

## 4-3 Mobile Phone Contract

### Mobile Phones

NTT docomo, au, Softbank have shops close to Shonandai station.

#### What to Bring When Purchasing a Mobile Phone with a Contract

- Residence card
- Passport
- Bank book
- Personal Seal
- Parental Consent Form (for students under 20 yrs old)

#### Letter of Consent Downloads

NTT docomo



[https://www.nttdocomo.co.jp/english/support/procedure/document/form\\_download/index.html](https://www.nttdocomo.co.jp/english/support/procedure/document/form_download/index.html)

Softbank



<http://www.softbank.jp/en/mobile/shop/buy/id/>

The biggest Japanese mobile phone companies are **NTT docomo**, **au**, **Softbank** and **Rakuten Mobile**. There are also several smaller companies which provide low-cost cell phone plans, but they typically use the networks of the big four companies.

To purchase a mobile phone with a contract, your **residence card** and **passport** are required to enroll into a subscription plan.

You pay for your phone usage at the end of a monthly billing cycle.

Handsets can be purchased in full or in monthly installments.

If you wish to make direct payments from your bank account, also present **your bank book (通帳 *tsucho*)** and **personal seal** if you used one on your bank documents. Otherwise, you have to present your credit card which must be under the contractor's name.

Please note that if you have a one-year-residence status, you may not be able to pay the cost of the phone each month and then the amount you are calling and using data for on top of that, but have to pay cash up front for the phone.

You have to bring 20,000-80,000 JPY to purchase a phone depending on the model you want to buy.

#### Parental Consent Form

Persons under the age of 20 must bring a parental consent form filled out by the legal guardian and the identification documents of the legal guardian such as a passport copy including the passport number, name, date of birth and current address if there is one in the passport or certificate of residence.

Please download the parental consent form from each phone companies' websites from the right column.

The details of the contract can be filled out afterwards.

### **SIM Cards**

If you want to use a smart phone from your country with a SIM card that you purchase here in Japan, you have to present a credit card that is under the same name as the contractor. Since the credit cards from overseas are sometimes rejected, you may not want to choose a SIM card for a smart phone in Japan right after arriving.

AU



<http://www.au.kddi.com/english/support/contract/>

