

Necessary Procedures for International Students after Arrival in Japan

International students who will stay in Japan for more than 3 months (those who are eligible to receive a resident card, but not those who have "Temporary Visitor" status or a period of stay of less than 3 months. The following procedures must be completed at the city hall or ward office where you live within 14 days of your arrival in Japan.

1. Resident Registration
2. Enrollment in National Health Insurance
3. Enrollment in National Pension System (Those under 20 years of age are not required.)

*Failure to follow the procedures may result in revocation of your status of residence or a fine.

*Even if you have health insurance or a pension plan in your home country, you will still need to complete the procedures.

Various procedures, including administrative procedures, are in order.

	Procedure Name	Method	Place	Deadline	Remarks
Preparation before entering Japan	Application for Certificate of Eligibility, visa application, purchase of flight tickets Check own vaccination history (Measles, Rubella, Chickenpox, Mumps, etc.)				
	Entrance Procedures	Online	Online	By 3pm (JST) on the last day of Entrance Procedure, depending on the faculty/graduate school to which you are enrolled.	
	Finding a place to live	Some companies allow you to sign a contract online before entering Japan, or visit a real estate agent immediately after entry.		Before or immediately after entry into Japan	See also ISD website for more information. Here
	Make a credit card that can be used in Japan	Check with credit card companies		Before coming to Japan	It is relatively difficult for international students to obtain a credit card in Japan immediately after arriving in Japan.
	(Recommendation) Register to attend ISD's New International Student Guidance	Online	Online	March 28, by 16:00 (JST)	For students living in Japan for the first time. Guidance will explain the necessary procedures to start living in Japan. For more information, click here .

	(Make your own arrangements if you wish) Purchase SIM Card	Online	You can choose how you want to receive the SIM card.	Interested applicants should visit ISD website. Here
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For procedures 1-3, if you have a tutor, you can ask him/her to go with you.					
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1	Resident Registration	Fill out an application form designated by the city hall or ward office where you live.			
2	Enrollment in National Health Insurance	*Please take a photo of the completed application form and the residence card for your records. *If you live in Chiba City, please refer to ISD website for an example of how to fill out the form.	Go to the city hall or ward office where you live. *Take your residence card and passport with you.	In principle, within 14 days from the date of entry	If your place of residence has not been decided at the time of entry, please complete the procedures as soon as it is decided. Matters of importance Once the process is completed at the city/ward office, some documents will be mailed to your place of residence. Please check ISD website for that information. Here
3	Enrollment in National Pension System (Those under 20 years of age are not required.)	Here	*Documents or photos with the address of your place of residence in Japanese (Example s: Lease agreements, etc.)		



Complete the insurance procedures designated by Chiba University for international students.
(all students required)

	手続き名	方法	場所	期限	備考
4	Buy Comprehensive Insurance for Student Lives Coupled with "GAKKENSAI" for International Students ("Inbound futai-gakuso")	Apply online via the application flyer and pay the premium.	Premiums can be paid at convenience stores	At least one day before classes start.	



Receive account information from your academic student affairs department or graduate student affairs unit to use Chiba University systems and services.



Register your personal data with Chiba University's Student Information.

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5	Register the information of your residence card and other information with Chiba University's student information.	Student Portal	Online Registration of Student Information Here	Enroll in April 10 April	If you are unable to register, contact your academic student affairs department or graduate student affairs unit.
			Online Resident Card Information Registration Here	Enroll in October 10 October	



Receive your student ID card from your academic student affairs department or graduate student affairs unit.



(Make your own arrangements if you wish) Open a bank account and buy a commuter pass

	手続き名	方法	場所	期限	備考
6	<p>(Make your own arrangements if you wish)</p> <p>Open a bank account</p>	<p>Japan Post Bank (Yu-cho Bank) Use the account opening app</p> <p>*Residence card, passport and student ID required for opening.</p> <p>Banks other than Japan Post Bank Check the procedures and conditions on the website of the bank of your choice.</p>	<p>Japan Post Bank (Yu-cho Bank)</p> <p>If you use the account opening application, you do not need to go to a Japan Post Bank (Yu-cho Bank) counter.</p>		<p>You can only apply once you have completed your resident registration and received your student card.</p> <p>See also ISD website for more information on Japan Post Bank (Yu-cho Bank).☒</p> <p>Here</p>
7	<p>(Make your own arrangements if you wish)</p> <p>Buy a commuter pass</p>	<p>Need sticker to purchase</p>	<p>Obtain a sticker from your academic student affairs department or graduate student affairs unit.</p>		<p>Check the website of the train or bus company you will be using for the commuter pass purchase counter.</p>

Also check the guidance schedule of your undergraduate/graduate school.