



Newsletter

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Hello, this is ISD. This is a monthly newsletter to provide useful information and updates on recent events for international students.

Have you joined National Pension and applied for exemption?

Everyone aged 20 and above with a residence card is required to enroll in the National Pension. However, students can have their pension premiums exempted or deferred by completing procedures at the ward office. The documents and application periods differ for regular students and non-regular students (research students, exchange students).

Regular students : APRIL **BLUE** form (Special Payment System for Students)

Non-regular students: JULY **ORANGE** form (Exemption or Payment Deferral)

Don't forget to complete the exemption procedure every year. The documents are available at ISD. If you completed the procedure last year, you might receive a postcard for renewal from the ward office. In that case, you only need to return the postcard, and there is no need to go to the ward office.

Japan Post Bank (Yucho Bank): Change status to "Resident"

If you opened an account with Japan Post Bank, you are initially registered as a 'non-resident' for the first six months after arriving in Japan. Money transfers by non-residents are treated as international transfers even for transfers within Japan, resulting in higher fees, and you cannot apply for credit cards. After six months, you can change your account status to 'resident' by applying at the counter. After the change, you can make transfers at ATMs and apply for credit cards like local residents. Please go directly to the post office counter to complete the procedure (no appointment is necessary).

Don't worry – Website Guide to Registration & FAQs for JAPANESE LANGUAGE COURSES now available!

Log in with your Chiba University Google account:

[URL]

<https://sites.google.com/office.gs.chiba-u.jp/nihongokamoku/>



When You Move House

Spring is the moving season. If you are moving to a different city, you need to submit a "Notification of Moving Out" at your current city office and a "Notification of Moving In" at your new city office. Even if you move within Chiba City, you need to submit a "Notification of Change of Address." Also, if you register at the post office, they will forward mail from your old address to your new address for free for one year.

For more details, please visit the ISD website: [When moving | Housing | International Support Desk, Chiba University \(chiba-u.ac.jp\)](#) |

And, don't forget to update your new address thru the student portal.

【Important!】 Registration for Scholarships from Private Foundations for First Semester 2025 (*Re-Print)

Scholarship registration will take place from April 1st to April 15th. It will be announced on the ISD website in late March. You can register by Moodle.

[Scholarships from private foundations | Scholarships | During your stay / Daily life | International Support Desk, Chiba University \(chiba-u.ac.jp\)](#)



Notice from the Immigration Services Agency (*Re-Print)

From April 1, 2025, the fees required for applications such as changing your residence status or renewing your period of stay will increase. The fees for online applications will be cheaper than those of at-the-counter applications. For more details, please refer to the Immigration Bureau's flyer → [001433809.pdf \(moj.go.jp\)](#)