

Japan immigration procedures

Apply for the issuance of a certificate of eligibility

- Applicant
- The person who wants to study in Japan
 - Agent (e.g., an employee of the institution accepting the student)
- * In many cases, agents will handle the procedures.

- Documents required
- Application for the issuance of a certificate of eligibility
 - Photo
 - Self-addressed envelope
 - In addition to the above, the documents to be submitted may vary among institutions. Ask the institution you are applying to.

Apply for a visa

After a certificate of eligibility has been issued, apply for a visa at the Japanese embassy for your country or an equivalent office.

- Documents required
- Passport
 - Visa application
 - Photo
 - Certificate of eligibility
- * In addition to the above, other documents may also be required.

WELCOME TO PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COLLEGE in JAPAN

Living in Japan

◆ Culture and safety

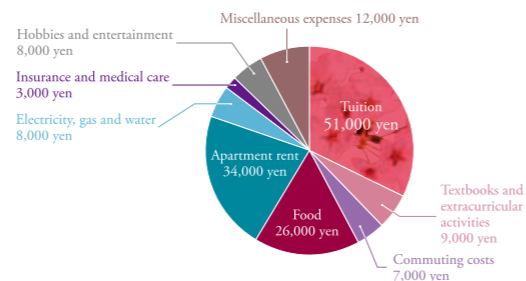
Since Tokyo was chosen to host the 2020 Olympics, Japan has been gaining increasing international attention. In Japan, natural heritages, cultural properties, old culture, such as Japanese and international cuisine, and newer culture from animation, music, and robot technology to fashion, naturally and harmoniously coexist. The country will expose you to a broad range of stimulation on a daily basis, and offers the perfect environment for learning. Moreover, according to the Global Peace Index, Japan is the fifth most peaceful country in the world. Indeed, Japan offers excellent safety, always a serious concern to anyone relocating to a foreign country.

In Japan, the highest quality is guaranteed in many areas. There is no better place to improve your skills.



◆ Average monthly rent for apartments

- A 6-jo (9.6 square meter) apartment in Tokyo
- Room only (no toilet): 40,000 yen or less
 - Room with a kitchen and toilet: Around 40,000 yen
 - Room with an air conditioner, toilet and bathroom: Around 66,000 yen
- * Rent may vary considerably, depending on the distance from the nearest train station and the age of the building.



◆ Breakdown of monthly living expenses (national average)

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Gain highly specialized knowledge and skills leading to a professional career

In recent years, Asian countries, including those in Southeast Asia, have enjoyed remarkable growth in their economies and industries. Some companies in these countries are already leading the global economy. Developing countries are no exception. They are drawing attention from around the world as hubs for outsourcing for many other countries in many different types of businesses, such as technology and infrastructure, manufacturing, food, fashion, beauty and media.

In many different areas of industry, Japan has leveraged its strength in technology, manners and hospitality, and has contributed to the growth of many other Asian countries. The bedrock of its contribution lies in its professional training colleges.

Nationally designated, professional training colleges are official educational institutions, and help students acquire various qualifications that lead directly to professional careers. Many students come to Japan every year, with their number currently reaching nearly 25,000.

In addition to offering people the opportunity to acquire skills and qualifications, Japan is safe to live in, and is also attracting worldwide attention for its animation, food, nature and other cultural aspects. You can acquire cultural knowledge and many different skills at a professional training college in Japan and be a step closer to finding a job at a Japanese company or a major corporation in your country.



What is a professional training college?

Professional training colleges are regarded as institutions of higher education, just like universities and two-year colleges, and offer vocational training in Japan at the stage of higher education. Currently, students who have completed a program such as studying for two or more years (i.e., at least 1,700 hours of classes) at a professional training college receive a Diploma, whereas those who have completed a program such as studying for four years or more (i.e., at least 3,400 hours of classes) receive an Advanced Diploma. Students with a Diploma are allowed to transfer to a university, and students with an Advanced Diploma may enroll in a graduate school.

Academic degrees and titles in Japan

Classification of educational institutions	Academic degrees a in Japan	Classification of educational institutions	Titles in Japan
Graduate School	Doctorate degree	Professional Training College	Advanced Diploma
	Master's degree		
University / College	Bachelor's degree	Diploma	
Junior College	Associate degree		

* Students who have graduated from a two-year or longer postsecondary course receive the title of Diploma, and students who have graduated from a four-year postsecondary course receive the title of Advanced Diploma.

Introducing some foreign students who are studying at a professional training college



Japanese language school → Professional training college
Japan Electronics College
KHMVROV ANDREY (Russia)

In addition to specialized knowledge, I learned the importance of self-discipline.

When I was at university, I became interested in Japanese literature, represented by such writers as Ryunosuke Akutagawa, Yasunari Kawabata, and Kobo Abe. This led me to start learning the Japanese language. In college, I learned the importance of self-discipline as well as specialized knowledge. Self-discipline is hard, but I think it is a very important skill: Being able to do it can change your whole life. After I join a company, I plan to become involved in developing IT systems as a system engineer. While I will continue to strive to improve, I will keep trying to find a job that serves as a bridge between Russia and Japan.



Japanese language school → Professional training college
Syusei Technical College
ENG HAKSENG (Cambodia)

In order to become an architect, I am studying in Japan, where the latest architectural technologies are taught.

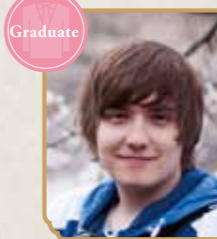
Despite Japan's frequent earthquakes, there are many high-rise buildings in its major cities. Seeking to learn Japan's outstanding architectural technologies, I came to this country and entered a professional training college that teaches construction. Although I am not very fluent in Japanese, my teachers and friends are kindly assisting me, which is very helpful. Many of my assignments are practical and I will find them useful when I start my professional career. The college has a high placement rate. I plan to find a job in Japan and gain knowledge and experience before returning to Cambodia to open an office. My first goal now is to get an architect's license.



Japanese university → Professional training college
Japan College of Foreign Languages
COSTA ALEXANDRE (Portugal)

By working at a trading company, I plan to extend the scope of my activities to a broader global sphere.

When I was in my first year of high school, I started teaching myself Japanese. Since my country is very small, I hoped to extend the scope of my activities to a broader global sphere. So I decided to go to Japan to study. First, I learned linguistics at a Japanese university. I became serious about pursuing a professional career, and after graduating from university I decided to go to the Japan College of Foreign Languages. That college gave me detailed information on how to commit to and prepare for a job search, as well as related know-how, the kind of information my university did not teach. Now I am studying hard with the goal of getting a job at a trading company.



Outside of Japan → Professional training college → Find a job in Japan
The Jikei Group of Colleges
Graduate of Osaka Communication Arts College
JOHANNES SUNDLOV (Sweden)
Matrix Software

Learning about Japanese culture helped me find a job.

I like Japanese games and animation. As I became interested in Japan, I decided to go to the country, as I had dreamed of working at a Japanese games company. Needless to say, I acquired CG skills in college. Furthermore, studying with my Japanese friends every day deepened my understanding of Japanese culture. In fact, this was very helpful for joining a Japanese company as a CG designer. In the gaming industry I will continue to improve my CG skills and become a leading designer.

Schedule

Study at a Japanese language school and learn about Japan

Improve your linguistic skills and go to Japan for study

Learn work procedures at a Japanese company through an internship, and become more motivated

After graduation, utilize your specialty and find a job at a Japanese company or a company in your country

Scholarship

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology grant-in-aid for foreign students	48,000 yen/month	JASSO http://www.jasso.go.jp/scholarship/shoureihi.html
Government-sponsored foreign students	117,000 yen/month	Foreign students in specialized training colleges are recruited through the diplomatic establishments located in the chosen countries, and are recommended by the embassy handling their recruitment. For details, contact the relevant diplomatic establishment. JASSO http://www.jasso.go.jp/study_j/scholarships_sfisij_e.html

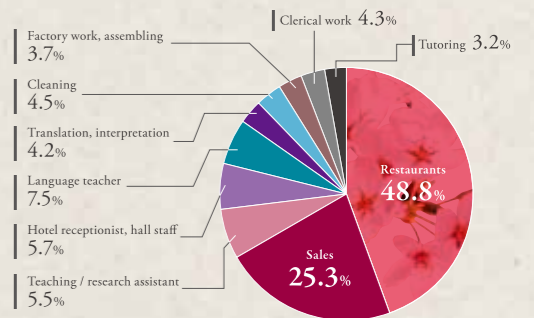
Part-time jobs

You may be allowed to work up to 28 hours a week by applying to the Immigration Bureau for permission to engage in activities other than those permitted

According to a JASSO survey, nearly 76% of foreign students work part time. Restaurant-related jobs are the most common, followed by sales, teaching/research assistant and hotel staff/hall staff, among others. The hourly wage ranges from 800 yen to 1,200 yen for a restaurant job, with some differences between jobs and regions. If you work 28 hours a week, the maximum weekly working hours provided by the law, you will make almost 80,000 to 120,000 yen a month.

[Major part-time jobs for foreign students]

Institutions such as professional training colleges and public employment agencies around the country, known as Hello Work, refer foreign students to part-time jobs.



(2013 JASSO survey)

Job opportunities

Specialized training and extensive job opportunities in many fields

Want to fully utilize your talent?	Want a job making something?	Want to be a business professional?	Want to help others?
Culture and General Education Personal Care and Nutrition Fashion and Home Economics	Technology Agriculture	Business	Medical Care Education and Welfare
Job	Job	Job	Job
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Graphic designer ■ Fashion designer ■ Illustrator ■ Beautician ■ Pastry chef, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ System engineer ■ Game designer ■ Automobile mechanic ■ Broadcast engineer, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tourism ■ Tax accountant ■ Secretary ■ Flight attendant, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Nurse ■ Physical therapist ■ Occupational therapist ■ Radiology technologist ■ Orthopedist ■ Clinical engineering technologist, etc.

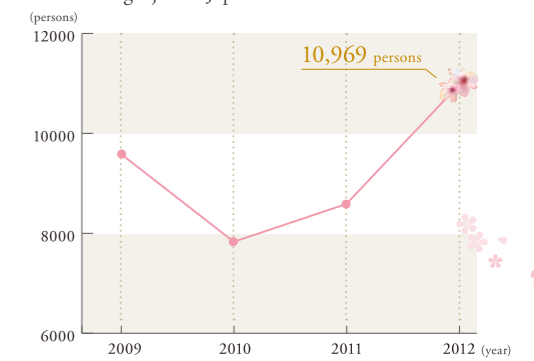
* A non-Japanese student may not necessarily be allowed to work in Japan, even if he or she has acquired a qualification or similar after graduating from a professional training college. Ask the college for detailed information.

After graduation

After graduating from a professional training college, foreign students have been finding more and more jobs at Japanese companies every year. The following four characteristics are important for changing the status of your residence when you start a job: (1) your academic background; (2) the work you will be engaged in; (3) your remuneration; and (4) the status of the company. Regarding (1), graduates from a university, two-year college or higher professional training college and graduates from a professional training college who have received a Diploma are eligible. Regarding (2), the relevance to your major is important for jobs for people with a Diploma. Regarding (3), foreign workers receive at least the same amount of remuneration as their Japanese counterparts. Regarding (4), no official standards are available. However, the company must have a stable operational base and results.



Number of accepted reasons for foreign students' finding a job in Japan



(Source: Tokyo Regional Immigration Bureau, Division for Examining the Job Status of Foreigners, 2013)