

# Marriage and Divorce in Japan



Marriage is a great pleasure and an event in life. But there are some things that foreign nationals need to be careful about when marrying or divorcing a Japanese person. This is information about marriage and divorce in Japan. \*The conditions for marriage and divorce between foreigners are different so please ask the embassy or consulate of your home country.

## 1. When you get married

Please submit the “marriage notification” to the city or town where you live. Foreigners should also bring a [marriage requirement certificate] (obtained at the embassy/ consulate) and its Japanese translation.

## 2. Please note that there are legal conditions for marriage in Japan

- Both man and woman must be 18 years old. Please be aware of the regulations of the partner’s country.
- Both man and woman should not be married. If a woman remarries, 100 days should be passed since the date of the dissolution of her previous marriage.
- Marriage procedures vary from country to country and are subject to revisions. Please check with the embassy (consulate) of your home country or the city or town hall of Japan before proceeding.

## 3. When divorcing

Please submit the “divorce notice” to the city or town where you live. In Japan, divorce is proceeded as follows.

### (1) Mutual agreement divorce

A mutual agreement divorce is established when the couple discusses and submits a “divorce report” to the municipal office. If you have children with Japanese nationality underage the parental authority after divorce must be designated as one of the parents and listed in the “divorce report”.

### (2) Divorce in mediation and trial

If the couple’s discussions go wrong, the divorce will be concluded through divorce mediation or divorce trial by the court.



## 4. There are some things to be aware of when a foreigner divorces.

- Confirmation of parental authority  
If the child and parents have the same home law, in Japan, only one of the parents is the custody.
- Status of residence of spouse  
When a foreigner who has obtained a status of residence by marriage divorces, he/she will lose the status of residence after the period of stay. Divorce does not affect your status of residence if you have a permanent or permanent resident status
- When a foreigner gets divorced, you need to notify your country as well.

If the problem is difficult, don’t worry alone, but consult a lawyer at an early stage.  
Consult with FRESC <0570-011000> , Saitama Prefectural General Consultation Center for Foreigners <048-833-3296> , local city or town hall, or FICEC <049-269-6450>

FICEC  
Life Consultation

FICEC also accepts daily consultations on  
Saturdays and Sundays  
Monday to Saturday 10:00 to 16:00



I am an international student. I was absent from school due to COVID-19 but I received one-year tuition bill.

If you get registered absence from school, you cannot continue to stay in Japan with the status of residence of “College Student”. Please leave the country as soon as possible or if you are staying in Japan, please change the status of residence to the appropriate status of residence. In addition, activities other than qualifications (part-time jobs) during leave of absence are not allowed. To change your status of residence, please consult the Immigration Bureau.

\* If you keep staying in Japan while taking a leave of absence, you may be canceled your status of residence. If your status of residence is revoked and if it is malicious, you will be immediately removed from Japan and you will not be able to enter Japan for 5 years, so be careful.

We are a couple of foreigners. My wife is a permanent resident, and my status of residence is “Spouse visa of permanent resident”. I’m thinking of getting divorced because I’m out of business with my wife. I would like to stay in Japan in the future.

If a person with a spouse visa divorces, the status of residence will be lost. If you want to live in Japan in the future, you should change to a work visa, etc., so that you can stay in Japan.

## “Drawing Contest” Come to the exhibition!

The schedule of the exhibition of children’s “picture contest” of foreign roots in Fujimino-shi, Fujimi-shi, Miyoshi-machi is decided.

Many children of foreign roots drew pictures. The exhibition will be held on the next schedule. Please come and see it.

- **Miyoshi-machi Fujikubo Community Center**  
July 29 (Friday) to August 4 (Thursday)
- **Fujimino City Hall Main Office Lobby** August 22 (Monday) to 26 (Friday)
- **Fujimi City Kirari Fujimi Atelier** August 27 (Saturday), 28 (Sunday)

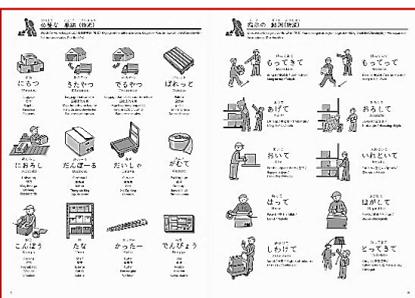
\*In each case the time is 10:00 to 17:00

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“Japanese used when working”  
The Japanese used when working is explained in English with illustrations

You can learn how to have an interview, how to make a phone call, terms used at work, etc. You can take it for free at FICEC.



Fujimino City Hazard Map is published in multiple languages

In Fujimino City, we have created a hazard map in multiple languages that shows the type, location, and degree of danger of expected damage in the event of an earthquake or typhoon.

[Easy Japanese/ English/ Chinese/ Korean/ Filipino/ Vietnamese/ Nepali]



Earthquake  
Hazard  
Map

Flood  
Hazard  
Map

