

Frequently Asked Questions about Education in Japan

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- 1. Q:** Are English – medium programs available at Japanese universities?
A: Yes, many Japanese universities now offer programs which are 100% in English. International programs (English based) are available in various fields of study.
- 2. Q:** What are the academic requirements for applying for an international program at a Japanese University?
A: Undergraduate:
i) 12 years of school education (HSC, A' Levels, Diploma).
ii) IELTS, TOEFL, or any other English proficiency test.
Masters and above:
i) 16 years of schooling (Bachelor's degree).
ii) IELTS, TOEFL, or any other English proficiency test.
iii) GMAT or GRE (depends on university).
- 3. Q:** If I want to enroll in a Japanese University, do I need to take an entrance exam?
A: Most universities do not require international students to take an examination, however, it may be required for some programs.
- 4. Q:** Is "Medium of Instruction"(MOI) accepted or do we have to take English proficiency tests?
A: Most Japanese universities accept MOI as an alternative to English language proficiency tests such as IELTS, TOEFL, PTE, etc. Please read the application guidelines carefully.
- 5. Q:** When do I need to apply?
A: Ideally, you should choose which school to apply to 12 months before the enrollment period. Usually application periods begin 9-12 months before the enrollment date.
- 6. Q:** How much is the tuition fee?
A: Approximate tuition fees for one year:
National universities: JPY 540,000
Private universities: JPY 1,130,000
- 7. Q:** How to get scholarships?
A: Universities provide scholarships/tuition reduction scholarships based on students' admission evaluation, their financial needs, and their performance. There are also the Japanese Government Scholarship (MEXT Scholarship) and other third – party scholarships. Please see the links above in this website for further information.
- 8. Q:** How can we apply for the MEXT Scholarship?
A: There are 2 ways:
i) **Embassy Recommendation** – The notice for application can be found on the website of the

Ministry of Education of Bangladesh. The notice is usually given during April – May of each year.

ii) University Recommendation – You have to apply through Japanese universities directly.

9. Q: Do I have to contact professor for graduate programs?

A: Usually for research intensive graduate programs, you have to get an approval from a professor before you can apply. Please read the application guidelines carefully.

10. Q: Where can I get information about professors?

A: Go to any Japanese university website and get information in the academic>researchers.

11. Q: How competitive is it to get a part-time job in Japan?

A: There are many websites to look for jobs in Japan. If you are lacking in work experience and Japanese language skills, it might be hard to find a job that pays much higher—but it is not impossible.

12. Q: Can I work off-campus while studying in Japan?

A: Yes, you can. 28 hours a week. and 40 hours a week during long vacations. However, you need to get permission from the Ministry of Justice in advance to legally work even for part time jobs.

13. Q: Is there any age limit for pursuing further study and career building in Japan?

A: Usually no, but there might be an age limit for scholarships. also, you may need to explain about study gap.

14. Q: Can I bring my family if I am studying in Japan?

A: Yes, students can bring their family to Japan, a visa (Dependent visa) must be acquired for each family member. Only the spouse and children of the student are eligible for the Dependent Visa.

15. Q: How much does it cost in Japan for living?

A: National Average Monthly Living Cost: 93,000 JPY. Living cost are higher in big cities but usually salaries are higher as well.

16. Q: How can students get a work permit in Japan?

A: There are two places you can apply for the work permit: The airport, and or at an immigration office. After landing in Japan, and when you arrive at the immigration desk, submit your completed application form to the immigration inspector.

17. Q: Do universities in Japan offer distance learning courses?

A: A few universities do it. mostly for short-term courses though (2-6 months).

18. Q: How can I find accommodations?

A: There are several options such as student dormitories, share-houses, private apartments, and homestays.

19. Q: What is the resident status for international students' in Japan?

A: You will stay in Japan with the status of "Student".

20. Q: What is COE?

A: The Certificate of Eligibility (COE) is a document required to obtain a visa, and usually your university will submit your documents to the Immigration Bureau and then mail you the COE.

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