even if you purchased your pass on or before March 13 (by purchasing an MCO and exchanging it for a pass in Japan), it will be treated as described above starting on March 14.
- The start of Hokuriku Shinkansen service will not result in the collection of additional fares or fees. Additionally, pass holders will not be eligible to receive fare or fee refunds as a result of their inability to use legacy lines that parallel the new route.
- Use of trains operated by IR Ishikawa Railway, Ainokaze Toyama Railway, Echigo TOKimeki Railway, and Shinano Railway (apart from what is described above) is subject to separate fares and fees.

Stations served by the Hokuriku Shinkansen (on routes scheduled to open on March 14, 2015) and associated train names

Kanazawa Takaoka Toyama Kurobe Unazuki Onsen Itoi gawa Jōetsu Myōkō Iiyama Nagano

Kagayaki Hakutaka Tsurugi

*Passes valid for normal car use are good for travel in normal cars. Passes valid for Green car use are good for travel in both Green cars and normal cars.
*Your pass is not valid for travel in Gran Class cars (which require a separate ticket).