

Assistance for Applicants for Recognition of Refugee Status

The Refugee Assistance Headquarters (RHQ) provides assistance to refugee applicants who are suffering from economic hardship.

1. Eligible Persons

Persons who are eligible to receive assistance are applicants for Recognition of Refugee Status (including persons who filed on appeal) who are considered to be in need of protection, such as persons who live in a high degree of poverty in Japan; lacking in clothing, food, accommodation; etc.

(NOTE 1) Persons who are eligible to apply for assistance are limited to those who fulfill one of the conditions below;

- (1) Persons who are on the first refugee recognition application to the Ministry of Justice;
- (2) Persons who make an objection against the result of the first application to the Ministry of Justice;
- (3) Persons who file a case to a law court of a first instance for a rejection of the first refugee recognition application if s/he is not on the first refugee recognition application to the Ministry of Justice.

(NOTE 2) Persons may not be considered to be in need of assistance if they have assets or income; if they are able to work; if they have relatives on whom they should and can depend; if they are receiving public assistance, etc.; or if it has been determined that the implementation of assistance for them is inappropriate.

2. The Contents of Assistance

a) Living expenses

Adult (12 years and over): ¥2,400 /day

Child (under 12 years): ¥1,200 /day

b) Accommodation expenses

There is an upper limit on the support for housing expenses. The amount of support differs depending on the rent and the number of residents.

*RHQ cannot support Deposit, Key Money, or Maintenance Fee.

*RHQ cannot be your guarantor or emergency contact.

c) Medical expenses

Basically, RHQ supports medical expenses which are covered by public health insurance.

In some cases, such as expensive medical treatments are expected, RHQ may not be able to support the expense.

3. Duration

The duration of assistance is in principle four months.

4. Inquiries

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(Appointment Required)

