

Introduction

This booklet serves as a guide for foreigners living in Dazaifu. It contains a summary of important information and administrative services, so that you can live safely, securely, and comfortably in our city. For more detailed information, please contact the specific organization listed within this guide. We kindly ask that if you choose to contact us, please speak Japanese or have someone who understands Japanese speak for you.

We sincerely hope that your day-to-day life in Dazaifu will be a very rewarding one.

About Dazaifu City

Dazaifu is located southeast of Fukuoka city. To the north is Mt. Shioji, and to the east is Mt. Homan. Running through the city is the Mikasa River, which originates in Mt. Homan and flows out to Hakata Bay. The average temperature is a relatively warm 16.5 degrees Celsius. Population is approximately 72,000. 10 million tourists come to the city to visit Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine, Ruins of Dazaifu Government Office and other attractions.

» Visa status

Please keep in mind that the conditions of your stay in Japan are dependent upon your visa status. Please check your passport, entry permission certificate, resident card, or certificate of alien registration card to see how long you are eligible to stay in Japan. If you wish to renew or change your visa status, you must first apply.

◆ Points regarding visa status

- Short stay visas, such as tourist visas, are not permitted for working in Japan. You will need to apply for permission to perform activities outside the scope of your visa.
- If you wish to renew your visa status, you can apply starting three months before it expires. As a rule, if you are on a short-term visa, you will not be able to renew your visa.
- If you are planning on leaving temporarily and then re-entering Japan, you will need to fill out the form for a re-entry permit.
- Performing activities not allowed by your visa, such as working without the proper visa, will be penalized. Also, you will be deported if your stay illegally exceeds the length of your visa.

For visa applications, changes to visa status, period of stay changes, permission to perform activities outside the scope of the current visa, permanent resident applications, and re-entry permits, contact:

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