

8. Living Expenses

(1) Living Expenses in Tokyo

Tokyo is known around the world as being one of the most expensive places to live. The average monthly expenses of an exchange student are listed below. Do your own research, and be sure you have the funds necessary to cover your expenses.

Rent (Ex: Izumi International House)	¥75,000 or more
Transportation	About ¥10,000-¥20,000
Meals	About ¥30,000 or more
Utilities (electricity, gas, water)	About ¥10,000
Phone	About ¥6,000
Total	About ¥131,000 or more

Notes:

- According to the Japan Student Services Organization, monthly living expenses in Tokyo are generally estimated to be about ¥150,000.
- If you are going to be moving into a new place, keep in mind that you will also have to buy new furnishings and other supplies. You will also have to pay rent and a deposit, and in most cases, other fees such as key money (remuneration paid to a landlord) and agency fees are also required.

(2) Costs during stay in Japan

You should be prepared to pay the following costs during stay in Japan:

Student health insurance Mandatory for all exchange students	¥3,000 (one-time payment upon arrival)
National Health Insurance Mandatory for all exchange students	About ¥15,000/year
Daily necessities	About ¥30,000
Books (textbooks)	About ¥5,000