

4-6 Part-time jobs



Many foreign students wish to work part-time in order to pay their tuition or living expenses. However, under the status of residence of “Student,” which is given to all international students, they are originally allowed to reside in Japan only for the purpose of studying at school. Therefore, if anyone resides in Japan with the status of “Student” and still wishes to take a paid part-time job, the person is required to obtain an official permission called “Permit to Engage in Activity other than that Permitted by the Status of Residence Previously Granted” from the nearest regional immigration bureau. Information on how to obtain a permit to work from the immigration bureau can be found in chapter “2-4 Registration of Residence.”

Limit to Work Hours: With this permit, students are allowed to work part-time up to 28 hours per week (up to 8 hours per day during summer, winter, and spring holidays). However, students are not allowed to have a job prohibited by the Immigration Law, such as jobs at places like bars where servers are seated at the customer's table to serve, or pachinko parlors etc. It is prohibited to work there even as kitchen staff. If there are any violations to the conditions of the part-time work permit, you will be punished by a fine or forced to leave Japan.

Paid Internships: If you intend to pursue a paid internship, it is necessary to obtain a permit from the Immigration Bureau to engage in part-time work. The allowed working hours are the same as for part-time jobs. Before you start your internship, it is your responsibility to check in advance about the duration of the internship and whether you will be compensated. If you will not receive compensation for the internship, you do not need to apply for this permit.

How to find a part-time job:

How easy it will be to find a part-time job largely depends

Job information websites in Japanese	Job information websites in English:
TOWNWORK net: http://townwork.net	Gaijinpot: https://jobs.gaijinpot.com/
DOMO! NET: http://domonet.jp	Craigslist: http://tokyo.craigslist.jp/search/jji
Sharefull: https://sharefull.com/	CHIKYUJIN: http://job.chikyujin.jp/en/
MyNabi Baito: https://baito.mynavi.jp/	Tokyo Notice Board: http://www.tokyonoticeboard.co.jp/

on your language ability and what kind of job you wish to do. If you have some proficiency in Japanese, it can be easy to find a job as a translator, or at a restaurant or in another position with customer services, which offer the opportunity to improve your Japanese and get a sense of Japanese work ethic. However, language cafes or places visited frequently by international customers often also hire international staff without Japanese language skills.

Another popular part-time job is language teaching, either private students or helping out at elementary schools. You can also ask faculty members if they are looking for a student assistant (S.A.) or teaching assistant (T.A.) or if they could introduce you to companies they are working with, in order to find a part-time job. T.A. and S.A. assist faculty members in carrying out courses smoothly by assisting with class preparation, providing in-class guidance with experiments and exercises, providing advice to students regarding course contents and so on. If you already have a particular job in mind, you can directly bring your CV to the place you want to work at and ask whether they have an open position. Please also use the websites above to search for available jobs or see the folder with information on part-time jobs at the Student Life Section at SFC.

Disputes at Part-time Jobs: Consultation services are provided regarding work related issues such as labor contract, conditions, paid holidays, working hours and etc.