

Admission Guide for international students

[Year 2027]

Akita Japanese Language Institute

1. Japanese Language Program and Educational Objectives

Programs Offered

- **2-Year College Preparatory Course**
 - Entry: April 2027
 - Duration: 2 years
- **1.5-Year College Preparatory Course**
 - Entry: October 2027
 - Duration: 1 year and 6 months

Educational Mission

Akita Japanese Language Institute aims to develop individuals who can actively and sustainably contribute to Japanese society and the global community. The Institute provides Japanese language education necessary for students to pursue further studies at vocational colleges and other higher education institutions that align with their career goals.

In addition, through Japanese language education, students deepen their understanding of Japanese culture while fostering respect for diverse cultures, thereby promoting harmonious coexistence in a multicultural society.

Educational Goals

1. To develop Japanese language proficiency equivalent to **CEFR B2** and **JLPT N2**, enabling students to pursue further education at vocational colleges and higher education institutions.
2. To equip students with practical Japanese language skills necessary for academic studies and daily life in Japan.
3. To cultivate an understanding of diverse values, deepen self-awareness, and develop the ability to think independently about future career and life goals.

2. Programs, Enrollment Periods, and Capacity

Programs	2-year course	1.5-year course
Intake	April	October
Study Period	2 years April 2027 – March 2029	1 year and 6 months October 2027- March 2029
Educational Target	B2 (Based on the Japanese-Language Education Reference Framework) / JLPT N2 / Higher Education Pathways to vocational college	B2 (Based on the Japanese-Language Education Reference Framework) / JLPT N2 / Higher Education Pathways to vocational college
Capacity	80 students	40 students
Admission Requirements	<p>1. Applicants must have completed at least 12 years of formal education in their home country or another country.</p> <p>2. Applicants must have a financial sponsor capable of covering tuition fees and living expenses during their stay in Japan.</p> <p>3. 2 year course (April Intake) ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess Japanese language ability equivalent to JLPT N5, and • Demonstrate conversational ability equivalent to A1 level. <p>1.5-Year Course (October Intake) ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess Japanese language ability equivalent to JLPT N4, and • Demonstrate conversational ability equivalent to A2 level. 	
Selection Process	<p>Applicants will be evaluated through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document Screening • Japanese Language Written Examination • Interview <p>*Applicants who submit official results from recognized Japanese language examinations such as: JLPT / NAT-TEST / Other equivalent examinations may be exempted from the written examination.</p>	
Application Period	July 1, 2026 – September 31,2027	January 1, 2027 – March 31,2027
Status of Residence	Student visa	

3. Required Application Documents

Application Period

2 year course (April intake) 1st July, 2026 - 30th September, 2026

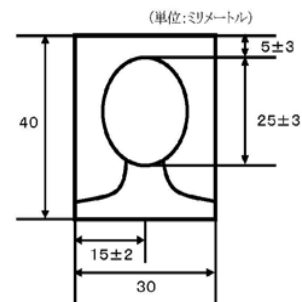
1.5 year course (October intake) 1st January, 2027 - 30th March, 2027

1 . Excel Forms (School-Designated) A, B, C and D

- A. Application Form (Completed by the applicant)
- B. Curriculum Vitae (CV) / Resume (Completed by the applicant)
- C. Statement of Purpose /Reason for Studying Japanese (completed by the applicant)
- D. Financial Support Statement / Sponsor's letter (completed by the financial supporter)

2. Identification Photograph

- Taken within the last three months
- Full-face, upper body image
- Plain background
- Clear and Sharp image
- Size: 4cm x 3cm



Required materials

Officially-original documents instead of photocopies are necessary, unless there are special circumstances.

Japanese translations should also be provided for non-Japanese certificates.

The name, address and phone number of the translator should be provided below the Japanese translations, with a signature signed or a seal affixed on the right side of the translator name.

◆ Testimonial Material

A. Academic Documents

1. Graduation Certificate; The highest official diploma (original)
2. Transcripts (original)

※ If the applicant is a student at school, he/she must submit the studying certificate as well as transcripts issued by the school.

B. Japanese proficiency materials

1. If the applicant has already passed any Japanese official proficiency tests, please submit original Language-related Proficiency documents and transcripts. If the applicant has taken a test but failed, please submit the transcripts as well.
2. If the applicant has taken Japanese-related courses in senior high school or college, please submit the transcripts.
3. If the applicant has studies in Japanese Language school, please submit the Graduation Certificate. ※The certificate must indicate the course level and the total number of study hours.

C. Certificate of Employment (if the applicant is under employment)

◆ **Financial Sponsor Documents**

The financial sponsor should be a family member.

If the applicant intends to self-finance his or her studies, please contact school in advance.

Required documents

1. Bank Balance Certificate
2. Proof of Fund Formation (Bank transaction history, etc)
3. Income certificate
4. Employment Certificate
5. Proof of Relationship (Family Register, Birth Certificate, etc)

◆ **Photocopy of valid passport**

All the photocopies in the passport expect blank pages.

◆ **Other materials**

The school may request additional documents if necessary

The application for the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) required for obtaining a student visa will be submitted by Akita Japanese Language Institute in accordance with the regulations of the immigration Services Agency of Japan.

Document Submission and Student Support offices

- Akita Japanese Language Institute Admission Department
- Address: 3-11, Nakadori 4-chome, Akita-shi, Akita, 010-0001, Japan
- Tel: 018-837-7510
- E-mail : akita-japanese@ito-gakuen.ac.jp

Selection Process

1. Document Screening
2. ① Interview with the Applicant and Financial Supporter
② School-administrated Japanese Proficiency Assessment、 Interview
2 yare course: A1 level / 1.5 year course: A2 level
*Applicants who submit official results from recognized Japanese language examinations
such as: JLPT /NAT-TEST / Other equivalent examinations may be exempted from the written examination.
3. The result of the admission screening will be communicated to the applicant after the interview.

4. Timetable from Application to Immigration

	Enrolment in April, 2027	Enrolment in October, 2027
(1) Application Deadline	31st October 2026	30 th April 2027
(2) Material submission to the Immigration Office	Around 25 th November 2026	Around 15 th June 2027
(3) The issue of COE	Around 25 th February 2027	Around 30 th August 2027
(4) Tuition fee and Accommodation Payment deadline	Around 7 th March 2027	Around 5 th September 2027
(5) Visa Application	Around 11 th March 2027	Around 9 th September 2027
(6) The issue of Visa	Around 22 th March 2027	Around 20 th September 2027
(7) Entering Japan	1 st April 2026	1 st October, 2027

5. The process of application and enrolment

<p>Step 1 Application materials submission and Application Fee Payment</p>	<p>All the Application materials must be submitted to Akita Japanese Language Institute before deadline and application fee should also be transferred to designated School bank account.</p>
<p>Step 2 Investigation an Admission</p>	<p>Akita Japanese Language School will check all the required original materials and enroll those qualified after receiving application materials. ↓ (passed the investigation) Interview and Japanese proviciency test ↓ (passed) All the required materials will be submitted to Immigration Services Agency of Japan</p>
<p>Step 3 Material verification by Immigration Services Agency of Japan</p> <p>「COE」 is issued</p>	<p>A certificate of Eligibility(COE) for Status of Student is issued after checking all the information.</p>
<p>Step 4 Tuition fee and Accommodation Payment</p> <p>↓</p> <p>COE and Application Letter for Admission will be sent</p>	<p>Our school will inform COE holders, the admitted applicants (or agencies) to transfer the Entrance Fee, Application Fee, Facility Fee and Activity Fee to the designated School bank account. After confirmation, <i>COE, Application Letter for Admission</i> as well as <i>Calendar for Course Arrangements in each academic year</i> will be sent.</p>
<p>Step 5 Visa Application</p> <p>Delivery of Visa</p> <p>Confirmation of entry day and purchase ticket to Japan</p>	<p>If any applicant needs Housing and Picking-up Service, please fill in the application form and inform our school as soon as possible by Fax.</p> <p>Applicants can buy tickets to Japan after applying for Visa to the Japanese Embassy or Consulate, and inform our school of your arriving date. Make sure enter Japan before the designated date.</p>
<p>Step 6 Entering Japan</p>	<p>You will receive your Residence Card at the airport upon arrival in Japan. After that, you must complete your resident registration at the Akita city office.</p>
<p>Step 7 Enrolment in Akita Japanese Language Institute</p>	<p>Orientation and Classes, Japanese check test</p>

Class schedule

Morning classes	9 : 00~9 : 45	Afternoon classes	13 : 10~13 : 55
	9 : 50~10 : 35		14 : 00~14 : 45
	10 : 45~11 : 30		14 : 55~15 : 40
	11 : 35~12 : 20		15 : 45~16 : 30

Class division will be held during Orientation, and students will be assigned to either morning classes or afternoon classes according to your test performance.

Part-Time Work (Activities Outside the Scope of Status of Residence)

Employment, including part-time work, is not permitted under the status of residence of "Student".

However, students who have obtained Permission to Engage in Activity Other Than That Permitted under the Status of Residence Previously Granted may work part-time for up to 28 hours per week.

In such cases, students must ensure that their part-time work does not interfere with their studies.

Important: Working more than 28 hours per week constitutes a violation of immigration regulations. Students must strictly comply with the 28-hour weekly limit.

6. Fees & Costs

2-year course (April intake)

CLASSIFICATION	[Year One] April ~March	[Year Two] April ~Mar	Totals
Application Fee	¥20,000	-	¥20,000
Entrance Fee	¥50,000	-	¥50,000
Tuition Fee	¥600,000	¥600,000	¥1,200,000
Textbooks	¥30,000	¥30,000	¥60,000
Activity Fee	¥30,000	¥30,000	¥60,000
Medical Insurance	¥10,000	¥10,000	¥20,000
Facility & Equipment fee	¥30,000	¥30,000	¥60,000
Totals	¥770,000	¥700,000	¥1,470,000

One-and-a-half-year course (October intake)

CLASSIFICATION	[Year One] October ~ September	[Year Two] October ~ March	Totals
Application Fee	¥20,000	-	¥20,000
Entrance Fee	¥50,000	-	¥50,000
Tuition Fee	¥600,000	¥300,000	¥900,000
Textbooks	¥30,000	¥15,000	¥45,000
Activity Fee	¥30,000	¥15,000	¥45,000
Medical Insurance	¥10,000	¥5,800	¥15,800
Facility & Equipment fee	¥30,000	¥15,000	¥45,000
Totals	¥770,000	¥350,800	¥1,120,800

As our school is operated by an educational corporation, no Japanese consumption tax is charged on tuition and other school fees.

Payment of Tuition and Other School Fees

1. First-Year Tuition and Fees

Payment Method:

As a general rule, the total amount of the first-year tuition and fees must be paid in a single lump-sum payment.

Payment Deadline:

Within two (2) weeks after the issuance of the Certificate of Eligibility (COE).

- Two-Year College Preparatory Course: on or around March 7, 2027
- One-Year-and-Six-Month College Preparatory Course: on or around September 5, 2027

Method of Payment:

Payment must be made by bank transfer or overseas remittance to the bank account designated by the school.

2. Second-Year Tuition and Fees

Payment Method:

The second-year tuition and fees must be paid in full.

For students enrolled in the Two-Year Course, payment in two installments is also available.

Payment Deadline:

- Two-Year College Preparatory Course: by March 15, 2028
- One-Year-and-Six-Month College Preparatory Course: by September 15, 2028

Method of Payment:

Payment must be made by bank transfer or overseas remittance to the bank account designated by the school.

※As a general rule, tuition and other school fees will not be refunded if a student withdraws from the course after enrollment.

Refund policy

Refund Policy (Reference to *Association for the Promotion of Japanese Language Education*)

1 , For those who has received COE but fail in visa application and thus unable to go to Japan

Refund terms: COE and Application Letter for Admission must be returned to Akita Japanese Language Institute

Refund : All the payment except Entrance Fee

2 , For those whose Visa applications get rejected and thus unable to go to Japan

Refund terms: Application Letter for Admission must be returned to Akita Japanese Language Institute and Visa Rejection-related material should also be provided.

Refund: All the payment except Entrance Fee

3 , For those who obtain Visa but withdraw School applications before departure for Japan

Refund terms: Application Letter for Admission must be returned to Akita Japanese Language Institute and Visa non-use proofs should also be provided.

Refund: All the payment except Entrance Fee and Move-in Fee

4 , For those who have arrived in Japan but later quit school without justifications.

Refund: No refund

5 , For those who have arrived in Japan but fail in enrolment.

Refund: No refund

※ Application fee is non-refundable under no circumstances.

※ Applicants ought to pay service charge/handling charge generated in the process of any remittances.

7. Housing (Dormitory), Living cost

Akita Japanese Language School operates several dormitories, dividing them into Male dormitories and Female dormitories. (Shared rooms for 2 to 4 people and Apartment dormitory)

Note: Students moving into a dormitory upon enrollment are generally required to pay three months' dormitory fees prior to arrival in Japan. Thereafter, fees may be paid monthly.

Note: Residents of the shared student dormitory share common facilities, including the living room, washing machines, and kitchen.

【Shared dormitory and Apartment dormitory】

Shared Women's dormitory : 4-3-11, Nakadori, Akita city (1 minute walk from the school)

Shared Men's dormitory : 4-3-35, Nakadori, Akita city (2 minute walk from the school)

Shared Men's dormitory : 12-35, Tsukiji, Nakadori, Akita city (10 minute walk from the school)

Apartment dormitory : 4-14-12, Nakadori, Akita city (3 minute walk from the school)

Other Estimated Living Expenses

In addition to dormitory fees and utility costs, students should budget for the following monthly living expenses:

- Food Expenses: Approximately ¥30,000 per month
- Medical and Health Care Expenses: Approximately ¥3,000 per month
- Leisure and Entertainment Expenses: Approximately ¥6,000 per month
- Other Daily Living Expenses: Approximately ¥10,000 per month
- Transportation Expenses: ¥0 per month (*Dormitories are located within walking distance of the school, so commuting costs are generally not required.*)

8. School Information and History

School Information

Established and Operated by: Ito Educational Corporation

School Name: Akita Japanese Language Institute

Address: 4-3-11 Nakadori, Akita City, Akita 010-0001, Japan

Phone number: +81-18-837-7510

E-mail: akita-japanese@ito-gakuen.ac.jp

About the School Location

Akita Japanese Language Institute is conveniently located in the heart of Akita City, just a 5-minute walk from JR Akita Station. The area surrounding the school offers a safe, comfortable, and highly convenient environment for international students. Department stores, supermarkets, convenience stores, restaurants, a post office, a public library, and public parks are all within walking distance, providing an excellent setting for both study and daily life.

School History

Date	Milestone
January 7, 2021	Akita Japanese Language Institute was accredited by Akita Prefecture as a Miscellaneous School (Kakushu-Gakko) under the School Education Act of Japan.
February 15, 2021	Officially designated as a Japanese Language Institution by the Ministry of Justice of Japan.
April 1, 2021	Akita Japanese Language Institute officially opened with a student capacity of 80 students.
April 1, 2021	Online classes commenced in response to entry restrictions and delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
May 10, 2022	Face-to-face classes commenced.
March 22, 2024	The first graduating class completed the program.
November 7, 2024	Certified as an "Appropriate School" by the Sendai Regional Immigration Services Bureau.
March 17, 2025	The second graduating class completed the program.
October 21, 2025	Re-certified as an "Appropriate School" by the Sendai Regional Immigration Services Bureau.
March 17, 2026	The third graduating class completed the program.
April 1, 2026	Student capacity increased from 80 to 120 students.

Why Choose Akita Japanese Language Institute?

- Officially designated by the Ministry of Justice of Japan
- Certified as an "Appropriate School" by the Sendai Regional Immigration Services Bureau
- Located only 5 minutes on foot from JR Akita Station
- Safe and student-friendly living environment

- Strong support for advancement to vocational colleges and higher education institutions in Japan
 - Student dormitories located within walking distance of the school
 - Practical Japanese language education designed to achieve CEFR B2 and JLPT N2 proficiency
-

Contact Information

Akita Japanese Language Institute Admission office

4-3-11 Nakadori, Akita City, Akita 010-0001, Japan

Tel: +81-18-837-7510

E-mail: akita-japanese@ito-gakuen.ac.jp

Website: <https://www.ito-gakuen.ac.jp/japanese/>