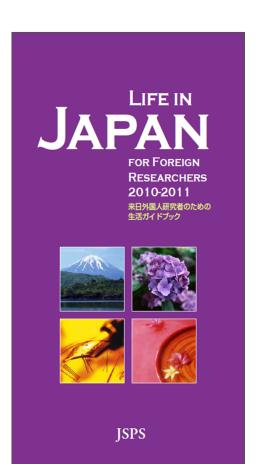
# GUIDE TO LIVING IN JAPAN FOR NEW JSPS FELLOWS FROM THE UK

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#### **Topics**

- 1. Procedures for Entry and Residence in Japan
  - Visa
  - Alien Registration
  - National Pension
  - National Health Insurance

2. Risk Management- Earthquakes

# Procedures for Entry and Residence in Japan

#### Visa

#### Applying for a visa is your personal responsibility!

	Summer Program	Postdoc Fellowship (Short-term)	Postdoc Fellowship (Standard)	Invitation Fellowship (Short-term)	Invitation Fellowship (Long-term)
Application	Not required	90 days or less: Not required	Required	Not required	90 days or less: Not required
		91 days or more: Required			91 days or more: Required
Status	-	"Researcher" "Professor"	"Researcher" "Professor"	-	"Cultural activities" "Researcher" "Professor"

## Alien Registration (1)

- Fellows who are planning to stay in Japan for
   91 days or longer must do alien registration within
   90 days of the date they entered Japan.
- Registration is carried out at the municipal office of your city or ward.

# Alien Registration (2)

- □ New residency management system (from 9 July 2012)
  - Fellows who will stay in Japan for 4 months or longer

Main changes (e.g.)

- A resident card will be issued at airport instead of alien registration card from the municipal office.
- Re-entry permit from the immigration bureau is not required if you leave Japan and will return within 1 year.



Immigration Bureau of Japan

http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact\_1/en/index.html

#### National Pension

- Not required to enroll in the Japanese National Pension System if your stay in Japan is less than 5 years.
- □ Fellows from the UK should continue their enrollment in the British Pension System.



**HM Revenue & Customs** 

http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/nic/japan.htm

#### National Health Insurance

Fellows who will stay in Japan for 1 year or longer are obliged to join the national health insurance program.

Application for enrollment in the program is made at the national health insurance section of your local municipal office.

□ Allowances under the fellowship ≠ Salary

# Risk Management - Earthquakes



### Preparing for an Earthquake

- □ Actions to ensure
  - e.g.
  - (1) Protecting yourself
  - (2) Taking refuge
- Provide information in advance to your host researcher and institution on how to contact you in case of an emergency.

Thank you very much. See you soon in Japan!

