# Handbook for International Students 2025





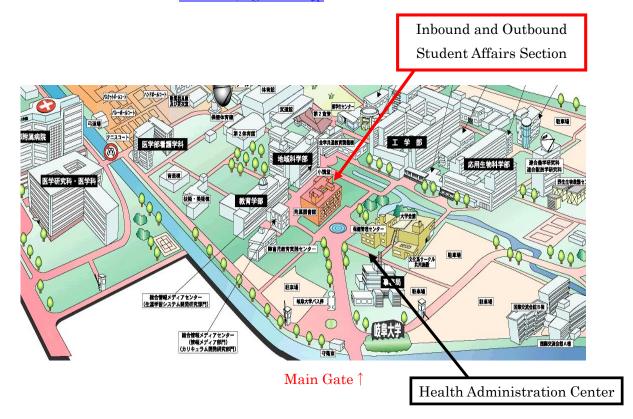
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# 🛎 Consultation Services for International Students 🚈

When you need help.....

If you have any problems or questions, no need to feel alone, please feel free to visit the Inbound and Outbound Student Affairs Section.

Contact: Inbound and Outbound Student Affairs Section Opening Hours: 10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. TEL: 058-293-2137 E-mail: <u>direcent@t.gifu-u.ac.jp</u>



The following facilities are also available for consultation (Please see Page 1):

Health Administration Center

Opening Hours: 8:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (reservation required) TEL: 058-293-2174 http://www.hoken.gifu-u.ac.jp/eng\_index.shtml

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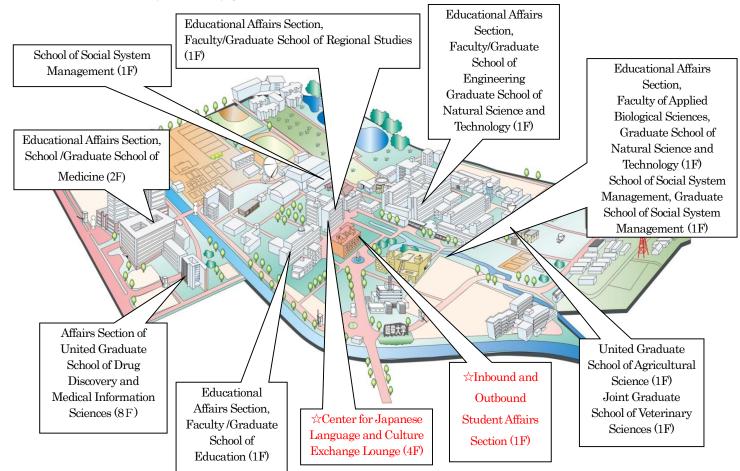
## I. Support System for Academic and Daily Life

## 1. Academic Supervisor (professor in charge of you)

If you have any daily life issues you need help with or if you have any problems at school, please come and talk to your professor. Please ask your faculty/graduate school office for more details.

## 2. Faculty/Graduate School Office

Gifu University faculty/graduate school offices offer the following services: admissions, scholarship programs, issuance of certificates, provide academic advice and support your life in Japan. Please feel free to visit your faculty/graduate school office whenever needed.



## 3. Daily Life Guidance

The Inbound and Outbound Student Affairs Section provides consultation services, guidance and advice for international students. Please feel free to visit or call the Inbound and Outbound Student Affairs Section if you have any questions.

Inbound and Outbound Student Affairs Section

TEL: 058-293-2137 E-mail: direcent@t.gifu-u.ac.jp

## 4. Consultation Counters/Counselors

The following facilities also offer consultation services to university students:

(1) Career and Student Support Center (University Hall 1F)

The Career and Student Support Center provides consultation services on job hunting and career development.

(2) Health Administration Center (University Hall 1F)

The Health Administration Center gives students first-aid and consultation for physical and mental concerns. For more details please see Page 9.

(3) Campus Life Helper

Each faculty or educational affairs department consults for a wide range of concerns, such as relationship problems, study problems or sexual and alcohol harassment.

(4) Tutors

In Gifu University, tutors (either Japanese or International students) provide various support to international students. Please ask your faculty/graduate school office for more information.

## II. Japanese Language Education

Center for Japanese Language and Culture, Organization for Promotion of Glocalization, offers Japanese language courses (Intensive Course, Standard Course) for international students. However, undergraduate students (degree seeking students), non-student visa holders, family members of international students and international researchers are not able to attend Japanese language courses.

If you would like to take a Japanese language course, please inform your professor before your arrival (in March or September). The professor will ask the faculty/graduate school to apply for it.

All the applicants must take the Japanese language placement test after their arrival in Japan. Please refer to the "To-Do List After Arrival in Japan" for details. If you have any questions, please contact the Center for Japanese Language and Culture.

Also, inform your faculty/graduate school office of your intention to apply for the course for the next semester if you would like to take the Japanese language course. If you wish to continue, you also need to reapply.

The Center for Japanese Language and Culture has the Exchange Lounge on the 4F of General Education (*Zenkyo*) Building. Business hours of the Lounge are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Student tutors are available there for advice and consultation from 2:45 pm to 4:45 pm. The lounge is equipped with 3 PCs and a printer. You can access with your PC account if you have one.

Center for Japanese Language and Culture

Exchange Lounge TEL: 058-293-3392

#### III. Residence and Registration Procedures

International students need to go through residence and registration procedures after arrival in Japan. Please note that those who do not follow the procedures might be subject to penalties in Japan. Please see Reference 2 (P.14).

#### ★ <u>Upon Arrival in Japan</u>

#### 1. Residence Card

International students will receive a residence card at the airport of arrival as mid- or longterm residents. The residence card must be carried at all times!

#### 2. Moving-In Notice

You have to submit a moving-in notification to the municipal office within 14 days from the

date of entry into Japan or from moving within Japan. If you fail to report your place of residence without a valid reason, your status of residence may be cancelled.

#### 3. National Health Insurance and National Pension System

Japan has a medical system to lighten the burden of medical expenses. International students staying in Japan for more than three months must join one of the following insurance schemes: National Health Insurance, Social Health Insurance or Mutual Aid Association Insurance. Most international students join the National Health Insurance. Apply for the National Health and Pension Insurances when submitting a moving-in notice at the city hall.

#### National Health Insurance

After enrolling in the National Health Insurance, a Health Insurance Certificate ("Eligibility Confirmation Certificate") will be sent to your home by regular mail. Please show this certificate every time you visit a medical institution to reduce the cost to 30% of your total medical expenses. You can also use a My Number Card as a health certificate by linking it to the Eligibility Confirmation Certificate. For more information on the My Number system, please refer to '4.

Later you will have insurance premium payment slips delivered to your home by regular mail. Please pay your premiums as soon as possible, regardless of the deadline. You can pay at a convenience store or a bank.

There is a reduction and exemption system for national health insurance premiums. If your income in the previous year is below a certain standard, the local authority will grant you a reduction or exemption. The procedure is carried out at the city hall.

#### National Pension System

If you are over 20, you can apply for the exemption of Pension payments as a student.

- <u>Degree-seeking students</u> should apply for a Special Payment System for Students.
- <u>Non-degree seeking students</u> should apply for Exemption/Payment Postponement.

You can learn more about the National pension here (available in various languages):



#### 4. My Number System

"My Number" is an individual social security number given to all registered residents. "My number" is mainly used for taxes, welfare and disaster management. One month after you arrive in Japan and register your address at the city hall, you will receive by post a letter with "My Number Notification Card" inside. "My number" is highly important personal information, so please keep it safe. Don't throw it away or show others.

You can also obtain a plastic card called "My Number Card" with your face picture on it. This card can be used as an ID card and allows you to apply for documents regarding your residence online. For more details, please refer to the Immigration Bureau page below:



## ★ <u>After One or Two Years of Staying in Japan</u>

#### 5. Permission to Extend Period of Stay

International students with a student visa can be permitted to reside in Japan for the period of 3 months, 6 months, one year, one year and three months, two years, two years and three months, three years, three years and three months, four years or four years and three months. If you need to extend your period, please do the necessary procedures of the Immigration Bureau. Please refer to the List of Residence and Registration Procedures on p. 16 for more information. You can also consult with your faculty/graduate school office or the Inbound and Outbound Student Affairs Section.

Please make sure to extend your period of stay before it expires. Otherwise, you will overstay and might become subject to legal action such as deportation.

#### 6. Activities Not Included in Visa Status (Work Permit)

Generally, a student visa does not allow to be engaged in any form of paid work in Japan. International students who want to get a part time job, must obtain a work permit in advance. You can apply and receive a work permit at the time of entry into Japan (<u>only for new entrants</u>) or at the Immigration Bureau (<u>for students who have already been living in Japan</u>). An application form is available at the faculty/graduate school office. In principle, Japanese Government Scholarship Students and Exchange Students are not permitted to work (except the RA and TA, etc. on campus).

With this permit, international students are allowed to work for up to 28 hours per week. However, you are not allowed to partake in jobs related to adult entertainment. These would include bars, hostess and hostel clubs, pachinko, love hotels and etc. Engagement in part-time work without this permit and violation of the terms/conditions stipulated in the permit could be subject to penalties up to deportation from Japan.

Please submit a workplace report to the faculty/graduate school office upon finding or changing a job.

#### Important notice:

Your work permit is <u>NOT VALID</u> while you are taking a leave of absence from school. Your permit ends when with your graduation and is <u>NO LONGER VALID</u>!

#### 7. Temporary Leave and Special Re-Entry System

International students with a valid passport and residence card who will go abroad and be re-entering Japan within 1 year of their departure will not be required to apply for a re-entry permit. This is called a special re-entry permit. Please be sure to present your residence card to an airport officer before departure!

Please note that you will lose your resident status if you fail to re-enter Japan within 1 year of departure. If your period of stay expires within 1 year after your departure, please ensure that you re-enter Japan before the expiration of your period of stay.

International students must submit a "Notification of Temporary Leave" to the faculty/graduate school office prior to their leaving Japan.

#### 8. Leave of Absence from School

Generally, in case an international student with a "Student" visa ceases to act as a student for more than three months, their student status of residence will be revoked. They will be required to promptly return to their home country or obtain an appropriate residence status to continue residing in Japan. However, if they have justifiable reasons for a long absence, their student status of residence may not be revoked.

The Immigration Bureau admits the following cases as "justifiable reasons":

- ① A student has to take a leave of absence from school for the need to be hospitalized for a long period of time for treatment of an illness.
- ② A student is willing to return to school after leaving the hospital.

If you want to take a leave of absence, please consult with your faculty/graduate school office. Please note that you are not allowed to be engaged in any form of paid work during your leave.

#### 9. Residence Status Change for Work after Graduation or Completion

Generally, international students are required to return to their home country after graduation/completion. The time left in your visa is the preparation period for your return. You cannot work even with a work permit during this period.

Those who continue to live in Japan after graduation/completion, need to change the status of their residence promptly.

① If you start working in Japan:

Please change your visa status from your present student visa to a visa allowing you to work such as "Specialist in Humanities/International Services" or "Engineer" statuses.

② If you continue seeking employment:

Those who could not find a job in Japan before graduation or completion and wish to continue seeking employment in Japan, must change the status of residence to the "Designated Activities." This status of residence allows the holder to stay in Japan for six months and can be renewed only once. To apply for a change of visa status, you need a letter of recommendation from your university. For a letter of recommendation, please refer to your faculty/graduate school office before the end of the month following your graduation.

Please note that a letter of recommendation can be issued only after graduation. Those students whose residence period ends before graduation/completion should submit to the Immigration Bureau a "Certificate of Expected Graduation" issued by their faculty/graduate school office. A letter of recommendation should be submitted as soon as issued. You can submit the "Certificate of Expected Graduation" 3 months prior to your residence card expiration.

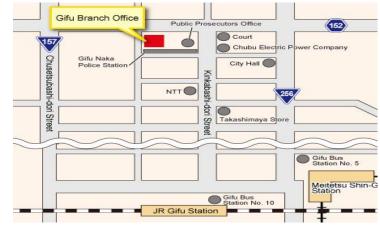
## 10. Regional Immigration Bureau

## Nagoya Regional Immigration Bureau Gifu Branch Office

Address 😑 3 Gifu Legal General Building 4F, 2-7-2 Mieji-cho, Gifu City 500-8812

Tel 😑 058-214-6168

Opening Hours 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. / 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (Monday to Friday)



Access 🛑 by Gifu Bus:

· 3 min walk from "Shimin Kaikan | Saibansho Mae" bus stop;

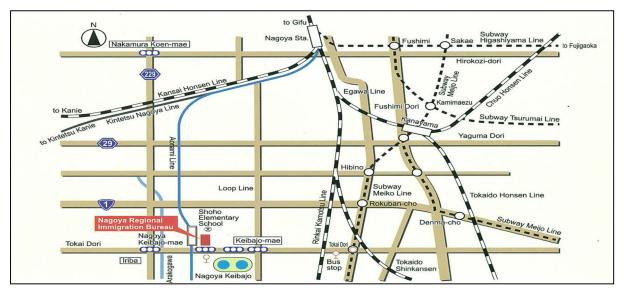
- 6 min walk from "Imazawa-cho" bus stop;
- 10 min walk from "Nishino-machi" bus stop.

## Nagoya Regional Immigration Bureau

Address 🛑 5-18 Shoho-cho, Minato-ku, Nagoya City, Aichi Prefecture 455-8601

Tel 😑 052-559-2117 (Student and Trainee Inspection Department)

Opening Hours | 9 a.m. 4 p.m. (Monday to Friday)



Access 🔴 Take Japan Railway (JR) Tokai Line and get off at Nagoya Station.

Take the Aonami Line and get off at Nagoya Kouhoku station. It is one-minute walk from Nagoya Kouhoku station to the Nagoya Regional Immigration Bureau.

## IV. Accommodation Facilities

## 1. Gifu University International House Buildings A & B

International House Buildings A and B is a university dormitory for international students and international research students. April and October are the only available months to move in.

Application should be sent to your respective faculty/graduate school. Application deadline is January for move-in in April and July for move-in in October. Please refer to the bulletin board in your faculty/graduate school for dormitory information.

Building details:

- 69 Single Rooms, 7 Family Rooms, 14 Rooms for Married Couples, Multi-Purpose Room, Japanese Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Laundry Room.
- Each room has a bed, desk, chair, dresser, bookshelf, refrigerator, Internet connection (with charge), unit bathroom (Building A only / Building B has shared shower rooms on each floor), toilet, and air conditioner. Free internet connection is available at the Lobby.
- Address: Gifu University, International House, 1-1 Yanagido, Gifu City, Gifu 501-1193

## 2. Kurono Student Dormitory

Kurono Student Dormitory is mainly for undergraduate students, and is separated into male and female buildings. If approved, international students can move into the dormitory to live with Japanese students. For more information, please see the following website:



## 3. Public Housing

There are two types of public housing available in Gifu: "Gifu City Housing" and "Gifu Prefectural Housing". Please contact Gifu Housing Development Public Corporation for information.

 $\star$  for Gifu City Housing

Gifu Housing Development Public Corporation, Gifu branch, City Hall 2F: TEL: 058-265-3900 (direct)

 $\star$  for Gifu Prefectural Housing

Gifu Housing Development Public Corporation, West Prefectural Office branch: TEL: 058-214-7058

## 4. Private Housing

• Gifu University Co-op provides assistance with private accommodation including boarding and apartment houses. Please visit the website for more information:



• Real estate brokers and companies will also help to find an apartment.

#### 5. Apartment Guarantor System

In Japan, a guarantor is usually required before you can move into a private apartment.

Gifu University can become your guarantor if you have "Comprehensive Renter's Insurance for Foreign Students Studying in Japan" (sponsored by the Japan Education Exchange and Service). The insurance premium is 4,000 yen for one year and 8,000 yen for two years. The insurance renewal is also possible for 6 months (2,000 yen). Please note that the Joint Guarantor contract will be invalid as soon as you graduate or leave Gifu University.

This insurance consists of overseas travel insurance (including foreign student's liability insurance and insurance for physical impediment resulting from an injury) and guarantors' protection fund.

Application and renewal procedures are available at the Inbound and Outbound Student Affairs Section. Please check the expiration date to ensure that you have time to renew your insurance before expiration. You might get a refund if you terminate your insurance policy before expiration to return to your home country. Please come to our office 2 months before your departure.

Please contact the Inbound and Outbound Student Affairs Section immediately for the following situations: bodily injuries to others, property damage on others, accidents within the apartment, or any other serious situations. When you change your address or any personal information please also let us know.

#### V. Tuition and Other Fees

## 1. Tuition and Other Fees

Entrance examination, admission and university tuition fees vary depending on each student.

#### 2. Tuition Payment Method

Information about payment methods is available on Gifu University website:



If you have any questions, please contact the faculty/graduate school office or the Inbound and Outbound Student Affairs Section.

### 3. Exemption of Tuition Payment

Privately financed degree-seeking international students with financial issues and an excellent academic record may apply for tuition fee exemption. However, not all applicants are granted an exemption, so everyone must maintain stable financial resources to pay the full tuition fee. Information about exemption will be posted on "Campus-G" academic portal for students in the "Information" section. Please contact Student Affairs Department for further information.

TEL 058-293-2149/3198

## VI. Scholarships for International Students

There are scholarship programs available for international students. For university recommended scholarships, please check the information from your faculty/graduate school office. Information about scholarships with direct application method is posted on the CampusWeb/TACT. You can also check the latest information on the website below.

★GU-GLOCAL Website (Scholarships for International Students):



## VII. Health Insurance

#### 1. National Health Insurance (public support for medical expenses)

Every international student with the student visa must join the National Health Insurance program. This insurance will help you save 70% of total expenditure in hospitals (including dentist) and you have to pay only 30% of the medical cost. Application is available at the municipal office.

The insurance premiums may vary depending on the household situation. Your insurance premium is decided by your income and the number of family members. However, if you are a newcomer to Japan or a student, you can ask for a reduction in your premium. If you do not specially request it, you can't get this reduction.

For inquiries:

National Health Insurance/Pension Plan Division, Gifu City Hall TEL: 058-214-4315 (Direct)

#### 2. National Pension System

All people aged 20 to 60 living in Japan must join the National Pension System regardless of nationality. Pensions, formed by pension premium payments and the governmental budget, are paid when a member of the system reaches retirement age or becomes disabled due to an accident.

#### Students can apply for payment postponement while being a student.

For further details:

National Health Insurance/Pension Plan Division, Gifu City Hall TEL: 058-214-2086 (Pension Premium Section)

#### 3. Health Care Institutions

(1) Health Administration Center in Gifu University

The Health Administration Center gives first-aid medical treatments, conducts annual health check-ups, and provides physical and mental counseling services. All international students, including non-degree--seeking research students and auditors, have to go through a health check-up every year based on the School Health and Safety Act.

#### (2) Hospitals and Clinics

National Health Insurance covers 70% of medical expenses. Every time you visit a

hospital or a clinic in Japan, bring your health insurance card with you. Please make sure to enroll in this insurance, since without it you will have to pay 100% of your medical expenses.

Please inform your faculty/graduate school office as soon as possible if you need to be hospitalized.

Please check the map of medical institutions near Gifu University at the website below:



(3) Ambulance



Please call 119 for an ambulance in case of serious illness or injury and report your exact location without panicking. Calling an ambulance is free of charge in Japan; however, <u>consider</u> using it only when urgent treatment is necessary.

## VII. Daily Life

#### 1. Gifu University International Student Support

(1) Life Support Loan (short-term loan fund for regular international students)

In case international students urgently need money for living expenses, housing rent, medical costs or emergency travel fee, they can apply for a 100,000 yen short-term loan fund without interest rate. <u>Please note that this loan cannot be used for the tuition payment</u>. The application is available only once per academic year. Repayment must be made within five months from the application date. For application, please visit the Inbound and Outbound Student Affairs Section.

#### 2. Insurance Information

(1) Accident and Casualty Insurance

Accident and casualty insurance for students during their educational research activities covers any unexpected incidents that could happen to you during your academic studies (including lectures, lab work, practicum, university events, extracurricular activities, and commuting).

Gifu University International Student Support Association bears the cost of insurance premiums for privately-financed international students enrolled for 6 months and more. However, Japanese government scholarship students, foreign government scholarship students and students receiving high-rate scholarships like JICA must join and pay this insurance by themselves. Application is available at the Student Assistance Division, Educational Affairs Department.

#### (2) New "Futai Gakuso" Insurance Policy for International Students by JEES

The Japan Educational Exchanges and Services (JEES) has created a new insurance policy called "Futai Gakuso" for international students to help them live safely in Japan. This policy covers compensation for injuries and accidents that happened within the campus; transportation expenses to Japan incurred by family members for nursing purposes;

compensation for liability, and compensation for accidents that occurred while riding a bicycle. International students are advised to purchase this insurance policy. Online application is available. All the residents of the International House (A and B) will be insured through the Inbound and Outbound Student Affairs Section. For more detail, please consult the Student Assistance Division or the Inbound and Outbound Student Affairs Section.

#### (3) Comprehensive Student Mutual Insurance

Gifu University Coop offers several insurances such as fire insurance, travel insurance and life insurance covering injuries, illnesses, hospitalization and hospitals/clinic visits. Online application is available. Please ask Gifu University Coop for further information.

#### 3. Public Transportation

(1) Student Discount System

Student discounts are only available for degree-seeking students. Please find the automatic student discount certificate issuance machines located in the Educational Affairs Department University Hall to obtain a certificate.

(2) IC Transport Cards

Any major IC transport card such as TOICA, manaca, ICOCA is available for bus and train fare payment. However, "ayuca" bus card can only be used for Gifu buses. "Ayuca" card application is available at Gifu University Co-op.



#### 4. Safe Living

(1) Riding a Bicycle

In Japan, bicycle owners must register their bicycles to prevent bicycle theft. Please register your bicycle at the place of purchase.

Bicycle insurance is mandatory for bicycle owners. In case you have another insurance covering bicycle accidents (bicycle insurance), you don't have to purchase bicycle insurance twice. In case you don't have bicycle insurance, please take out one by yourself (you can apply for insurance at a combini).

There are traffic rules for bicycles in Japan; please read and follow them. Also, make sure to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.

Please lock your bicycle at all times and park at designated parking lots.

(2) Driving a Car and Riding a Motorcycle

It is mandatory to have a driver's license to drive a car. Please never drive a car without your driver's license! Should you get into an accident, you may need a substantial amount of compensation money and other expenses. For this reason, we do not recommend driving a car if you are not familiar enough with traffic rules and manners in Japan. Please consult with your professor (or academic supervisor) before you drive a car in Japan.

Note 1. Driver's license in Japan:

There are three ways you can obtain a driver's license in Japan:

1) To complete a driving course and take a written test at designated examination sites (a

practical test is not required).

2) To take a written and practical driving test at designated examination sites.

3) To switch your international driver's license to a Japanese driver's license.

<u>Only holders of international driver's license issued by The Geneva Convention on Road</u> <u>Traffic are permitted to drive in Japan.</u> With this international driver's license you are allowed to drive in Japan for up to one year from the date of issue of your international license.

However, if you go to your home country to renew or newly obtain an international driver's license and re-enter Japan within three months, you will not be able to drive here or switch your driver's license to a Japanese one! <u>You have to stay in your country for at least</u> three month after issuing a new international driver's license to drive in Japan!

#### Note 2. When you get your own car or a motorcycle:

Car insurance consists of two main components: 1) compulsory insurance (automobile damages compensation insurance) and 2) optional insurance. All automobile and motorcycle owners are required to obtain compulsory insurance by law. Compulsory automobile damages compensation insurance DOES NOT cover large compensation payments, such as property damage, damage to a third party vehicle, damage to your own vehicle, injuries to the driver or passenger while driving, and etc. For this reason, please make sure you also purchase optional insurance.



Note 3. Parking Permission (for Japanese driver's license holders only):

A "Parking Permission" and "Pass Card" are necessary to enter Gifu University by car. Please apply to your faculty/graduate school office.

#### (3) Traffic Accidents

If you are involved in a traffic accident, remain calm and follow the following procedures:

- (1) If anyone is injured, call 119 immediately for an ambulance.
- <u>Report the accident to the police (call 110)</u> and obtain a "Traffic Accident Certificate" from the police.
- (3) Remove anything from the accident site which may disrupt traffic flow.
- (4) Take notes of the other driver's name, address, telephone number, date of birth, workplace, and car plate number. If possible, take a picture of the other driver's car plate number, driver's license, damaged parts of both cars and the situation in general for evidence. This might help you avoid additional troubles afterward.
- (5) Report the accident to the faculty /graduate school office.
- (4) Disaster Prevention

Japan is an earthquake-prone country, and extra precautions are necessary. Creating an earthquake preparedness plan can help you to know what to do in case an earthquake strikes. Gifu University does a natural disaster prevention drill regularly. Please participate.



Useful materials on disaster prevention:

· Gifu University, "Major Disaster Response Manual (For Students)":

https://www.gifu-u.ac.jp/campus life/student/manual.html

• Gifu International Center, "Disaster Guide":

https://www.gic.or.jp/en/foreigner/disasterguide/

 Institute of Scientific Approaches for Fire & Disaster, "Be Prepared for Earthquakes": <u>https://www.bousai-kensyu.com/knowhow/pamphlet01/</u>

## IX. Family Affairs

#### 1. Application for "Dependent" Visa Status

(1) Application for Certificate of Eligibility

International students capable of providing stable financial support for their family can apply for a certificate of eligibility for their family (limited to a spouse and children) to stay in Japan. Please contact the Inbound and Outbound Student Affairs Section for details.

(2) Permission to Extend Period of Stay

The period of stay for dependent visa holders is limited. Please go the Immigration Bureau to apply for Permission to Extend Period of Stay before it expires.

(3) Notification of a Child Birth

After a baby is born, one of the parents must submit a birth notification to the municipal office within 14 days and apply for a certificate of eligibility at the Immigration Bureau within 30 days from the birth.

(4) Child Welfare and Medical Care

Those who plan childbirth in Japan, please take the necessary documents from your obstetrics, submit a Pregnancy Notification Form (妊娠届出書) to the municipal office and receive a Maternal and Child Health Handbook (母子健康手帳). Also, if you brought an infant to Japan, please submit a Moving-In Notice to the municipal office and get him/her vaccinated according to the List of Routine Vaccinations.

#### 2. Childhood Education

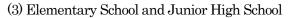
#### (1) Nursery School

Nursery school provides child care to support parents who are working or studying during the day. Please ask the Child Care Division, Gifu City Hall, for entry procedures, child-care fees and etc. (TEL: 058-241-2143)

(2) Kindergarten

Children aged three to six (before entering elementary school) can enter a kindergarten. Application procedures and child-care fees may vary depending on whether it is a public or a

private kindergarten. Please consult each kindergarten for more information.



Elementary and Junior High School education is compulsory in Japan but not for foreign nationals. However, they can also enter a

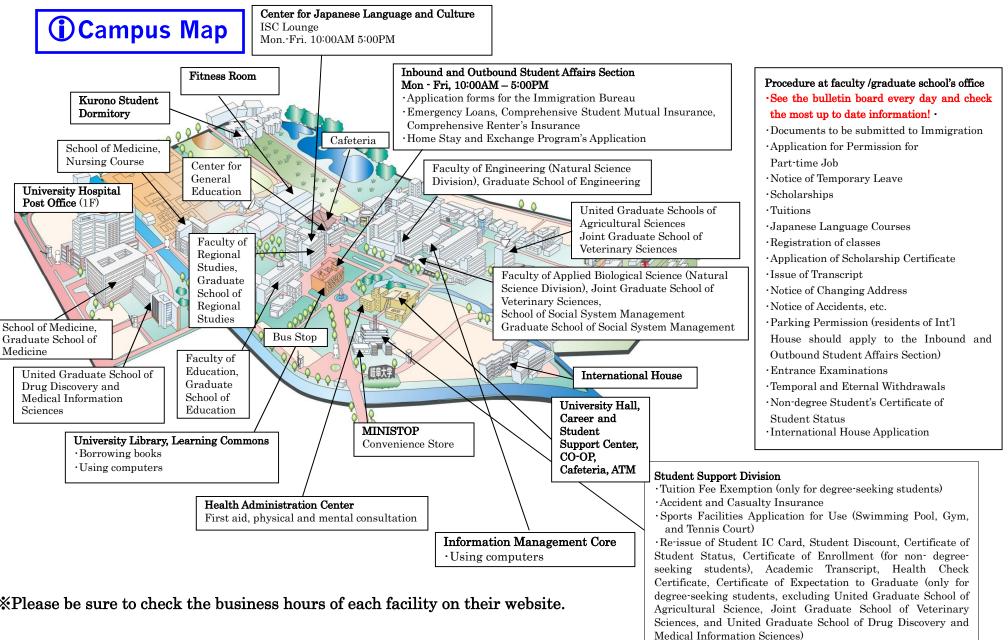
Japanese school and study with Japanese children if their parents or guardians wish.

Please consult the School Guidance Division, Gifu City Board of Education, for details (TEL: 058-214-2193).



## 3. Work Permit for Dependent Visa Holders (for family members)

In principle, dependent visa holders are not permitted to work in Japan. However, they can apply for a work permit at the Immigration Bureau. If approved, they can work in Japan up to 28 hours per week.



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\*Please be sure to check the business hours of each facility on their website.

Types of Application	Documents to be Submitted	Place for
Types of Application	Documents to be Submitted	Application
1. Moving –in Notice	1. Residence card	Gifu City Hall
	2. Passport	(1F Citizen Affairs
	* Within 14 days from the date of entry into Japan or	Division)
	moving date.	
2. National Health	Please join the National Health Insurance System when	Gifu City Hall
Insurance System	you go to the municipal government office to submit your	(2F National
	moving-in notification.	Health
3. National Pension	For the specific information, please ask the National	Insurance/Pension
	Health Insurance/Pension Plan Division at the city hall.	Plan Division)
4. Application for	1. Application form for extension of period of stay	Immigration
Permission to Extend	2. Face photo 4 cm x 3 cm	Bureau
Period of Stay	3. Certificate of Enrollment	
	4. Academic Transcript	
	* Research students are required to submit a certificate	
	outlining the details of their research issued by	
	university faculty.	
	5. Financial Support Information Form	
	6. Passport	
	7. Residence card	
	8. Application fee: 6,000 yen/5,500 yen (office/online)	
	* You may be required to submit additional information	
	including proof of your expense payment abilities,	
	resume and certificate of your final schooling if the	
	Immigration officer deems them necessary after	
	reviewing your submitted information (for example, due	
	to poor academic performance).	
5. Activities not	1. Application form for a permit to engage in an activity	Immigration
included in Visa	other than that permitted under the status of residence	Bureau
Status (Work permit	previously granted	
for Part-time	2. Passport	
Employment)	3. Residence card	
	4. Papers detailing the intended activities	
	* No fees for this process.	

## List of Residence and Registration Procedures

6. Temporary Leave and	Be sure to present your residence card at departure.	Immigration
Re-Entry Permit	Also please check the box of embarkation card for	Bureau
	re-entrant to use this system.	Dureau
(If you return to Japan	If your period of stay expires within 1 year after your	
within 1 year: Special	departure, please ensure that you re-enter Japan	
Re-Entry Permit	before the expiration of your period of stay.	
System)	*No fees for this process.	
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	Official Use Only サンプル	
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(If you plan to leave	If you are planning to leave from Japan for more than 1	
from Japan for more	year, you need to get re-entry permit. You need to bring	
than 1 year:	followings to the immigration bureau.	
Re-Entry Permit )	1. Application form for a re-entry permit	
	2. Passport	
	3. Residence card	
	4. Student ID card or Certificate of Enrollment	
	5. Application fee: 4,000 yen/3,500 yen (office/online)	
7.Changes in Status of	1. Application for Change in Status of Residence	Immigration
Residence	2. Face photo 4 cm x 3 cm	Bureau
	3. Proof for change of status of residence	
	(information to clarify your reason for application)	
	4. Passport	
	5. Residence card	
	6. Application fee: 6,000 yen/5,500 yen (office/online)	
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8. Inviting Family	1. Application for Certificate of Eligibility	Immigration
Members to Live in	2. Face photo 4 cm x 3 cm of the family members	Bureau
Japan	2. Documents certifying the relationship between the	
	student (supporter) and the family. This can be a	
	domiciliary register, marriage certificate or birth	
	certificate showing the relationship to the supporter.	
	3. The student's (supporter's) Residence card or a copy of	
	his/her passport	
	4. Documents certifying the income of the student	
	(supporter) (information to prove that the student is	
	capable of supporting his/her family.)	
	* The international student's Certificate of Enrollment	
	* An account balance certificate of a bank account held by	
	the student or a certificate of money transfers	
	* Certificates showing scholarship information including	
	amount and period	
	5. Self-addressed and stamped envelope	
	(a simple registered mail with 460 yen stamp)	

For detailed information about residence procedures, please visit the website of the Immigration Bureau (available in multiple languages):

