

# Settlement Support Program

For

Convention Refugees and Their Family Members



**Starting from October 2025**

**Foundation for the Welfare and Education of the Asian People**

**Refugee Assistance Head Quarters (RHQ)**

## **Summary**

The Japanese government offers a free settlement support program that includes Japanese language education, life guidance and employment support for individuals recognized as refugees by the Minister of Justice, as well as for their family members.

Attendants of the program can:

- learn basic Japanese language and useful knowledge of systems and customs for living in Japan.
- receive employment support if they wish to work in Japan.
- receive living support benefits during the course period (subject to conditions and evaluation).
- borrow a tablet to use in online classes if necessary.

Important Notes:

- ① This program is intended for those who can attend all classes, except in cases of special circumstances.
- ② After applying, there will be a screening process. Only those who pass the screening will be accepted into the program.

# Contents of the Program

## 1. Japanese language education (Total 572 units, 1 unit = 45 minutes)

- The course aims to build up basic Japanese language skills (listening, reading, speaking (conversation & presentation), writing).
- You can learn Japanese which is needed to run a self-dependent life.
- The goal is to achieve skills equivalent to A2~B1 level of "Common Framework of References for Japanese Language Education"(※).

"Common Framework of References for Japanese language Education": Overall scales (excerpt)

Proficient language users	
C2	Learners who achieve C2 proficiency level can easily understand almost everything they hear or read. They can express themselves fluently and spontaneously with precision, and also express different subtle meanings and differentiate in a most complex situation.
C1	Learners who achieve C1 Advanced level can understand a wide range of long, complex texts and grasp their meanings. They can interact and express themselves fluently and spontaneously without an impression of looking for right words, and can use language flexibly and effectively in social, academic and professional situation.
Self-dependent language users	
B2	Learners who achieve B2 level can understand the main ideas of complex texts, be it concrete topics or abstract including technical discussions of their professional fields. They can interact with some fluency and communicate easily with proficient Japanese speakers, without nervousness on either side.
B1	Learners who achieve B1 level can understand main idea in familiar topics regarding jobs, schools or leisure matters when spoken in common language. They can write simply connected and logical texts on familiar topics or anything they are personally interested.
Elementary level language users	
A2	Learners who achieve A2 level can understand sentences and expressions frequently used in most fundamental personal information, families, shopping, neighborhood or jobs that are directly related to them. They can exchange familiar and simple information in a scope of daily matters.
A1	Learners who achieve A1 level can understand and use most frequently used daily expressions and basic phrases for the purpose of satisfying their concrete needs. If their counterpart speaks slowly and clearly to help them, they can even interact with simple conversation.

※1 "Common Framework of References for Japanese Language Education "is a framework for Japanese language learning, teaching and appraisal for anybody involved in Japanese language education can refer to. Based on Common European Framework of References for Language (CEFR), this framework was prepared to clarify contents and measures of Japanese language education required for each proficiency stage, as well as for foreign people to continue to have proper Japanese language education.

※2 We can't guarantee that you will definitely reach these levels after finishing this program.

## 2. Life guidance (Total 120 units (1 unit = 45 minutes))

- Attendants can learn systems (medical, insurance, pension, tax, etc.) as well as customs which are useful for living in Japan.

※Classes are a combination of Japanese language education and life guidance.

## 3. Employment support service

- For those who wish to find jobs, assistance on job search will be available. (Please note that a job matching your preferences may not always be available.)
- Transportation expenses for a job search will be covered.
- Vocational guidance service is also available at the office of a prospective employer. Details of assistance will be explained during life guidance classes.

## Course schedule and time

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Course	Style	Time (※2)	Period
Day-time course (Half year)	Face-to-face group lessons (at Settlement Support Center*1) , or Group lessons online (at home)	Monday thru Friday 9:30-15:50	October 1st, 2025～ March 29th, 2026 (180 days)

※1 Settlement Support Center will be located in a metropolitan area etc.

※2 Class hours might be changed.

## **Eligible attendants of the course**

Individuals recognized as convention refugees by the Minister of Justice, and their family members (\*)

However, elementary and junior high school students who are going through compulsory education are not eligible to participate in the program.

In addition, those who have previously taken part in the settlement support program at the International Refugee Assistance Center (closed in March 2006) or at the RHQ Support Center are not eligible to participate in the program.

※ “Their family members” in this context means foreign nationals residing in Japan who have been granted the status of residence as family members, such as spouses, parents or unmarried children of convention refugees.

**Financial support for attendants** (※In principle, only program participants are eligible for financial support, and there are conditions and an evaluation process for approval. Additionally, the details of the financial support may be subject to change depending on the circumstances. )

### **1. Living allowance (Money for daily life)**

#### ● Day-time course

Adults (from 12 years old): 2,400 yen/day (180 days); Children (up to 11 years old): 1,200 yen/day (180 days)

※Subsequent adults from the same household: 1,600 yen/day.

※If a resident of the accommodation facility does not bear the cost of utilities (electricity, gas, and water), the daily living allowance for the first person aged 12 or older will be reduced by 800 yen per day. As a result, the daily living allowance for the first person aged 12 or older residing in the accommodation facility will be 1,600 yen per day.

### **2. Medical allowance (Money for treatment of diseases or injuries)**

Actual expenses of medical treatment, health care including prescription medicine will be covered by RHQ for the duration of the program. However, expenses not covered by health insurance or for preventive purposes will not be reimbursed.

※Attendants must pay health insurance fees by themselves.

※Even if medical expenses are covered by health insurance, some treatments not related to injury or illness may not be covered by this support. Please consult with us in advance if expensive costs are anticipated.

### 3. Housing allowance (Money for housing cost)

Housing allowance provided during the course has a ceiling.

Number of Family members	Day-time Course
One	Up to Yen 40,000/month
Two	Up to Yen 50,000/month
Three	Up to Yen 55,000/month
Four or more	Up to Yen 60,000/month

※When the actual rent is lower than the maximum allowance, the amount equal to the actual rent is provided.

※No miscellaneous expenses, other than rent, will be paid.

※It is required to submit a copy of the rental agreement (which indicates the amount of the rent and all the names of the residents) as well as a receipt to prove that payments were actually made.

### 4. Settlement allowance (Money to prepare for settlement)

The allowance will be paid only once when an attendant completes the settlement support program.

Adults (16 years and older): Yen 156,900

Children (up to 15 years old): Yen 78,450

※ The settlement allowance is provided only to those who have received completion certification. Completion certification is granted only to those who actively participate in classes with sincerity and complete the entire course, except in cases of special circumstances (such as medical treatment).

### 5. Transportation fees

Transportation fees for round-trip from home to class (limited to those who take face-to face classes).

# How to apply

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The application procedure for the Settlement Support Program starting in October 2025 is as follows:

## 1. Flow of Application Procedure

- ① Fill in the web form and submit the required documents on the RHQ website (by the application deadline listed in section 2 below): <https://www.rhq.gr.jp/news/application2025-oct-convention-refugees-en>
- ② Japanese language proficiency check
- ③ Health check-up (only for those who wish to attend classes in person)
- ④ Notification of screening results  
(For online courses, you will generally need to prepare your own tablet or other device. If this is difficult, please consult with us individually.)
- ⑤ Classes begin in October 2025

## 2. Deadline for Application

**July 31st, Thursday, 2025 (For those who wish to attend in person)**

**August 4th, Monday, 2025 (For those who wish to attend online)**

## 3. Contact Information

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