

Settlement Support Program

For

Certified Person for Complementary Protection and Their Families

Starting from October 2024



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 including Japanese language education and living guidance for those certified by the Minister of Justice as person for complementary protection and their families.

Attendants of the program can:

- learn basic Japanese language, and learn in Japanese useful knowledge of systems and custom for living in Japan.
- receive living support benefit during the course period (depending on certain conditions and examination).
- borrow electronic device such as PC required in case they want to attend the program online.
- use childcare service if they attend face-to-face day-time course. We may not be able to meet all the requests if there are too many applicants.

Contents of the Program

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

- The course helps to build up Japanese language communication skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking (presentation, conversation)) to run a self-dependent life.
- The goal of the Japanese language education of the settlement support program is to achieve skills equivalent to A2 to B1 level of "Common Framework of References for Japanese Language Education"(*). Each attendant may achieve different level of Japanese (A1 -B1) depending on their skill at the beginning of the course or how they study.

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

| Proficient language users | |
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| 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. |

- ※ "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. Living guidance (Total 120 units (1 unit = 45 minutes))

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

※The class is a combination of Japanese language education and living guidance.

Course schedule and time

| | Style | Time (※2) | Period |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Day-time course (Half year) | Face-to-face class in group (at Settlement Support Center*1) , or on-line learning (at home) | Monday thru Friday 9:30-15:50 | Half year, either April- September or October-March |

Night course is not available this time since it is not a six-month but a one-year course.

We will accept applications in February 2025 for the next one-year-night course which will start in April 2025.

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

※2 Class hours might be changed.

Eligible attendants of the course

Certified person for complementary protection and their families (*)

However, any of the above who have attended a settlement support program in the past cannot apply.

※Their families mean their husbands, wives, parents or unmarried children who live in Japan with legal residence status in Japan.

Financial benefit for attendants

(※available depending on certain conditions and examination)

1. Living allowance (cost for living)

● Day-time course

Adults: Yen 2,400/day (6 months); Children: Yen 1,200/day (6 months)

※The second adult or more in one family will receive Yen 1,600/day.

2. Medical expenses support (cost for sickness or injuries)

Attendants can receive actual expenses paid to hospitals and others during the course period. Expenses not covered by national health insurance or vaccination expenses are exempted.

(If any expensive cost to pay are anticipated, please contact RHQ Center in advance.)

※Attendants have to pay health insurance fee.

3. Housing allowance (cost for apartment)

There is a certain ceiling for housing allowance to be paid during the course attended.

| Number of Families | 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 |

※In case the apartment rent is cheaper than the above ceiling, the actual rent amount will be paid.

※Sundry expenses other than rent will not be paid.

※It is required to submit a copy of apartment rent contract (with all details such as rent amount and names of all who will live together).

4. Settlement allowance (Money to prepare for settling down)

The allowance will be paid only once when an attendant completed the Settlement Support Program.

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

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

5. Travel cost

Round-trip travel cost between home and classroom will be paid only to attendants to face-to-face class.

How to apply

The application procedure for the Settlement Support Program to start in October 2024 is as follows:

1. Application should be submitted to:

Foundation for the Welfare and Education of the Asian People

Refugee Assistance Head Quarters (RHQ)

Tel: **0120-068-655**

E-mail: rhq2024@rhq.gr.jp

Web: <http://www.rhq.gr.jp>

2. Deadline for Application

August 2nd, Friday, 2024

3. Flow of Application Procedure

- ① Applicant to contact above 1 (RHQ will provide explanation of the courses, level check of his/her Japanese skill and explain about application form)
- ② Personal interview and submission of the application form. (Applicants are required to complete up to here by the deadline mentioned above 2.)
- ③ Result of the examination will be informed. (Devices for on-line class attendants will be sent; tutoring of device operation will be provided)
- ④ The course starts in **October**