

## 1 Japanese Homes

### 1-1 Owned homes

A home for which you have the right of ownership is commonly called “owned home” in Japan. “Owned home” comes in various forms, such as a single-family home, condominium, etc. When building and purchasing a home, various procedures and contracts are necessary.

### 1-2 Public housing

For people with low incomes who are having difficulty with housing, there is rental housing provided by local governments at a low rental rate, for which the local government has specified occupancy requirements, such as income standards.

### 1-3 UR rental housing

Housing that is managed by the Urban Renaissance Agency. Although the requirement for residency is income that exceeds a monthly income level specified by UR, residency is possible if one has certain residency status, making it housing where foreigners can live easily.

### 1-4 Private housing

General rental housing. Anyone can rent private housing by paying rent, based on a lease agreement. Agreement details vary depending on the property, and it is necessary to check the details thoroughly.

## 2 Occupancy

### 2-1 Public housing

As public housing is targeted towards people with low income who are having difficulty with housing, occupancy requirements such as income levels are specified by each of the local governments that is the manager of the housing. For foreigners, in addition to normal occupancy requirements, there may also be additional requirements such as more than 1 year of residence status or actual record of residence in Japan.

If you wish to live in public housing, please apply with the local government that manages the housing.

For details such as occupancy requirements, application method, etc., please inquire with the local government that manages your desired housing.

## 2-2 UR rental housing

Requirements consist of having a monthly income that exceeds the level specified by the Urban Renaissance Agency. Foreigners whose status of residence is Diplomat or Official, or who are a special permanent resident or medium- or long-term resident (including permanent resident) can reside in UR rental housing. For details such the residency application method, availability, etc., inquire with the UR Sales Center.

## 2-3 Private rental housing

The “Apartment Search Guidebook” is available for foreigners searching for private rental housing in Japan. Please refer to it, as it contains helpful information for searching for housing such as the following.

- Flow of how to search for rental housing in Japan and sign contracts
- Necessary documents and fees
- Move-in procedures
- Rules for living in Japanese housing
- Procedures for vacating housing
- Real estate terms for renting housing

Reference: MLIT homepage

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