

# KOBE YMCA COLLEGE JAPANESE DEPARTMENT

## 2026 SPRING COURSE APPLICATION GUIDELINES

(Course guide for foreigners already residing in Japan.)

### SUMMARY

- \*We are accepting students who have already obtained an appropriate visa (except student visa) .
- \*Students will study the four skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing).
- \*This course is mainly for those who intend to continue on to Japanese universities, graduate schools, vocational schools, and intend to get job in Japan.
- \*The course period of the spring course is one year, or two years.
- \*For your graduation of the spring course in 2026, your test score, attendance rate and submitted reports will be required for graduation.

### BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION

1. Completed 12 years of standard school education

Academic ability is regarded as the equivalent of 12 years standard education.

(If the education background is shorter than 12 years because of the different education system, please inquire at the office before applying.)

2. Completed studying Japanese Language for more than 150 hours, completed JLPT N5-level or above, or having equivalent abilities. Completed writing and reading Hiragana, Katakana.

### CLASS TERM and CLASS TIMES

From April ,2026 to March ,2027 (for one year) or to March ,2028 (for two years)

- \*Holidays: Saturday, Sunday, National Holidays and other days fixed by school
- \* Summer break: From early July to middle August in 2026
- \* Mid term break: Early October in 2026(About two weeks)
- \* Winter break: From middle of December in 2026 to early January in 2027

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beginners & Intermediate levels	9:30 – 15:10	9:30 – 12:20	9:30 – 15:10	9:30 – 12:20	9:30 – 15:10
Advanced levels	9:30 – 12:20	9:30 – 15:10	9:30 – 12:20	9:30 – 15:10	9:30 – 12:20

\*Kanji class ; Tuesday & Thursday, 13:20 – 15:10 for Beginners.

### FEES

Enrollment fee		¥100,000
Tuition fee	One Year	¥773,000
	by installments	¥386,500      ¥386,500

\*YMCA has a special treatment system for those who passed the JLPT N1 / N2 / N3 and

“Refer-a-friend program”. Application for both reductions at the same time is possible. Please inquire.

\*Please see **LEVEL CHECK TEST SCHEDULE** on the next page about the payment due date.

\*If you pay by installments, please pay the second term tuition by Aug. 28.

### NUMBER OF APPLICANTS

**\*Limited number for each class/level.**

\*Depending on the result of PT, Japanese level, and acceptable number of applicants, YMCA might not accept applicants. Please note the information from YMCA.

## HOW TO APPLY

### APPLICATION PERIOD

From January 7, (Wed) in 2026 to March 6, (Fri) in 2026.

### RECEPTION HOURS

From 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. // From Mon. to Sat. (except Sun. and National holidays)

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

1. YMCA Application form (YMCA-Form)
2. Reason for Studying in Japan (YMCA-Form)  
\*If it is written in languages other than English,  
please attach "Japanese translation".
3. Copies of your passport (Please copy the following  
pages : with passport number, with your  
residence [visa] status.)
4. Copies of your Residence Card <both side>,  
or "住民票・Jyumin-hyo" from City Office.
5. 4 pieces of photos ( 3 x 4 cm)
6. Official graduation certificate, or the copy of  
the original diploma from the last educational institution.
7. Certificate for your learning Japanese
  - Certification of Japanese Proficiency Test, or J-Test
  - Certification of Japanese Language school.  
(ex: studying term or hours).
8. Document from contact person.

### APPLICATION FEE

¥10,000 Please pay it when you submit the documents.

<If you had participated in KOBE YMCA Japanese Class, the application fee will be exempted.>

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Please submit required documents (1-8) and pay the application fee within the application period.
2. Please book Level Check Test.

### SCHEDULE LEVEL CHECK TEST and others

☆Please book the level check test.

☆After writing test, depending on your level, interview test may be requested.

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Level Check Test Schedule	Feb. 17 (Tue.) 16:00~	Feb. 21 (Sat.) 10:00~	Mar. 7 (Sat.) 10:00~
Notice of Result	Feb. 18 (Wed.)	Feb. 24 (Tue.)	Mar. 9 (Mon.)
Payment deadline (Entrance fee, Tuition fee)	Mar. 6 (Fri.)	Mar. 6 (Fri.)	Mar. 19 (Thu.)
Entrance Ceremony	April. 6 (Thu.) 10:00~		

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