

LIVING GUIDE MORIOKA

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All non-Japanese nationals scheduled to reside in Japan for 90 days or more are required to apply for alien registration.

Japanese nationals have the family register and the Basic Resident Register systems that cover personal information on birth, parent-child relationship and marital relationship and are used for identification and administrative services. On the other hand, there are no such register systems for foreign nationals living in Japan. Instead they have the alien registration system.

Alien Registration Card

After your registration is completed, your alien registration card, which is a plastic card with your photo on it, is issued in about two weeks. You are required to carry the card with you at all times. If you are under 16 years old, an alien registration card without a photo is issued on the day of application, and you're not required to carry it.

The registration procedure is free of charge.

Where do I apply for the registration?

For the registration, you should go to:

- Shimin Toroku-ka (the Citizens Activities Promotion Division) of Morioka City Hall: phone 651-4111 (ext. 2133)
- Zeimu Jumin-ka (the division of tax and citizens' affairs) of Tamayama Sogo Jimusho (the Tamayama Branch Office): phone 651-4111 (ext. 116)

In principle you should go and apply in person. However, if you are under 16 years old, someone living with you can apply on behalf of you.

Initial Registration

Apply for your initial alien registration within 90 days after your arrival in Japan. A baby born in Japan needs to apply within 60 days after his/her birth.

For application you need your passport and two

45mm by 35 mm photographs. When you apply for the registration for a baby born in Japan, you need his/her birth certificate, too.

Changes in your registered information

When any change arises to your registered information, you need to notify them.

- 1) You need to notify within 14 days if there arises any change to your name, nationality, occupation, residence status, period of stay, address, your employer, work address, or name of your work place.
- 2) You can notify the changes of your passport number, issuance date of your passport, address in your home country, name of the head of your household and relationship to the head of your household at the same time when you notify any other changes.

To notify the changes above, you need your passport and documents that evidence the changes. You also need two 45mm by 35 mm photos for the changes of your name and/or nationality.

Confirmation of registration

A confirmation of registration should be made within 30 days after the fifth birthday since your arrival in Japan. If your period of stay scheduled to be less than one year at the time of the initial registration has been extended later, you need to confirm your registration between the date when a year has passed since your initial registration and 30 days after that.

If you are under 16 years old, you need to make the confirmation within 30 days after the date you turn 16.

You need your passport and two photos for the confirmation.

■ Certificate of Alien Registration

When you need to submit somewhere a certificate of alien registration, apply for the issuance of a copy of the certificate at :

Shimin Toroku-ka of Morioka City Hall,

Zeimu Jumin-ka of Tamayama Sogo Jimusho

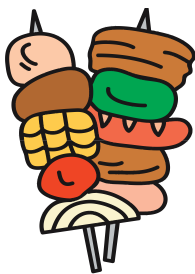
Shimin-gakari (the department of citizens' affairs) of Tonan Sogo Shisho (the Tonan Branch Office)

You will need your alien registration card. You in person or family member living with you should go for the application.

Fee: ¥300 a copy

For more information on alien registration, contact Shimin Toroku-ka at 651-4111 (ext. 2133)

Information from the Morioka International Relations Association



Join us in "Kokusai Koryu Hiking & Barbecue (International Friendship Hiking & Barbecue)"!

When? : 8.45~15.00, Sat. September 9. Meet at 8:45 am at the city hall.

Where do we go? : Morioka-shi Tonan Tsudoi no Mori

Fee: Adult ¥1,000 (Supporting member of the association: ¥500)

Student ¥500 (elementary ~ university/college)

To join us, let us know by Friday, August 25, by phone at 626-7524 (Japanese only) or by email to moriintl@nifty.com (Japanese or English.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

● The 16th Takuboku-no-Sato Fureai Marathon 2006

【 Sun. September 3, at Shibutami Undo Koen, Morioka City】

(Takuboku is a famous poet from Tamayama. Sato means hometown.)

Runners start at Shibutami Undo Koen to compete in 20 categories of four events: half marathon, and 10, 5 and 3 kilometers. To celebrate the merger of Morioka City and Tamayama Village earlier this year, Eric Wainaina, the silver medallist at the Sydney Games, is invited as a guest runner. Let's go and cheer the runners.

● Morioka Hachiman Shrine Festival

【Thu. 14- Sat. 16, September, at Hachiman Shrine and other places】

The annual festival dates back to Edo period, over 150 years ago, when people celebrated the completion of the city development in Nambu-han, which is the old name of the area covering most of Iwate and eastern Aomori. In the autumn festival, floats decorated in the traditional manners march individually through the town accompanied by Japanese drums and flutes. From 6.00 pm on Friday, all the floats get together and march through Odori Street.

Yabusame horseback archery scheduled on the

following day is also a must-see event. Shooters in the samurai attire compete by shooting arrows from galloping horses.



● Morioka Handicraft Square Festival (Morioka Tezukurimura Matsuri)

【 Thu. 21- Mon. 25, September at Morioka Tedukurimura】

You can enjoy various events, such as displays of works by craftsmen from Iwate, exhibition and sale of their newly developed crafts, quilts and farmers' market. On Friday a giant Nambu sembei (cracker) is made for visitors.

● Michinoku International Mystery Film Festival

【 Fri. 13 – Sun. 15, October at Eigakan Street】

The 10th Michinoku International Mystery Film Festival will be celebrated with new mystery films, talk shows and more, joined by various guests. The theme for the 10th festival is "Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Mystery Film Festival – From Morioka with Love for Films."

("Michinoku" is the northeastern region of Honshu.)

Our e-mail address has been changed. New address is: moriintl@nifty.com

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