

Settlement Support Program

Application for Year 2024 Course

Application Deadline: **August 9, 2024**

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

Settlement Support Program

Qualified Applicants: Convention refugees in Japan and their family members

Content: Japanese Language (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 2024~March 2025 (Mon.-Fri., 9:30~15:50)

Class forms: Daytime Course: Group learning in face-to-face class or via on-line

Remarks:

- For those who wish, IT devices required for on-line classes will be lent by RHQ.
- Baby-sitting service is available for those who attend face-to-face classes.
- For face-to-face class participants, accommodations may be provided while attending the course.

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

=Application Procedure=

1. Phone or email RHQ to apply.
2. Early July 2024~August 9, 2024 : Course applicants to submit application forms.

Individual Interviews and Health Checkup (the latter is for those who wish to attend face-to-face classes)to be held.

For applications and inquiries, please contact: **RHQ Support Center**

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Settlement Support Program for Convention Refugees and Their Family Members

**Application Deadline for
Latter Half Year Daytime Course:**

August 9, 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 the Settlement Support Program free of charge, such as Japanese language, guidance on life in Japan and employment support service.

- The Settlement Support Program provides program participants with an opportunity to study 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 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).
- For those who wish, IT devices required for on-line classes will be lent by RHQ.
- Baby-sitting service is available for those who attend face-to-face classes.
- For face-to-face class participants, accommodations may be provided while attending the course.

Note: Due to limited availability and health conditions of applicants, one may not be able to participate in this 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 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

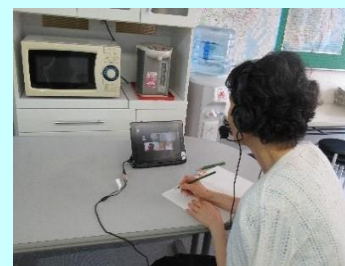
(120 units: 1 unit = 45 minutes)

- Participants will learn about Japanese social systems (such as medical service, insurance, pension, taxes, etc.) and about Japanese customs, which will be useful for living in Japan.

*Classes are taught through a curriculum that combines 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 the office of a prospective employer.
Details of assistance will be explained during the Guidance for Japanese Life.



Time and Schedule of the Course

- The course (total of 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:
Latter Half Year Daytime course: October 2024~March 2025

Qualified Applicants

◆ **Individuals who are recognized as refugees by the Minister of Justice and their family members. ***

* “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 convention refugees.

◆ **However, elementary and junior high school students who are going through compulsory education are not eligible to participate in the program. (No living allowance will be provided for them.)**

◆ **Those who have received settlement support in the past at the International Refugee Assistance Center (closed in March 2006) or at the RHQ Support Center cannot apply.**

Livelihood Support Allowances

Participants of the Settlement Support Program will receive the following allowances during the program period. There are conditions and assessment to receive these allowances.

***The content of Livelihood Support Allowances is subject to change.**

<p>Living Allowance (Money for daily life)</p>	<p>Daytime course Adults (starting from the age of 12 years old): ¥ 2,400 /day (for 6 months) *Subsequent adults from the same household: ¥ 1,600/day</p> <p>Children (Up to the age of 11 years old): ¥ 1,200/day (for 6 months)</p>
<p>Medical Allowance (Money for treatment of diseases or injuries)</p>	<p>Actual expenses of medical treatment, health care including prescription medicine will be covered by RHQ for the duration of the program. However, any expenses not covered by public health insurance or for preventive purposes are not covered. (If very expensive costs are anticipated, please consult with RHQ in advance.)</p> <p>*All participants are to join the public health insurance scheme at their own expense.</p>
<p>Housing Allowance (Money for housing cost)</p>	<p>Allowance for house rent during the course participation to be provided has a ceiling.</p> <p>One-person household: Up to ¥40,000 monthly Two-people household: Up to ¥50,000 monthly Three-people household: Up to ¥55,000 monthly More than four-people household: Up to ¥60,000 monthly</p> <p><u>*When the actual rent is lower than the maximum allowance, the amount equal to the actual rent is provided.</u></p> <p>*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 the rent and all the names of the residents).</p>
<p>Settlement Allowance (Money to prepare for settlement)</p>	<p>Adults (16 years old and over) ¥ 156,900 Children (15 years old and under) ¥ 78,450</p> <p>*The settlement allowance will be provided only once upon completion of the program.</p>

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