

For foreign students:

Things to know before coming to Japan

**Q1:** What should I prepare before I come to Japan?

**A1:**

① Seal (stamp); Japanese Hanko

Hanko is a personal seal used as the legal method of identification. It is made of wood, ivory, stone, or crystal, and is engraved with the family name.

Although not always necessary, if you can make one in your own country, we recommend you do so.

② Passport size photo

It is recommended you prepare each size. (Example) for application documents, resume → 3cm x 4cm

③ Mobile case

In Japan, a mobile case will cost around 1500 yen (in some cases iPhone case may be bought at as cheap as a Hundreds of yen)

④ Home country SIM free mobile

We recommend you bring an unlocked mobile phone from your country and then buy a SIM card in Japan.

⑤ Conversion plug

Since Japan is an A type outlet (type B is very rare), you need to buy a conversion plug depending on the country. (URL: <https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/japan/>)

⑥ Credit card

In some cases, it may be difficult to make a contract in Japan. We recommend that you bring one from your country if possible.



**Q2:** What to take precaution about when coming to Japan?

**A2:**

① If you prepare "application to engage in other activities" in advance and submit it during immigration procedure, you do not have to go to the Immigration Bureau later.

② We recommend you search for scholarships in advance over the internet and consult with your teacher in advance.

(URL: <https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/admissions/scholarships/>)

③ There are places where you can buy cheaper stuff (Hundreds of yen on average at Nitori etc.), so you no need to bring lots of luggage from your home country.

④ You must always carry the resident card with you at all times.

⑤ In Japan bargain season is in July, August and in February, March. During this season, you can purchase clothes at a cheap price, so we recommend that you adjust your baggage in consideration of it.

**Q3:** What should I do if I want to drive in Japan?

**A3:**

The conditions depend on the country of origin. Please refer to the following site.

① For foreigners - About driving in Japan

<https://www.alljapanrelocation.co.jp/news/driving-in-japan/>

② Holders of foreign driver's license

<https://english.jaf.or.jp/driving-in-japan/drive-in-japan>

(See "Japanese Driving License (Transfer your country's license to a Japanese license)" on middle page)

③ Information regarding the application for Japanese translation of foreign driver's license

<https://english.jaf.or.jp/driving-in-japan/drive-in-japan/foreign-nationals-license>