

# NAPIA

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Over 14,000 foreigners live in Nagasaki Prefecture.  
Below is a table showing the top 3 foreigner populations  
of Nagasaki Prefecture, its cities, and its towns.

(Unit: Individual People)

<u>Nagasaki Prefecture</u>	14,277
Vietnam	3,004
China	2,072
The Philippines	1,650

<u>Nagasaki City</u>	4,682
China	1,111
The Philippines	707
Nepal	692

<u>Sasebo City</u>	2,425
China	398
Vietnam	331
Nepal	312

<u>Shimabara City</u>	678
Vietnam	218
Nepal	128
Indonesia	77

<u>Isahaya City</u>	1,328
Vietnam	435
Indonesia	174
Myanmar	172

<u>Omura City</u>	670
Vietnam	114
Korea	95
China	88

<u>Hirado City</u>	243
Indonesia	60
Vietnam	59
Cambodia	32

<u>Matsuura City</u>	335
Vietnam	126
Indonesia	83
The Philippines	61

<u>Tsushima City</u>	350
Korea	152
Indonesia	85
The Philippines	34

<u>Iki City</u>	110
China	23
Vietnam	21
The Philippines	21

<u>Goto City</u>	356
Vietnam	126
Indonesia	55
Cambodia	49

<u>Saikai City</u>	723
Vietnam	371
The Philippines	151
Indonesia	108

<u>Unzen City</u>	858
Vietnam	256
Indonesia	183
Cambodia	177

<u>Minamishimabara City</u>	434
Vietnam	181
Indonesia	62
Cambodia	51

<u>Nagayo Town</u>	197
Vietnam	63
China	36
The Philippines, America	18

<u>Togitsu Town</u>	398
China	111
Vietnam	47
Korea	45

<u>Higashisonogi Town</u>	83
Myanmar	24
The Philippines	14
Indonesia	10

<u>Kawatana Town</u>	118
Myanmar	58
Vietnam	19
The Philippines, America	8

<u>Hasami Town</u>	79
Indonesia	17
The Philippines	13
China, Myanmar	9

<u>Ojika Town</u>	15
Vietnam	3
Indonesia	3
America	2

<u>Saza Town</u>	94
Indonesia	18
The Philippines	17
Cambodia	13

<u>Shinkamigoto Town</u>	101
Indonesia	63
Korea	7
Myanmar	6

# Status of Residence & Common Questions

## What is a “status of residence”?

“Status of residence” (also “residence status”, “visa status”, and “immigration status”) refers to the categorization of what activities someone is permitted to undertake as a foreigner in Japan. For example, (Foreign) Student, Technical Intern Training, Dependent, etc. (Reference: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan website)

## Common Questions from Foreign Residents

(Reference: CLAIR, “Living in Japan: Frequently Asked Questions (Japanese)”) 

### Part-Time Work

“My spouse is here as an (foreign) student, so I am here as a ‘dependent’.  
I’d like to do some part-time work, is this possible?”



For those whose status of residence is “Dependent”, you must first apply for “Permission to engage in activities other than (those) permitted under the status of residence” before you are eligible to engage in part-time work in Japan. Once you receive permission, you may work part-time for up to 28 hours per week. The application can be submitted online.

### Divorce

“My husband is Japanese, and we have one year-old child who holds Japanese citizenship.  
My husband has said he wants a divorce, and I want a divorce too.  
If we get divorced, will I have to go back to my country?”



If your residence status is “Spouse of a Japanese national”, getting a divorce will make you ineligible to renew this status of residence, meaning you will need to return to your country. However, in your case, because you have a child with Japanese nationality, if you can obtain custody of the child after the divorce, it may be possible for you to renew a different Status of Residence as a parent.

If you can renew your Status of Residence, you will not need to return to your country.

To obtain custody of your child and renew your residence status, you will need to secure employment and a place to live in order to ensure that you can properly support the child.

Additionally, to prevent your spouse from filing for divorce without your consent, you may file a “Non-acceptance of Divorce Notification” in advance at your local city or town hall/office.

Note: It is important to first consult a specialized agency (such as one listed below) before filing for divorce.

### Agency for Consultation on Status of Residence and Other Matters:

#### Foreign Residents Support Center (FRESC)

The Foreign Residents Support Center (FRESC) is a government office that provides support for foreign residents living and working in Japan. It offers consultation services and assistance.

Phone: 0570-011000

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Closed on Saturday, Sunday, Public Holidays, and New Year’s (29<sup>th</sup> of December – 3<sup>rd</sup> of January).

### Consultation Services for Foreign Residents in Nagasaki Prefecture:

#### Nagasaki Prefecture Consultation Center for Foreign People

Phone: 095-820-3377

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Closed on Saturday, Sunday, Public Holidays, and New Year’s (29<sup>th</sup> of December – 3<sup>rd</sup> of January).

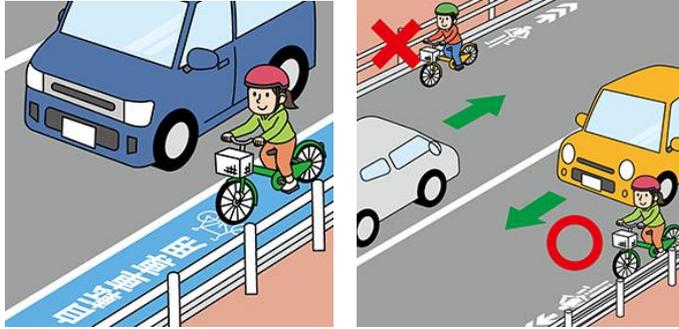
# Life Knowledge: Japanese Bicycle Traffic Rules

Make sure to learn Japanese traffic rules so you can ride bicycles in Japan safely!

Wear a helmet.



Ride on the left side of the road.



If you see a footpath with this sign, you may ride your bicycle on it.

However, pedestrians have the right of way, so be sure to ride at a speed that allows you to stop at any time.



## If you don't follow traffic rules, there are penalties (such as imprisonment or fines)!

For example, using a smartphone while riding a bicycle can result in up to 6 months of jailtime and/or a fine of up to 100,000 yen. If you cause an accident, the penalty can be up to 1 year of jailtime and/or a fine of up to 300,000 yen. Punishments vary based on the violation.



If you ride a bicycle at night without turning the light on, you may be penalized.

## It's important to have bicycle insurance to cover potential compensation costs.

There have been instances where the perpetrator of bicycle accidents has been ordered to pay tens of millions in Japanese yen in damages for causing harm or death to another person.

(Reference: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan website)

## What do I do if I get into an accident on my bicycle?

- If someone is injured, call an ambulance on 119.
- Call the police on 110 and report the accident.
- Exchange names and contact information with others involved in the accident.
- If you have bicycle insurance, call your insurance provider.

## Useful Information

If you require assistance or there's something you don't understand about life in Nagasaki or your status of residence, please reach out to the **Nagasaki Prefecture Consultation Center for Foreign People!**

The **Nagasaki Prefecture Consultation Center for Foreign People** offers services to foreigners who live in Nagasaki Prefecture, providing them with a point of contact they may use when they require assistance. Consultation can take place over the phone, or you may visit for in-person consultation. Interpretation is offered the phone, allowing for consultation in 22 different languages.

### Consultation Hours

Monday to Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Location

2-11 Dejima-machi, Nagasaki City

Phone: 095-820-3377

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### Supported Languages

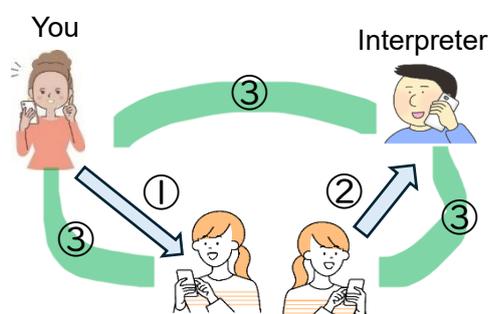
English, Chinese (Mandarin), Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Tagalog, Nepali, Portuguese, Spanish, French, German, Italian, Russian, Malay, Burmese, Khmer (Cambodian), Mongolian, Sinhala, Hindi, Bengali, Urdu

### When seeking consultation of the phone...

1. Call the Consultation Center for Foreign People.
2. The consultant who answers will bring an interpreter into the call.
3. You will now be able to speak with the consultant with the assistance of an interpreter.

It may take a little time before the interpreter is brought into the call.

Please wait patiently and refrain from hanging up.



Consultant from Nagasaki Prefecture Consultation Center for Foreign People

### Specialist consultation conference regarding change of status of residence and administrative processes.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month, you will have the opportunity to consult specialists regarding status of residence and other administrative procedures.

Entry of those who have made a reservation will be prioritized.

Please make sure to call and make a reservation.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Phone: 095-820-3377

Location: 2-11 Dejima-machi, Nagasaki City

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Consultation regarding:  
Status of Residence,  
Childbirth, Welfare, etc.

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