

# hokkaido *Life*

## STAYING IN JAPAN

*The links in these documents contain information to make your life in Hokkaido easier and more enjoyable. Access each link and add it to your favourites list.*

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You cannot work outside of JET with your JET visa - it's a visa-type ONLY held by JETs, and does not transfer to other positions. Those staying on must apply for an extension of stay AND a visa-type change, which are both available through immigration bureaus. If you are yet to find work, you may face some difficulties in that the office generally requires a copy of your contract and a letter from your employer, stating that you are in fact employed and that you have a contract with a fixed start date. You can apply for both the extension and type change up to two-weeks before your current visa expires.

Another possibility is remaining in Japan on a tourist visa, but you cannot work on that visa. I believe that you could find work on that visa and then switch to the ordinary, '*Specialist in Humanities*' that tends to cover most foreign-employment in Japan, but your employer needs to sponsor you.

### ***Application to Extend Period of Stay***

在留期間更新許可申請書  
[zairyu kikan koshin kyoka shinseisho]

*When applying for this, they also require:*

- Request form from employer 依頼書 [iraisho]
- Contract or intent to contract 契約予定書 [keiyaku goatish]
- Terms and conditions of contract 就業規則 [shugyou kisoku]
- Statement of Earnings 源線徴収票 [gensen choshyuuhyou]
- Your Passport

- Your Alien Registration Card

## ***Application for Change of Status of Residence***

在留資格変子許可申請書  
[Zairyu shikaku henko kyoka shinseisho]

*You will need ALL the items mentioned above, plus:*

- School pamphlet (if contracted by a private school)
- Curriculum vitae or Resume

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## WHERE TO GO

### ***Hokkaido Immigration Bureau***

入国管理局  
[Nyuukoku kanri kyoku]

Odori-nishi 12 Chome  
Chuo-ku  
Sapporo City  
Hokkaido  
060-0042

To get to the Hokkaido Immigration Bureau take the Tozai Subway Line [orange] to Nishi 11 Chome. The Bureau is 2 minutes walk from the subway station [signs at the station exit indicate way].

As always, the official [hajat|forum](#) is where you will find all the answers to any questions you may have regarding life in Hokkaido.

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## USEFUL RESOURCES

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