



Settlement Support Program

Application for Year 2024 Courses

Applications Deadlines January 31, 2024 (Daytime Face-to-Face Course)
February 7, 2024 (Daytime/Evening On-line Courses)

Refugee Assistance Headquarters (RHQ) is now accepting applications from convention refugees who want to learn Japanese starting in April 2024.

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) : April 2024~September 2024 (Mon.-Fri., 9:30~15:50)
Evening Course (One year) : April 2024~March 2025 (Mon.-Fri. 18:30~20:55)

Style of class: Daytime Course: Group learning in face-to-face class or via on-line
Evening Course: Group learning via on-line (* Attend on-line course at home)

Remarks: For those who attend on-line learning, RHQ will lend required IT devices.
Baby-sitting service is available for those who attend face-to-face classes.
For daytime face-to-face course participants, accommodations can be provided while attending the course. However, no accommodations can be provided for evening course attendants.

Note: Due to limited availability and health conditions of applicants, one may not be able to participate in the course of one's choice.

=Application Procedure=

1. Apply to RHQ by e-mail or phone. (Description of the program will be provided.)
2. Mid-December 2023 ~ January 31, 2024 : Daytime face-to-face course applicants: Submit application forms. Individual Interviews, Health Checkup.
3. Mid-December 2023 ~ February 7, 2024 : Daytime/Evening on-line course applicants: Submit application forms. Individual Interview.

For applications and inquiries, please contact: **RHQ Support Center**
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Japan Settlement Support Program for Convention Refugees and Their Family Members

**Application Deadlines for
First Half Year Daytime Course and Full Year Evening Course:**

Daytime Face-to-Face Course: January 31, 2024

Daytime and Evening On-line Courses: February 7, 2024

~ 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 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 to 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) may 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. For those attending the daytime face-to-face course, during the course attendance, accommodations can be provided. There is no accommodation facility for attendants of the evening course.

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)
Evening course: On-line group learning (attend at home)
- Schedule: (Time might be changed depending on curriculum.)
Daytime course: Monday through Friday, 9:30~15:50
Evening course: Monday through Friday, 18:30~20:55
- Duration of the course:
First Half Year Daytime course: April 2024~September 2024
Full-Year Evening course: April 2024~March 2025

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: ¥ 2,400 /day (for 6 months)/ Children: ¥ 1,200/day(for 6 months) *Subsequent adults from the same household: ¥ 1,600/day Evening course Adults: ¥ 1,200 /day (for 1 year)/ Children: ¥600/day(for 1 year) *Subsequent adults from the same household: ¥ 800/day
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 during the course participation to be provided has a ceiling. () indicates allowance for the evening course participants. One-person household: Up to ¥40,000 monthly (Up to ¥20,000 monthly) Two-people household: Up to ¥50,000 monthly (Up to ¥25,000 monthly) Three-people household: Up to ¥55,000 monthly (Up to ¥27,500 monthly) More than four-people household: Up to ¥60,000 monthly (Up to ¥30,000 monthly) *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 covered. *It is mandatory to submit a copy of the rental agreement (which indicates the amount of rent, all the names of the residents).
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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