

If you are living in a rented apartment, you should inform your landlord of the date you plan to move. Once you have decided to move, you should inform your landlord as soon as possible. Generally, you should inform your landlord at least one month before the date of your move.



When moving, you must remove all of your furniture and belongings, clean the room, and attend a "tachiai" (inspection) together with the landlord or someone from the real estate agency. The inspection will check to see if any parts of the walls, floors, doors, etc. have been damaged or soiled during your tenancy. If there are stains or scratches after moving in, the tenant may have to pay for repairs out of pocket. Repair costs are often taken out of the security deposit given to the landlord upon moving in. Any remaining security deposit will be returned. The rent for the final month will be calculated on a pro-rata basis.



Garbage will accumulate during your moving process. Please check the garbage collection calendar and dispose of it accordingly. For electricity, gas, and telephone, you will need to contact your contracted companies to inform them of the date of your move and to settle your bills.

When you move, please go to the general counter of your city hall or a branch office to complete the procedures for: change of address, moving out, and moving in. When completing the procedures, please bring your residence card (or special permanent resident certificate), and your My Number card. When you submit your moving-out notification, you will receive a "Moving-out Certificate." Take this certificate to the city hall of your new address and complete the moving-in procedure. You may also need documents to prove your familial relationships or relationship with the head of household, so be sure to have them ready.



When you leave Japan for a long period of time, you will also need to submit a moving-out notification. When you return to Japan, don't forget you will also need to submit a moving-in notification.

If you have children in elementary school or junior high school, please obtain the necessary documents for transferring schools. If your child is of foreign nationality, please apply for a study permit at the Board of Education in the respective city, ward, town, or village where you are moving to, and bring the residence cards of both the child and their guardian.