



USS PREBLE HOMEPORT CHANGE GUIDE

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HOMEPORT CHANGE INTRODUCTION

<https://cnrj.cnmc.navy.mil/Installations/CFA-Yokosuka/Welcome-Aboard/>

Servicemembers and families stationed in Yokosuka, Japan can expect an exciting tour of duty in the fast paced Seventh fleet area of operations. Yokosuka is an exciting place to live and is located about 43 kilometers/40 miles from Tokyo. There is much to see and do so off duty time can be filled with many exciting adventures.



While the idea of moving to a new location can be overwhelming, this Homeport Change Guide contains a wealth of information to help your relocation.

This guide is designed to answer many of your questions to ensure a smooth transition to your new duty station. Browse the provided material and suggested websites to help familiarize yourself (and your family) with your new home.

Using all your resources can reduce culture shock, stress, and keep your morale high during the first few weeks of your arrival and throughout your time in Yokosuka.



HOMEPORT CHANGE CHECKLIST

<https://ffr.cnmc.navy.mil/Family-Readiness/Fleet-And-Family-Support-Program/Work-and-Family-Life/Relocation-Assistance/>

<https://ffr.cnmc.navy.mil/Family-Readiness/Fleet-And-Family-Support-Program/Work-and-Family-Life/Relocation-Assistance/Resources/>

PREPARATIONS – Prior to Ship Departure from San Diego

- 1) Determine PREBLE Projected Rotation Date (Transfer, separation-EAOS dates listed on orders)
- 2) Determine Category for Entitlements (Categories 0, 1, 2, 3, 4)
- 3) Commence Medical Screenings
 - a. Service Member Screening through PREBLE Independent Duty Corpsman (HMC)
 - b. Dependent Screening Packet
- 4) Commence Pet Import Processes (as applicable)
- 5) Gather Documents and Commence Passport Applications
- 6) Determine timeline for PCS Househunting
 - a. Arrange Travel to Japan
 - b. Arrange Temporary Lodging
 - c. Gather documents for Temporary Lodging Allowance
 - d. Determine Non-Temporary Storage or HHG Shipments Requirements
- 7) Determine appropriate phone service for Japan
- 8) Prepare Vehicle for Shipment (as applicable)
- 9) Prepare enrollment forms and records for Schooling (as applicable)
- 10) Region Legal Service Office Legal Assistance to obtain a Power of Attorney, required by Personal Property Office and Housing Office

UPON ARRIVAL IN JAPAN

<https://cnrj.cnmc.navy.mil/Installations/CFA-Yokosuka/About/Installation-Guide/Airport-Shuttles/>

- 11) Take Tourist and No-Fee Passports to NAVPTO Passport Office to get multiple re-entry stamp.
Also bring PCS Orders or Letter of Employment (for USGS), Power of Attorney and Dependent Entry Approval
- 12) Begin Pet Check-In & Registration Process (Vet Treatment Facility)
- 13) Check In with U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka
 - a. Medical Homeport
 - b. Dental
 - c. Tricare
 - d. Any Specialists (as applicable)
- 14) Enroll in AOB/ICR Training
- 15) Enroll in Housing Welcome Brief
 - a. FFSC Yokosuka regarding the Loaner Locker Program to reserve a Hospitality Kit
- 16) Register personal vehicles at Vehicle Registration Office

**NOTE: This checklist is not all encompassing and is only intended to serve as an outline for major items that will require planning and effort from every crew member and their family!!*

AREA ORIENTATION BRIEF & INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS (AOB/ICR)

This 3-day training is mandatory for all SOFA sponsored personnel (military service members, civilian employees, and adult family members) within 30 days of reporting to Yokosuka, even if you have previously served in Japan.

AOB/ICR is designed to reduce stress and frustration of moving to Yokosuka by ensuring newly reporting personnel are introduced to current policies, programs, services, responsibilities and facilities. Attendance is required for anyone who intends to obtain a U.S. Forces Japan driver's license.

PREBLE will provide a schedule of available class dates/times as we get closer to the homeport shift!

Reservations are required and suggested at least four weeks prior to arrival in the Yokosuka area. Your sponsor can make reservations or you can register yourself. Emails can be sent with subject line "AOB/ICR" to FFSCinfo@us.navy.mil. Include the service member's name, the name of the gaining command, and your expected date you are reporting to the Yokosuka area. Reservations can also be made by calling 243-FFSC (3372), or in person by stopping by the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) located on the fourth floor of the Community Readiness Center Bldg. 3365, Rm 405).

AOB/ICR Schedule

- Tuesday – Area Orientation Brief (AOB)
- Wednesday – Intercultural Relations (ICR)
- Thursday
 - AM: safeTALK (Mandatory for Active Duty Servicemembers)
 - PM: Traffic Safety and Driver Written Test

*Exam will be administered only to personnel who have returned their Driver's License Handbook.

*** If you miss any portion of AOB/ICR you will be required to reschedule the entire AM/PM session for the portion that you missed. This includes absences due to housing appointments, medical/dental, etc. reenlistments, command responsibilities, etc.. In order to receive a certificate of completion, all portions must be completed.

Youth ICR and Teen ICR

Moving to a new place can be overwhelming to anyone. FFSC provides a youth support group to help children transition to Japan: their new school, home, and environment. This class gives students an introduction to the Japanese culture and customs. It also includes a brief presentation on the rules and regulations. These optional trainings are offered for Elementary, Middle School and High School students. For a schedule of upcoming dates and to reserve a seat, contact FFSC.

FINANCIAL ENTITLEMENTS / ADVANCES

<https://www.travel.dod.mil/>

<https://www.travel.dod.mil/Policy-Regulations/Joint-Travel-Regulations/>

Navy Personnel Command Business Rules, PERS-451

HOMEPORT CHANGE CATEGORIES

Detailed below are the categories and associated financial entitlements for all PREBLE crew members and their families. It is of the utmost importance that you understand which category you are assigned based on the crewmember transfer/separation date, and the entitlements associated for your PCS move.

- Promulgation Date: 02 JAN 2024
- Effective Date: 31 JUL 2024

CATEGORY	PRD/EAOS	MOVE FUNDING (HOUSEHOLD GOODS)	TRAVEL	POV SHIPMENT (VEHICLES)
0	Detach from PBL prior to 31 JUL 2024	No financial entitlements for homeport change.		
1	Assigned to PBL beyond JUL 2025	Category 1 Unit Move Receive a fully funded unit move with HHG from San Diego to Yokosuka. Yokosuka Housing allowances funded 31 Jul	Funded Travel for crewmember and dependents San Diego to Yoko	POV shipment to Yoko authorized using the Vehicle Processing Center
2	PCS, transfer or Separation from PBL between JUL 2024 and JUL 2025	Category 2 Unit Move Authorizes funding for HHG Non-Temporary Storage in San Diego	Dependent travel to Yoko not funded. May request continuation of San Diego BAH	Authorized funding for POV storage
3	PCS orders in hand with transfer or Separation from PBL after JUL 2024		Authorized funding for travel to next duty station from San Diego	
4	Reporting to PBL between 2 JAN and 31 JUL 2024	Category 4 Move Fully funded move for HHG shipments directly to Yokosuka. HHG shipments to San Diego will NOT be funded/authorized.	Service members and dependents funded for travel direct to Yokosuka. * Travel to San Diego will not be funded, UNLESS dependents were authorized advance travel.	POV shipment to Yokosuka authorized using the Vehicle Processing Center.

The unit move orders and PCS orders will be issued to all crew members after the promulgation date of 02 JAN 2024. No scheduling, funding, or movements of household goods or vehicles will be authorized until new orders are received after 02 JAN 2024.

Housing and station allowances are tied to the effective date of the homeport change, NOT the dependents' move date, unless formal permission is received for advance or delayed dependent travel.

Members permanently assigned to PREBLE are authorized a housing allowance based on the ship's homeport. Since the ship's homeport will change on the effective date, member's housing allowance will also change regardless of whether or not a HHG shipment is authorized. Members who are denied a HHG shipment are authorized non-temporary storage (NTS) at Government expense.

SAN DIEGO, CA housing and station allowances will stop the day before the effective date of the homeport change (30 July 2024).

Members will be eligible for YOKOSUKA, JA housing and station allowances on the effective date of the homeport change (31 July 2024).

MILITARY SPOUSE CO-LOCATION

Each situation will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Every reasonable effort will be made for military couples to be co-located together whenever possible. Assignments will be made considering the manning of the losing and gaining activities. Co-Location/immediate reassignment may not always be possible.

- If not currently co-located, each member must complete 12 months onboard before transfer.
- Members must submit a copy of their spouse's request along with their own (NAVPERS 1306/7) to both rating Detailers.
- Member already on an OCONUS DOD tour will be extended to match the PRD of the joining spouse; geographical location preference is secondary.
- Mil-to-mil couples cannot be co-located onboard the same platform

ADVANCE DEPENDENT TRAVEL

Members with dependents may receive YOKOSUKA, JA housing and station allowances before the HPC effective date. If approved for advance dependent travel, a member will become eligible for YOKOSUKA, JA housing and station allowances the date one or more dependents arrive in YOKOSUKA, JA.

For advance travel of dependents to the new homeport or to an OCONUS designated place, a package request must be submitted to OPNAV N130C. All request packages must include:

- ◆ Member's request (special request chit, letter)
- ◆ CO's endorsement (special request chit, letter)
- ◆ Copy of HPC orders (incl. all ordmods)
- ◆ NAVPERS 1070/602 (must be signed, verified, and updated IAW MILPERSMAN 1070-270 – to include correct dependent location, correct PDS, and no pen/ink changes).
- ◆ Additional documentation may be required

DELAYED DEPENDENT TRAVEL

Members with dependents may continue to receive SAN DIEGO, CA housing and station allowances after the HPC effective date. If approved for delayed dependent travel, member will become eligible for YOKOSUKA, JA housing and station allowances on the expiration of the delayed dependent travel approval or when dependents depart SAN DIEGO, CA or previously approved designated place en route to YOKOSUKA, JA, whichever occurs first. COLA/TLA for dependents will be authorized on the date one or more command-sponsored dependents arrive at the OCONUS location.

- ◆ Delayed dependent travel can be approved for the following reasons:
- ◆ Up to 180-day delay for a spouse who is gainfully employed or enrolled in a degree, certificate, or licensing program on the effective date; DDT will not be approved for a spouse that starts a new job or enrolls in a program less than six months from the effective date unless receipt of orders is less than six months from the effective date and they were enrolled at the time orders were received
- ◆ Allow dependent children (K-12) to finish current school year as of HPC/PDSC effective date
- ◆ Up to 180-day delay for Dependents enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) on the effective date
- ◆ Up to 180-day delay for a dependent who is caring for an immediate family member (defined as a spouse, parent, or child) with a chronic or long-term illness on the effective date
- ◆ Assignment to a vessel conducting a change of homeport (up to 45 days following the vessel's initial arrival to the new homeport)
- ◆ Ship will deploy (to include patrols, on a case-by-case basis) from new homeport within 120 days after homeport change effective date (up to 45 days after vessel's return to new homeport after deployment)
- ◆ When delay is caused by Government action/inaction
- ◆ Short-fused orders, defined as 60 days or less from issuance date of orders to ordered arrival date (in this case the effective date of change of homeport)

SAILORS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS

(ALL Categories; includes Mil-to-Mil Sailors with no other dependents):

Receipt of housing and station allowances in SAN DIEGO, CA does not automatically entitle a member to housing and station allowances for YOKOSUKA, JA. (Impacts ALL ranks)

- E6 and above: Will become eligible for YOKOSUKA, JA housing and station allowances on the effective date; member must still otherwise qualify for housing and station allowances (i.e., not occupying Government quarters at the new homeport).
- Sailors E5 and E4 > 4 Years Of Service must request a housing allowance through their CO and Base CO prior to being authorized YOKOSUKA, JA housing and station allowances. Authority to live off-base will be dependent on unaccompanied housing occupancy rates.
- Sailors E4 < 4 Years Of Service are not authorized to receive a housing allowance.
- Sailors E3 and below are not authorized a housing allowance

ADDITIONAL ENTITLEMENTS * (APPLICABILITY DEPENDENT ON RANK/PAYGRADE)***

OVERSEAS HOUSING ALLOWANCE

Location Code: J P 0 6 1

<https://www.travel.dod.mil/Allowances/Overseas-Housing-Allowance/OHA-Rate-Lookup/>

Review OHA quick reference sheet and link above to determine expected amount each month/pay period.

Monthly Allowances Effective: 20231101	Local Currency	US DOLLARS
OHA Rental Allowance	189000.00 JAPANESE YEN	\$ 1278.04
Utility/Recurring Maintenance Allowance	62204.25 JAPANESE YEN	\$ 420.63
Move-In-Housing Allowance (MIHA)	55606 JAPANESE YEN	\$ 376.01

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Local Currency	US DOLLARS
233333 JAPANESE YEN	\$ 1577.82
82939 JAPANESE YEN	\$ 560.84
55606 JAPANESE YEN	\$ 376.01

OVERSEAS COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE

<https://www.travel.dod.mil/Allowances/Overseas-Cost-of-Living-Allowance/Overseas-COLA-Tables/>

Typically ranges \$55-180 per pay period, dependent on rank, years of service, and number of dependents.

TEMPORARY LODGING ALLOWANCE

<https://www.travel.dod.mil/Allowances/Temporary-Lodging-Allowance/>

Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) is intended to partially pay a Service member for higher-than-normal expenses incurred by a member or dependent while occupying temporary lodging OCONUS. TLA is available when it is necessary for a Service member or dependent to occupy temporary lodging upon arrival at or immediately before leaving a permanent duty station (PDS) OCONUS.

BANKING

Yokosuka Naval Base banking facilities include the Navy Federal Credit Union, USAA, and Community Bank (Bank of America). Navy Federal Credit Union accounts may be established and utilized worldwide. Navy Federal only distributes U.S. dollars. Community Bank accounts may only be established and utilized overseas and distributes and accepts both U.S. dollars and Japanese yen.

PASSPORTS

While active-duty U.S. military personnel may enter Japan under the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) with proper Department of Defense (DoD) identification and travel orders, all SOFA family members, civilian employees, and contractors must have valid passports to enter Japan.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>

<https://jp.usembassy.gov/passports/>

* No-Fee passports are issued for official use between the U.S. and the overseas duty location only. No-Fee passports may not be used for personal travel outside of Japan.

* Tourist Passports are required if tourist travel to other countries is in your plans while you are overseas.

Check that all family member tourist passports are not expired. You should apply for a tourist passport before you leave the U.S., or you can apply for one by mail after you arrive at your overseas duty station.

Apply for a No-Fee Passport for all sponsored U.S. citizen family members who will reside with you in Japan. In some cases, selectee may travel to Japan on a tourist passport as long as he/she has travel orders and has applied for the official No-Fee Passport prior to his/her departure to the new duty station. No-Fee Passport form DD-1056 for each dependent is required. Submit complete forms to your local PSD office. No-fee Passport requests take 6-8 weeks to process.

Passport Processing Times

- Routine: 8-11 weeks*
- Expedited: 5-7 weeks and an extra \$60*
- *Mailing times are not included in processing times. Processing times only include the time your application is at one of our passport agencies or centers. It may take up to 2 weeks for applications to arrive by mail at a passport agency or center, and up to 2 weeks for you to receive a completed passport in the mail after we print it.

SERVICES

TRANSIENT PERSONNEL UNIT (TPU)

<https://cnrj.cnmc.navy.mil/Installations/CFA-Yokosuka/Operations-and-Management/Departments/TPU/>

TPU primarily serves Sailors transferring to or departing from deployed ships assigned within the 7th Fleet Area of Responsibility.

For sailors/family members arriving in Japan prior to PREBLE's arrival, or while PREBLE is underway: upon arrival to Yokosuka, report to Transient Personnel Unit (TPU), Bldg 1969. TPU is an 8-minute walk from the Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) Narita shuttle stop. There is a courtesy phone outside the Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) Narita shuttle stop to call the base taxi. Base taxis are not free shuttle services, so please ensure you have enough money to pay the fare.

TPU Quarterdeck Contact Information

- From a DSN: 243-5162
- From a Japanese mobile phone or off base: 046-816-5162
- From the United States: 011 +81 46-816-5162

TPU staff will need military ID, a copy of orders and valid recall information (e.g. phone number, email address, Navy Lodge room if applicable) at check-in. TPU staff will assign you a barracks room if you do not have other lodging arrangements.

TPU staff will assist Sailors with needing PSD services, Base Housing, Area Orientation Brief/ Intercultural Relations (AOB/ICR), among other requirements as necessary.

BASE SERVICES

USO: <https://japan.uso.org/yokosuka>

NAVY MWR: <https://www.navywmwryokosuka.com/>

Gym Facilities, Tickets & Travel, Movie Theatre, Liberty Centers, Restaurants/Food Court, Library, Bowling Center, CPO/Officer Clubs, Child Care Centers, Sports Programs

NAVY EXCHANGE: <https://www.mynavyexchange.com/storelocator/storedetails.jsp?storeid=464>

Fleet/Uniform Store, Mini-Mart, Car Care Center, Gas Station, Barber Shop, Navy Federal Credit Union

COMMISSARY: <https://pprd.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/yokosuka-nfa>

FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

<https://ffr.cnmc.navy.mil/Family-Readiness/Fleet-And-Family-Support-Program/>

<https://ffr.cnmc.navy.mil/Family-Readiness/>

<https://ffr.cnmc.navy.mil/Family-Readiness/Fleet-And-Family-Support-Program/Work-and-Family-Life/Relocation-Assistance/>

<https://cnrj.cnmc.navy.mil/Installations/CFA-Yokosuka/Helpful-Links/FAST/>

Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) has an established Fleet and Family Support Center with the following programs for servicemembers and their families:

- Deployment Readiness Support
- Family Employment Readiness Program
- Ombudsman Programs
- Transition Assistance
- Financial Management Assistance
- Exceptional Family Member Program
- Counseling Services
- Family Advocacy Program
- Sexual Assault, Prevention, and Response (SAPR)

PHONE SERVICES

	From DSN On Base	From local Japanese
➤ Emergency.....	911.....	046-816-0911
➤ Japanese Fire/Ambulance.....		119
➤ Japanese Police.....		110
➤ Security Police – Yokosuka.....	243-5000.....	046-816-5000
➤ Security Police – Ikego.....	246-8025.....	046-806-8025
➤ USNH Emergency Room.....	243-5137/7141.....	046-816-5137/7141
➤ American Red Cross.....	243-7490.....	046-816-7490/877-242-7337
➤ Chaplain/Pastoral Care.....	243-2010.....	046-816-2010
➤ Base Operator.....	113.....	046-816-0113

How to call a DSN: From local Japanese International from US

- DSN 315-241-XXXX.....046-896-XXXX 011-81-46-896-XXXX
- DSN 315-243-XXXX.....046-816-XXXX 011-81-46-816-XXXX
- DSN 315-246-XXXX.....046-806-XXXX 011-81-46-806-XXXX

To call the US from a local Japanese phone, dial 011+Area Code+Number

Most international mobile phones and tablet devices may be used in Japan, but to make local calls or have phone service while traveling, some travelers choose to rent a mobile phone while they are in Japan. Recommend verifying your phone service international plans prior to PCS.

To avoid roaming charges, it is possible to buy a local prepaid SIM card in Japan or order one in advance to pick up when you arrive. Local SIM cards can be used on most unlocked phones from Europe, Asia and Australia, and on some unlocked phones from North America.

MEDICAL

US NAVAL HOSPITAL YOKOSUKA

United States Naval Hospital Yokosuka Japan caters to the medical needs of eligible Sailors, Marines, Soldiers, Airmen, family members, U.S. government employees, retired military service members and other eligible beneficiaries of the Forward Deployed Naval Forces on mainland Japan, Korea and Diego Garcia.

Services/Branches at USNH Yokosuka: Primary Care, Medical Homeport, Immunizations, Radiology, Epidemiology, Urgent/Emergency Care, Occupational Health, Women's Health, Labor & Delivery, Dental, Pharmacy, and Pediatrics

TRICARE

<https://www.tricare.mil/moving>

<https://www.tricare-overseas.com/>

Your TRICARE eligibility doesn't change when you move. But it may change your health plan options. Keep these things in mind when you know you're about to move:

- Don't disenroll from any plan before you move.
- You're covered by your current plan on your way to your new location.
- You have 90 days from the date of your address change to change your TRICARE health plan.

EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM

<https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Support-Services/Exceptional-Family-Member/>

<https://ffr.cnrc.navy.mil/Family-Readiness/Fleet-And-Family-Support-Program/Work-and-Family-Life/Exceptional-Family-Member-Program/>

The Navy's Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) serves Navy families with special needs. The EFMP is a mandatory enrollment program for sponsors with qualifying family members. Enrollment in the EFMP ensures service members are assigned only to those geographic areas where the medical (physical, developmental, and/or mental health) and/or educational needs of their family member(s) can be met. Qualifying special needs include, but is not limited to, family members who require any kind of specialty medical care or doctors and/or any type of educational support services, either of them lasting 6 months or longer. Some examples of qualifying services: early intervention services, 504/IEPs, referrals to speech/occupational therapy, clinical counseling, required adaptive equipment assistive technology devices and services and/or wheelchair accessibility.

EFMP enrollment forms are mandatory and required to be completed immediately upon identification of a special need.

- DD Form 2792, Family Member Medical Summary
- DD Form 2792-1, Early Intervention/Special Education Summary

HOUSING

<https://ffr.cnmc.navy.mil/Navy-Housing/>

<https://www.navymwryokosuka.com/programs/7db7b08e-0871-4345-97ca-97e80d295766>

<https://ffr.cnmc.navy.mil/Navy-Housing/HOMESmil/>

TEMPORARY HOUSING/LODGING OPTIONS

<https://www.navy-lodge.com/Yokosuka>

<https://ngis.dodlodging.net/property/Yokosuka-CFA->

[https://www.dodlodging.net/documents/23-007 NHG Pet Policy-Pet Agreement 26 July 2023.pdf](https://www.dodlodging.net/documents/23-007_NHG_Pet_Policy-Pet_Agreement_26_July_2023.pdf)

YOKOSUKA HOUSING OFFICE

Located in Bldg. 1441 next to the Navy Lodge. The Housing Welcome Brief is held Monday through Friday. The space is limited for the brief, therefore sign-up in advance is highly recommended.

Note: Newly arrived families are allowed a choice of on or off base. Once you check-in to your command, please be sure to make copies of your PCS orders with command check-in stamp and Family Entry Approval for submission.

COMMUNITY HOUSING (ON-BASE HOUSING)

Military Family Housing (MFH) in Yokosuka and Ikego consists of 2,516 housing units.

MFH includes town houses and high-rise apartments. All command sponsored family members are eligible for MFH. MFH units are furnished with household appliances (i.e. refrigerator, electric cooking stove, microwave oven, washer, dryer and dishwasher, etc.). Accordingly, it is suggested that you do not bring your own appliances with your household goods.

Dogs are only permitted in single-family/townhouses, and on the 1st and 2nd floor of all housing towers. They are NOT permitted in tower elevators for any reason or on any other floor above the 2nd. Members are permitted to have no more than two pets in their assigned unit (e.g., two cats; one cat and one dog), cats are permitted in all housing units. All pets must be registered with the Yokosuka Veterinary Services Office, have up-to-date vaccinations, and be micro-chipped for identification at all times. Pet cats must be spayed or neutered. Documentation certifying registration, vaccinations, spaying or neutering will be submitted to the Housing Office (HO) upon assignment, upon request or when there is a change. Failure to submit the required documents may result in loss of pet privileges in MFH.

Ikego Hills: Ikego Hills is set in a forested area in the seaside resort town of Zushi. Ikego has Club Takemiya (all hands club), campgrounds, paintball, Mini Navy Exchange, pool, Child Development Center, Elementary School (grades K-5), and other recreational areas are also available. Home-to-work shuttle buses (no fee) run from Ikego to Yokosuka in the morning and return in the evening, and following extra-curricular events at the high school. Ikego can be reached in 20 minutes in moderate traffic by surface roads. There is a designated pedestrian gate connected from the base to local train station, Jinmuji Station, which gives you access to Yokosuka (30 mins train ride).

UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING

Single Service Member Housing, E1-E4 (under 4 years) on Sea Duty

<https://ffr.cnmc.navy.mil/Navy-Housing/Unaccompanied-Housing/>

Unaccompanied Housing Front Desk is located in Bldg. 3333 which is across the street from the Personnel Support Department (PSD). The UH Front Desk can be contacted at DSN 315-243-5569 or internationally at 011-81-46-816-5569.

OFF-BASE HOUSING

Moving into off-base housing can be costly; therefore, planning and budgeting ahead of time is key when moving into the Japanese Community. Initial housing expenses may range from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Military personnel may request ADVANCED HOUSING ALLOWANCE through their command, which may assist in expenses including first month's rent, security deposit, and associated fees.

All off-base housing contracts will be reviewed and submitted through the housing office.

POWER / UTILITIES / APPLIANCES

Electrical power in Northern Japanese in off-base housing is 30-50 amps at 100 volts/50 cycles. On-base housing is also 100-volt/50-cycle power. On-base quarters have 220-volt outlets to accommodate American-style clothes dryers and electric stoves. Most off base Japanese houses do not have the space and or power requirements for American dryers.

Space restrictions preclude the installation of an American-style washer/dryer and a large refrigerator or freezer. Because of the difference in the power provided, many American products will run slower due to low power supplied. Timers/clocks will lose about 10 seconds every minute.

Most American electrical products are equipped with a standard 3-prong plug, however most Japanese homes only provide two prong plugs and will require adapters. CFAY Housing can provide appliances for off-base rental quarters, if not already installed.

PERSONAL PROPERTY / HOUSEHOLD GOODS (HHG)

<https://dps.move.mil/cust/standard/user/home.xhtml>

TYPES OF SHIPMENTS

It is vital that all servicemembers and families understand the household good options available to each member as detailed in their orders. Entitlements are a function of homeport change timeline and category.

Register at www.move.mil to schedule your pack out once in receipt of orders after January 2024. A copy of your orders will have to be submitted to the Personal Property Office for the pack out to be confirmed.

1. Express shipment (unaccompanied baggage/UB): Smaller shipment, approximately 30 days to arrive. If departing within 30 days from scheduling, UB shipment will not be authorized.
2. Household goods shipment: HHG you are sending overseas; approximately 60-80 days to arrive.
3. Non-Temporary storage (long term storage; no access during overseas tour): Household goods placed in storage until you return from overseas assignment.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS PREPARATIONS

- ◆ Survey your possessions so that you can have any items repaired and cleaned (e.g. rugs cleaned) that you plan to put in storage or ship to your overseas location.
- ◆ Research availability of housing options in the area that you are moving to, some housing options may be limited due to household goods quantity and size.
- ◆ Obtain a written appraisal for valuable items (i.e. antiques, jewelry, furs or paintings) from a licensed appraiser. This is optional, but may help in the event of loss or damage to your items.
- ◆ Take photos of valuable possessions/electronics (include serial numbers) for insurance purposes.
- ◆ Prepare a general inventory list by room of all possessions both for your own use and so that you will be able to make an accurate estimate of their value for insurance purposes.
- ◆ Decide and list what you will include in your unaccompanied baggage. Plan an unaccompanied baggage shipment that will enable you to set up basic housing essentials since it may be 1-3 months before your full HHG shipment arrives.
- ◆ If Renting: Notify landlord impending termination; most places will waive cancellation fees as long as you show official government travel orders, check with your landlord first.
- ◆ Disconnect utilities/services such as gas, electric, waste management, water, phone and cable etc.
- ◆ Suspend or discontinue cell phone for selectee and accompanying family members: most cell phone companies will suspend your contract and waive cancellation fees while you are overseas as long as you show your travel orders. You may also check with your cell phone provider on ability to maintain your current plan with similar usage overseas.

PROHIBITED ITEMS IN JAPAN

- ◆ Narcotic and illegal drugs
- ◆ Firearms and fighting instruments are not permitted in Japan. Servicemembers and their families must make arrangements for storage.
- ◆ Explosives and fireworks
- ◆ Check Japan Customs Website for additional prohibited items in Japan
<https://www.customs.go.jp/english/index.htm>

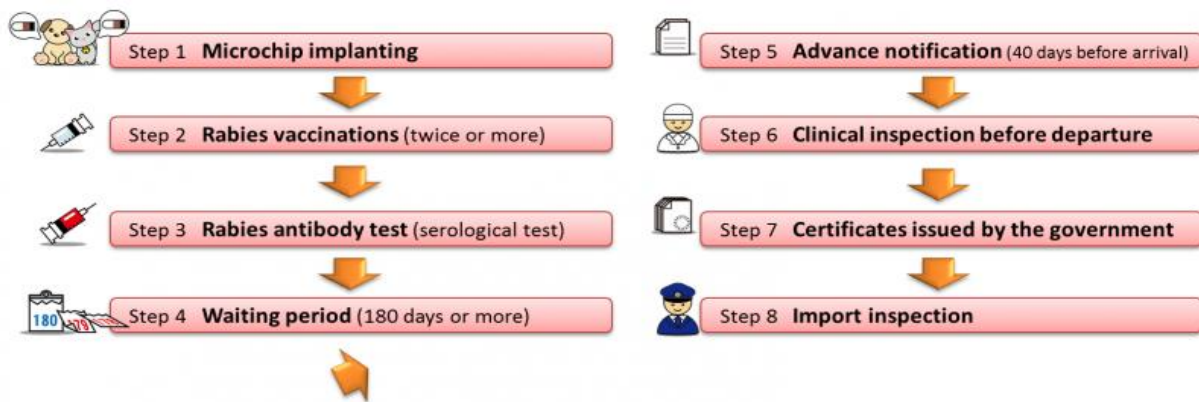
PETS

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel/by-country/pettravel-japan>

The Japanese Animal Quarantine Service (AQS) sets procedures for importing pets. There are no specific breed restrictions for any dogs or cats entering Japan, see below for more detailed list of animals that are not authorized for entry or registration. Owners are responsible for the shipment of pets arriving, departing, and within Japan. This includes all matters associated with travel arrangements, shipping requirements, and costs for their pets.

At a minimum, the process will take seven to eight months,
though the process can take up to a year before a pet may enter Japan!!

PREPARATIONS FOR IMPORTING A PET



OUTLINE OF PET REQUIREMENTS & TIMELINE

1. Microchip (ISO 11784 or 11785)
2. Two rabies vaccinations (at least 30 days apart)
 - a. Pet must be 90+ days old at time of vaccination
 - b. Must be inactivated (killed) virus vaccine or recombinant / modified vaccine
 - c. Second vaccine must be before the effective period expires for the first vaccine
 - d. Second vaccine effective period cannot expire before arrival in Japan (you can get a third shot to extend it).
3. Get rabies serum test
 - a. Must be sent to one of two labs (Kansas State University or Army)
<https://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/animal/dog/lab.html>
 *Can be done on the same day as the second rabies vaccine
4. Wait 180 days after rabies serum test (tests are valid for 2 years)
 - a. If steps 1-4 are complete, there is no additional long term quarantine time
 - b. If 180 wait has not been met, the pet must complete the remainder of the time in quarantine upon arrival in Japan
5. Advance notification of intention to import pet made to Japan
 - a. This is to reserve a spot for a 12 hour quarantine at the airport
 - b. Fill out required forms (detailed in sections below)
6. Pre-departure clinical inspection
7. Receive Certificate of Export from government
8. Import Inspection at airport

REGISTRATION/QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

Japanese Animal Quarantine Service Regulations require that all animals entering Japan be examined to determine if they are free from communicable diseases. Owners must report to the Veterinary Treatment Facility within 72 hours of arrival and bring the following documentation to register the pet.

- Three (3) copies of the rabies vaccination certificate (DD208, the original and two copies) must accompany the animal during transit.
- An animal that is less than 90 days old does not require a rabies vaccination, but will be placed in a Japanese or U.S. Forces quarantine facility. Upon reaching 90 days of age, the animal will be given a rabies vaccination and kept in a quarantine facility for a period of 30 days. After 30 days, the animal will be released to the owner for a required “home quarantine.” (Note: Quarantine in Japanese facilities will be at the owner’s expense.)
- Before the animal can be processed by the Animal Quarantine Service Personnel, the owner or authorized representative (via Special Power of Attorney) must fill out a Form 380EJ “Customs Free Import and Export of Cargo” or “Customs Declaration of Personal Property.” This form is available at the Customs Check Point upon entry.
- Registration consists of initiating a medical record ensuring vaccinations are current and implanting a microchip for permanent identification. Animals microchipped at previous installations or civilian veterinarian clinics will not need to be micro-chipped if the chip is readable by the VTF’s scanner. The cost of the immunizations and microchip will be at the owner’s expense.
- Upon arrival at the Animal Quarantine Counter the Japanese personnel will initiate a Pet Quarantine and Examination Certificate (Form MDJ-270). Pet owners or their authorized representative (via Special Power of Attorney) must be able to provide the following information:
 - military address (duty station)
 - rank/rate
 - temporary address
 - You will be required to sign this form stating you will present your pet for quarantine examination following the required period of “Home Quarantine” at a U.S. Forces Veterinary Office. Failure to present the animal for quarantine release may result in a fine of up to 50,000 Japanese yen
- The following procedures are required at least annually under the direction of a licensed veterinarian to maintain base registration:
 - Cats: Rabies, calicivirus, panleukopenia, rhinotracheitis, and chlamydia vaccination. Fecal check and/or de-worming.
 - Dogs: Rabies, distemper, hepatitis, leptospira, parvovirus, and corona virus vaccination. Fecal check and/or de-worming.

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) quarantine inspectors and US Army Veterinary Command veterinarians will determine the length of each pet’s quarantine period when the pet arrives in Japan. The quarantine periods will range up to 180 days. All quarantine guidelines, necessary import forms, and contact information may be found on the Japan District Veterinary Command website:

<http://www.usarj.army.mil/units/vet/>

USFJ has been able to champion “Home Quarantine” as a concession for US SOFA personnel. This quarantine allows service members to maintain their pets in their own custody within their assigned on-base quarters during the assessed quarantine period.

Personnel who are most affected are SOFA members who are required to live in off-base housing. If a quarantine period is assessed, military members who live off-base will be required to pay for quarantine boarding expenses for their pets in on-base kenneling facilities or incur the significant expense of quarantining their pet at the Airport Animal Quarantine Station facility.

Service members who may be required to kennel their pets for up to 180 days will incur a tremendous cost. The JFTR and the JTR provide limited reimbursement for quarantine costs for service members (\$550) and DoD civilians (\$500 to \$1,000), respectively.

Most military families will reside in Temporary Lodging (Navy Lodge) for periods of up to 60 days while seeking housing on or off base. All rooms at the Navy Lodge are pet friendly. All kennel boarding fees, including the official assigned quarantine period, are the owner’s responsibility.

Animals not allowed onboard the installation:

- Exotic or non-domesticated species or animals, to include snakes, spiders, squirrels, bats, monkeys, tanuki and species designated as wildlife.
- Endangered or threatened species.
- Non-domestic cats: (e.g. bobcat, cougar, jaguar, lion, panther, tiger, etc.).
- Constricting snakes, poisonous amphibians, poisonous arachnids, and poisonous reptiles.
- Flesh eating fish such as the candiru catfish or Piranha.
- Bees in controlled hives for the production of honey.

The breeding of pets within the jurisdiction of FLEACT Yokosuka is prohibited. Animals intended for or used for breeding are not authorized services at the VTF.

Personnel residing in residential towers may harbor or own only the following types of pets: Dogs (on floors authorized by N93), Cats (neutered/spayed only), caged domestically-bred pet of the rodent family, birds or aquatic animals/reptiles (non-poisonous fish, frogs, crabs, snails, turtles, etc.). Personnel residing in bachelor housing may own or harbor fish, turtles and caged domestically-bred pets of the rodent family. Birds, cats and dogs will not be allowed in bachelor housing.

Individuals not residing on base are required to comply with the registration requirements in order to utilize the VTF. Improperly registered pets are not authorized veterinarian services at the VTF.

The fostering of an animal from the shelter is permitted when the shelter cannot harbor the animal. Fostering households are permitted to have no more than three pets, to include those fostered during these conditions. A fostered pet is up for adoption and is expected to be placed in a new home as soon as possible. A foster period may not exceed 90 days and consecutive fostering of pets is not authorized. The sponsor is responsible for notifying Housing prior to taking on additional pets by fostering. The sponsor must inform Housing when the pet is adopted.

PET TRAVEL PREPARATIONS

- Obtain a pet carrier that is suitable for flight travel regulations and start training pet to get accustomed to pet carrier. *Check with your airline regarding acceptable pet carriers. Have your pet accustomed to the carrier before your departure.

VEHICLES

<https://cnrj.cnmc.navy.mil/Installations/CFA-Yokosuka/Operations-and-Management/Departments/Safety/Drivers-License/>

<https://cnrj.cnmc.navy.mil/Installations/CFA-Yokosuka/Operations-and-Management/Departments/Security/Vehicle-Registration-Office/>

DRIVING PRIVILEGE AND LICENSE

To drive any vehicle (private or government-owned) in Japan, you as a SOFA sponsored member must be properly licensed with a U.S. Forces, Japan operator's permit (USFJ Form 4EJ). Specific qualification and testing requirements must be satisfied before installation commanders may issue these licenses.

One of the requirements is that applicants must present one of the driving credentials listed below and that they remain valid:

- ◆ A valid and current driver's license issued by any US state/territory or by the District of Columbia
- ◆ An international driver's permit (IDP)
- ◆ A valid Government of Japan driver's license
- ◆ A written proof that they have successfully completed a certified formal driving course
- ◆ A valid (current) driver's license issued by the country specified in USFJ Instruction 31-205

A pre-requisite to obtaining a Driver's License on CFAY is proof of attendance at the Area Orientation Brief and Inter-cultural Relations Class (AOB/ICR). This class is facilitated by the CFAY Safety Department will familiarize new arrivals with Japanese driving laws, signs, and customs followed by a written examination.

After completion of Local Hazard Course and successfully passed a written examination, you may schedule a road test appointment. Study materials are available on-line, link below for PDF of Driving Handbook and CFAY Driving Instruction Manual:

<https://cnrj.cnmc.navy.mil/Installations/CFA-Yokosuka/Operations-and-Management/Departments/Safety/Drivers-License/>

VEHICLE PROCESSING CENTER (VPC)

<https://www.pcsmypov.com/>

<https://www.pcsmypov.com/locations/name/yokohama,%20japan%20region>

SHIPPING A POV FROM CONUS TO OCONUS (YOKOSUKA, JAPAN)

At a minimum, shipping a POV requires one proof of ownership document (e.g., vehicle title in the entitlement holder's name; lienholder letter containing the entitlement holder's name; or, in instances where the vehicle is titled or leased under the name of someone other than the member or a dependent named on the entitlement holder's orders, a letter of authorization from the title or lien holder(s) authorizing the member to ship a vehicle owned by a third party), AND a current vehicle registration.

Ensure the vehicle does not have an unresolved "Recall Notice". You can check the recall status of your POV by referencing the following website: <https://vinrcl.safercar.gov/vin/> The VPC can refuse to accept a vehicle for shipment if the vehicle presents a safety hazard to a VPC employee or its facilities and or equipment. Documentation from a certified mechanic/dealership authorized to perform "Recall Notice" repairs may be required.

Make sure your POV is in a safe and operable condition when you turn it in at the VPC. Inoperable POVs will not be accepted. POVs with major cracks in the windshield will not be accepted. POVs with leaks will not be accepted for shipment. POV brakes must function properly to include the parking brake.

Make sure your POV is clean. Dry-vacuum only. To avoid mold growth during shipment and ensure compliance with local agricultural import restrictions, the VPC will not accept a POV with dirt, soil, mud, water or similar matter on its exterior or interior surfaces, to include the undercarriage. Empty all debris and personal items from the vehicle's interior pockets and compartments before turn-in.

An inspector will conduct a joint inspection of the POV with you. When the inspection is completed, you and the inspector will sign the DD Form 788, Private Vehicle Shipping Document for Automobile, Figure K3-1, or commercial equivalent. You will be provided a legible copy of the DD Form 788 or commercial equivalent as a receipt for your POV. Make sure you read the liability statements on the reverse of the DD Form 788, or commercial equivalent POV inspection and shipping form. Keep for your records and in case you need to file a claim.

POV PICKUP IN JAPAN

The customer will receive notification(s) that their vehicle is available for pickup. It is the entitlement holder's responsibility to arrange for pickup procedures of their POV. Customers must pick up their POV at the destination or arrange pickup by an assigned representative within a reasonable time. The Military Services have determined that 45 calendar days is a reasonable time to arrange for POV pickup.

Insurance and licensing, if required, will be the responsibility of the customer. U.S. Vehicle registrations, license plates, and licenses either are valid for only a very short time. Arrange to obtain these items prior to taking delivery of your POV.

The Vehicle Registration Office provides guidance/instructions for inspection requirements and the process of obtaining registration, parking permits, license plates for imported vehicles/motorcycles:

<https://cnrj.cnmc.navy.mil/Installations/CFA-Yokosuka/Operations-and-Management/Departments/Security/Vehicle-Registration-Office/>

POV SHIPPING FROM JAPAN

An Export Certificate IS REQUIRED to ship the vehicle out of Japan. This can be done after the vehicle has been turned in, but all exporting vehicles must be de-registered, an Export Certificate obtained, and the original certificate submitted to the shipping agents. The vehicle cannot leave port without this document. Further information will be given at the turn in appointment or through your Personal Property/Travel Management office.

* Note for vehicles returning to U.S.: For shipments to CONUS and Protectorates; Non-US Spec vehicles must be at least 25 years old at time of shipment, and not be modified beyond the specs for the year, make and model of the vehicle. Start of the 25-year timeline begins the date of first registration, as indicated on the title. No other manufactured date will be accepted.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY INFORMATION

Fleet Activities Yokosuka Safety department offers both Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Basic, Experienced and Military Sport Rider Courses. These courses are mandatory in order to become properly licensed while riding in Japan. Rider Coaches are volunteers for the community and offer their knowledge of riding and the special conditions that are encountered while in Japan.

LEGAL

<https://cnrj.cnmc.navy.mil/Installations/CFA-Yokosuka/Operations-and-Management/Departments/Legal/>

<https://www.jag.navy.mil/legal-services/western-pacific/>

yokosukalegalassistance@us.navy.mil

LEGAL PREPARATIONS PRIOR TO MOVE

If dependents will be traveling without the service member, several check-in and moving processes require a power of attorney. This can be completed through Navy Legal Services Office on the 32nd street naval base: Naval Base San Diego (32nd Street), Bldg56, 1st Deck, Phone (619) 556-2211/2293

PERTINENT DOCUMENTS

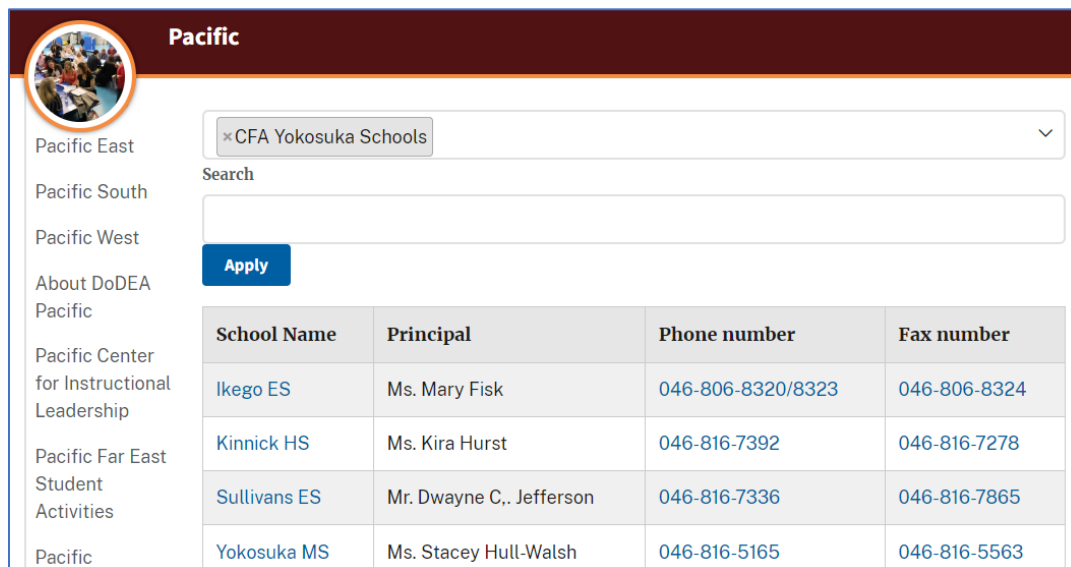
Discuss legal needs pertinent to overseas transfer, including storage of and access to the following important documents:

- Birth Certificate of each Family member.
- Proof of marriage; proof of termination of previous marriage.
- List of all bank accounts (with addresses and account numbers)
- Inventories of stored and shipped household goods.
- Real estate records-Deed, mortgage papers, title abstract, title insurance policy, closing statement, insurance policy on house, survey of property tax receipts, leases, building cost figures, receipts for any improvements, cemetery deed.
- Insurance policy on household effects.
- Policies on separately insured valuables with written appraisals.
- Social Security card for each family member, where applicable.
- Employment records for each adult- names, places, dates copies of any instrument entitling employee or survivors to special benefits such as insurance, pensions, stock options etc.
- Income tax papers and significant tax returns, (statute of limitations is 3~6 years).
- Life, Medical, Disability, group insurance policies- amount and beneficiary of each policy with names and addresses. (Insurance companies generally require certified notification of death within 30 days, together with proof of birth and citizenship).
- Stocks, bonds and other securities, date/cost of purchase, list of stocks pledged as security for a loan, name of stockbroker, serial numbers.
- Proof of membership in professional, fraternal, union organization that entitles estate to benefits.
- List of charge accounts and credit cards with numbers
- List of all assets and liabilities, including personal valuables, etc. with date of any insurance coverage (policy numbers, location of policies, etc.).

SCHOOLS

School and childcare options are available and should be researched prior to arrival to ensure availability of childcare options. Options include but are not limited to Department of Defense (DoD) schools on base, on base Child Development Centers (CDCs), Japanese schools, International schools, on base home care, off-base home care, and more.

<https://www.dodea.edu/pacific>



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School Name	Principal	Phone number	Fax number
Ikego ES	Ms. Mary Fisk	046-806-8320/8323	046-806-8324
Kinnick HS	Ms. Kira Hurst	046-816-7392	046-816-7278
Sullivans ES	Mr. Dwayne C., Jefferson	046-816-7336	046-816-7865
Yokosuka MS	Ms. Stacey Hull-Walsh	046-816-5165	046-816-5563

Have the following documents/items at the time of enrollment to ensure a smooth registration process:

- All previous school records, report cards, transcripts and other academic records
- A transcribed shot/immunization/vaccination health record (Naval Branch Health Clinic can transcribe your student's record)
- Copy of Sponsor's PCS orders
- Copy of Dependent Entry Approval letter
- Copy of students passport or birth certificate
- Local telephone number, mailing address and email address
- Local emergency contact information
- U.S. Emergency contact information

Electronic DoDEA Student Registration Form

www.dodea.edu/Offices/Regulations/dodea_forms/upload/form_600.pdf

Kinnick High School

- PSC 473 Box 95 FPO AP 96349
- <https://www.dodea.edu/kinnickhs/index.cfm>
- Email: Principalkinnickhs@dodea.edu
- Phone: DSN: 243 7392

Yokosuka Middle School

- PSC 473 Box 95 FPO AP 96349
- <https://www.dodea.edu/YokosukaMS/about.cfm>
- Email: YSMS.registrar@dodea.edu
- Phone: DSN: 243 5165

Sullivans Elementary School

- PSC 473 Box 95 FPO AP 96349
- <https://www.dodea.edu/SullivansES/>
- Email: PRINCIPAL_SULLIVAN_ES@pac.dodea.edu
- Phone: DSN: 243 7336

School Liaison Officer:

- Office: Bldg. 1559 MWR Community Center Room 201
- Hours: 07:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (By appointment)
- Local Phone: 243-5542 or 046-816-5542
- From the US: DSN 315-243-5542 or 011-81-46-816-5542
- Email: SLOYokosuka@us.navy.mil
- Mailing Address: PSC 473 Box 60, FPO AP 96349

YOUTH PROGRAMS / CHILDCARE

CYP Links & Programs: <https://www.navywmryokosuka.com/programs/043a4a4e-1dac-48bc-ba65-3a8ab338f7a5>

CYP Handbook: <https://myffr.navyaims.com/wbwsc/jpnyokcyp.wsc/wbsplash.html?wbp=1>

New arrivals with children should make childcare arrangements 30 days in advance, as there are a limited amount of spots available. Reservations are NOT made automatically. Please visit MilitaryChildCare.com and create an account to start the process. CYP childcare options on base are FREE to attendees through vouchers that are distributed following each day's training. Additionally at least one parent must attend a CYP orientation prior to the child's first attendance at a Child and Youth Program (CYP) facility.

Couples may choose to attend AOB/ICR during alternate weeks in order to mitigate childcare concerns. Below is information to help families.

- Main Base Child Development Center (CDC) for ages 6 weeks-5yrs
- Main Base School Age Care (SAC) for grades K-12yrs
- Ikego Child Development Center (CDC) for ages 6 weeks-5yrs
- Child Development Home (CDH)-Ages vary per provider
- Ikego School Age Care (SAC) from K-5 th grade
- Youth Sports for ages 3-18yrs
- Teen Center from 6th – 12 grade

SPOUSE / FAMILY EMPLOYMENT

<https://www.navymwryokosuka.com/careers>

<https://www.usajobs.gov>

<https://ffr.cnmc.navy.mil/Family-Readiness/Navy-Spouse-Navigation/>

<https://ffr.cnmc.navy.mil/Family-Readiness/Fleet-And-Family-Support-Program/Work-and-Family-Life/Family-Employment/Family-Employment-Readiness-Program/>

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/education-employment/seco/transferring-your-professional-license-what-s-involved/>

The Navy recognizes that moving every few years creates career challenges for military spouses, especially when stationed overseas or in remote areas. The Family Employment Readiness Program (FERP) offers family members a variety of resources to tackle those challenges, can visit the Fleet and Family Support Center website and local offices for more information and resources.

<https://cnrj.cnmc.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Human-Resources/>

The Human Resources Office (HRO) provides a full range of human resources consulting and advisory functions including staffing and classification, labor/employee relations, equal employment opportunity complaints process and management, and injury compensation administration for both U.S. Civil Service (USCS) and Master Labor Contract (MLC)/Indirect Hire Agreement (IHA) employees.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CFAY Religious Ministries: Chapel of Hope

<https://cnrj.cnmc.navy.mil/Installations/CFA-Yokosuka/Operations-and-Management/Departments/Religious-Services/>

The Chapel of Hope offers several opportunities for worship services, sacramental and pastoral ministries, children/youth ministries, spiritual music, community outreach, humanitarian service and religious education. We also offer pastoral counseling to individuals, couples, single Sailors, family members as well as crisis intervention. Please see the website for dates and times for religious services consisting of Roman Catholic, Jewish, Buddhist, and various Protestant including Gospel Services, Filipino Services, General Protestant, Protestant Communion Service, Contemporary Christian Services, Church of Christ, Seventh-Day Adventist and others.

U.S & JAPAN HISTORY / RELATIONS

Japan has over 125 million inhabitants and is the 11th most populous country in the world. About three-fourths of the country's terrain is mountainous, concentrating its highly urbanized population on narrow coastal plains. Japan is a part of the Ring of Fire, and spans an archipelago of 14,125 islands, with the 5 main islands being Hokkaido, Honshu ("mainland"), Shikoku, Kyushu, & Okinawa.

- Population: 125 million, of which nearly 122 million are Japanese nationals.
- Life Expectancy: Japan has the world's highest life expectancy.
- Capital: Tokyo-The Greater Tokyo Area is the most populous metropolitan area in the world.
- Language: Japanese
- National Sport: Sumo & Baseball (Other popular sports: Football-Soccer, Golf)
 - Professional Sports: Yokohama BayStars (Baseball), Yokohama F. Marinos (Soccer)
- Currency: Japanese Yen (¥) (\$1 U.S Dollar = approx. 150 Yen ¥) – Oct 2023
- Top Destinations/Tourist Attractions: Mt. Fuji, Tokyo Imperial Palace, Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Historic Kyoto, Island Shrine of Itsukushima, Osaka Castle, Chūbu-Sangaku National Park and the Japanese Alps, Sapporo, Fukuoka Castle Ruins & the Ancient Festivals

Government & Defense:

Under the adoption of the 1947 constitution, Japan has maintained a unitary parliamentary constitutional monarchy with a bicameral legislature. Japan maintains a Self-Defense Force that ranks as one of the world's strongest militaries.

Economy:

Japan is one of the world's most successful democracies and largest economies. A global leader in the automotive, robotics, and electronics industries, the country has made significant contributions to science and technology and is one of the world's largest exporters and importers.

Diplomacy:

The U.S.-Japan Alliance is the cornerstone of U.S. security interests in Asia and is fundamental to regional stability and prosperity. The Alliance is based on shared vital interests and values, including: the maintenance of stability in the Indo-Pacific region; the preservation and promotion of political and economic freedoms; support for human rights and democratic institutions; and the expansion of prosperity for the people of both countries and the international community as a whole. The Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between Japan and the United States was signed in 1960.

Japan and the United States belong to a number of the same international organizations, including the United Nations, G7, G-20, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, ASEAN Regional Forum, International Monetary Fund, World Bank, and World Trade Organization.

Yokosuka (横須賀市, Yokosuka-shi) is a city in Kanagawa Prefecture with a population of 450,000.

Fleet Activities Yokosuka is located at the entrance of Tokyo Bay, 65 km (40 mi) south of Tokyo and approximately 30 km (20 mi) south of Yokohama on the Pacific Coast in Central Honshu, Japan.

Since the 1950's this installation supports U.S. Navy Pacific operating forces, including principal afloat elements of the United States Seventh Fleet, including the only permanently forward-deployed aircraft carrier, Carrier Strike Group, and Destroyer Squadron 15.

USEFUL SITES / LINKS / REFERENCES

ENGLISH MEDIA and LIVING GUIDES

US Military Newspaper: <http://www.stripes.com/>

Japanese Newspapers in English- Japan Times: <http://www.japantimes.co.jp/>

Online Newspapers links list: <http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/japan.htm>

Living in Japan Guides: www.survivingnjapan.com/p/how-to-guides.html

HEALTHCARE

Yokosuka Naval Hospital: <https://www.med.navy.mil/US-NMRTC-Yokosuka-Japan/>

Yokosuka Naval Hospital Appointments: <https://yokosuka.tricare.mil/Getting-Care/Appointments-Referrals>

TRICARE: <https://www.tricare.mil/moving> <https://www.tricare-overseas.com/>

EFMP: <https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Support-Services/Exceptional-Family-Member/>

<https://ffr.cnic.navy.mil/Family-Readiness/Fleet-And-Family-Support-Program/Work-and-Family-Life/Exceptional-Family-Member-Program/>

OVERSEAS BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES

Per Diem Rates: <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104877>

Travel Regulations: <https://www.travel.dod.mil/Policy-Regulations/Joint-Travel-Regulations/>

Overseas Housing Allowance: <https://www.travel.dod.mil/Allowances/Overseas-Housing-Allowance/OHA-Rate-Lookup/>

Cost of Living Allowance: <https://www.travel.dod.mil/Allowances/Overseas-Cost-of-Living-Allowance/Overseas-COLA-Tables/>

PASSPORTS/CUSTOMS/AIRPORTS/EMBASSY

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Japan.html>

U.S. Embassy in Japan: <https://jp.usembassy.gov/>

Japan Customs Prohibited items in Japan: <http://www.customs.go.jp/english/summary/prohibit.htm>

US Embassy in Tokyo: <http://japan.usembassy.gov/>

Japan Embassy in US: <http://japan.usembassy.gov/index.html>

MOVING

HHG Shipments: <http://www.move.mil/>

VEHICLES & MOTORCYCLES

Vehicle Processing Center: <https://www.pcsmypov.com/>

Yokosuka Vehicle Registration Office: <https://cnrj.cnic.navy.mil/Installations/CFA-Yokosuka/Operations-and-Management/Departments/Security/Vehicle-Registration-Office/>

SCHOOLS & EDUCATION

Department of Defense Schools – Pacific Region: <https://www.dodea.edu/pacific>

DoD Schools – Yokosuka: https://www.dodea.edu/pacific?f%5B0%5D=parent_community%3A8471

Language Applications: Duolingo, Babbel, Rosetta Stone, Pimsleur Japanese

CHILDCARE

CYP Links & Programs: <https://www.navy.mwryokosuka.com/programs/043a4a4e-1dac-48bc-ba65-3a8ab338f7a5>

CYP Handbook: <https://myffr.navyaims.com/wbwc/jpnyokcyp.wsc/wbsplash.html?wbp=1>

FLEET & FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

<https://www.facebook.com/ffscyokosukajapan/>

<https://ffr.cnmc.navy.mil/Family-Readiness/>

PET AND VET INFORMATION

USDA Importing Pets to Japan: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel/by-country/pettravel-japan>

HQ AMC Pet Brochure 2023: <https://www.amc.af.mil/AMC-Travel-Site/AMC-Pet-Travel-Page/>

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