

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 \neq 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!



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