

Settlement Support Program

Application for Year 2023 Courses

(Application document to be submitted before August 4, 2023)

Refugee Assistance Headquarters (RHQ) is now accepting applications from convention refugees who want to learn Japanese at the Settlement Support Program starting in October 2023.

Settlement Support Program

Qualified Applicants: Convention refugees in Japan and their family members

Content: Japanese Language Education (approx..572 units), Guidance for Japanese Life (approx..120 units) and Employment Support Service. (1 unit=45 minutes)

Course period: Daytime Course (6 months): October 2023~March 2024 (Mon.-Fri., 9:30~15:50)

Style of class: Daytime Course: Group learning in face-to-face class or via on-line

Remarks: For those who choose on-line learning, RHQ will lend required IT devices.

There is no accommodation facility for attendants. Baby-sitting service is available for

those who attend face-to-face classes.

Note: You might not be able to attend the course you want due to limited seats of vacancy or your

health condition.

=Application Procedure=

- 1. Apply to RHQ by e-mail or phone. (We will explain courses of the Program and will check your Japanese language skill.)
- 2. Mid July 2023~August 4, 2023: Interview in-person; application form to be submitted

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Japan Settlement Support Program for Convention Refugees and Their Family Members

Applicants to the Second-Half Daytime Course should submit application document by no later than August 4, 2023

~ For convention refugees and their family members who want to learn Japanese language, understand Japanese customs, and find jobs ~

Refugee Assistance Headquarters
Foundation for Welfare and Education of the Asian People

Introduction

For individuals who are recognized as refugees by the Minister of Justice and their family members, the Government of Japan offers Settlement Support Program for free of charge, such as Japanese language education, guidance on life in Japan and employment support service.

- The Settlement Support Program provides program participants with an opportunity to study the basic Japanese and learn about social systems and customs which will be useful for living in Japan.
- Employment support will be available for program participants who wish to find jobs.
- Allowances for living, medical and housing expenses (limited to certain conditions) will be provided throughout the course term, in addition settlement allowance (money to be used in preparing for settlement in Japan) will be provided upon completion of the program. (See page 3 for details.)
- IT devices required will be lent by RHQ.

Note: Baby-sitting service is only available for daytime face-to-face class attendants. There is no accommodation facility for attendants.

Program Overview

Japanese Language Education / Guidance for Japanese Life / Employment Support Service

1. Japanese Language Education (572 units: 1 unit = 45 minutes)

- Participants will acquire the basic Japanese skills such as reading, writing, listening and speaking.
- Participants will learn Japanese language necessary for living in Japan.

2. Guidance for Japanese Life (120 units: 1 unit = 45 minutes)

- Participants will learn in Japanese about Japanese social systems (such as medical service, insurance, pension and taxes, etc.) and about Japanese customs, which will be useful for living in Japan.
- *Classes are structured according to a combined curriculum of Japanese Language Education and Guidance for Japanese Life.

3. Employment Support Service

- For those who wish to find jobs, assistance on job search will be available.
 - (You might not be able to find what you want.)
- Transportation expenses for a job search are covered.
- Vocational guidance service is also available at a prospective employer's premise.
 Details of assistance will be explained during the Guidance for Japanese Life.



Time and Schedule of the Course

- The course (total 692 units: 1 unit = 45 minutes) is divided into two parts: Japanese Language Education (572 units) and Guidance for Japanese Life (120 units:).
- Class style

Daytime course: Group learning in face-to-face class (attend the class at RHQ Support Center) or group learning via on-line (attend at home)

Schedule: (Time might be changed depending on curriculum.)

Daytime course: Monday through Friday, 9:30~15:50

Duration of the course:

2nd Half Daytime course: October 2023 ~ March 2024

Qualified Applicants

Individuals who are recognized as refugees by the Minister of Justice and their family members (*1) are eligible to apply for the Settlement Support Program. However, those who have received settlement support in the past at the International Refugee Assistance Center (closed in March 2006) or at the center cannot apply. (*2)

- (*1) "Family members" in this context mean foreign nationals residing in Japan who have been granted the status of residence as family members, such as spouses, parents or unmarried children of conventional refugees.
- (*2) You might have to postpone enrollment or your application might be declined depending on the circumstances such as limited number of vacancies, your health conditions or Japanese language levels, etc.

Livelihood Support Allowances

Participants of the Settlement Support Program will receive the following allowances during the program period.

(*There will be conditions and assessment to receive those allowances.)

Living Expenses (Money for daily life)	Daytime course
	Adults ¥ 1,600 /day (for 6 months) Children ¥ 1,200/day (for 6 months)
Medical Expenses (Money for treatment of diseases or injuries)	Actual expenses of medical treatment, health care including prescription medicine will be covered by RHQ. However, any expenses not covered by public health insurance or for preventive purpose are not covered. (In case very expensive cost is anticipated, please contact RHQ in advance.) (*All participants are to join the public health insurance scheme at their own expense.)
Housing Allowance (Money for housing cost)	Allowance for house rent to be provided has a ceiling, and the amount will vary depending on the rent or size of family of a program attendant. Any miscellaneous expenses other than rent will not be covered.
Settlement Allowance (Money to prepare for settlement)	Adults (16 years old and over) ¥ 156,900 Children (15 years old and under) ¥ 78,450 *The settlement allowance will be provided only once upon completion of the program.

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