

# Chapter 4 Housing

It is quite difficult for foreign nationals to find accommodation in Japan. The Hiroshima Prefectural Government instructs real estate agents and house owners not to refuse to accept foreign tenants on account of national or ethnic differences. We are also involved in improving and operating prefectural houses to offer housing at lower rent to those who have difficulty finding accommodation.

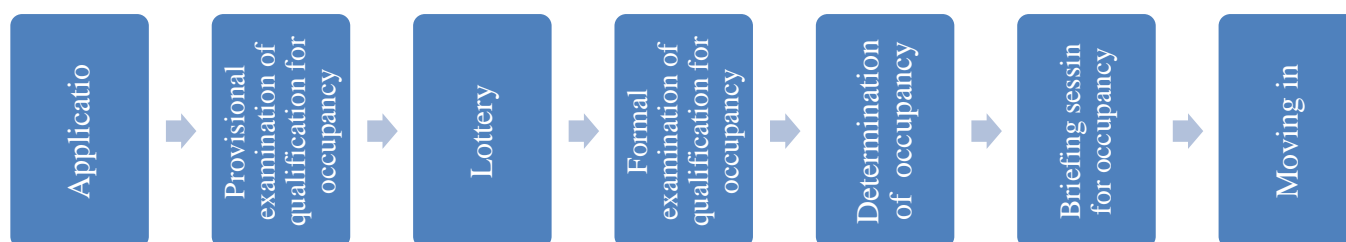
## 1 Public Housing, etc.

### (1) Prefectural Housing

Those who have difficulty finding accommodation and meet certain eligibility requirements in terms of income and other factors may apply for occupancy in prefectural housing regardless of their nationality.

◇◇Outline of system◇◇

#### ■From application to moving in



#### ■Timing of application

In principle, applications are received in February, June and October. For accommodation for which there are a few applications (e.g., some houses in the northern part of Hiroshima City), applications are received in January, March, April, May, July, August, September and November.

#### ■Qualification for occupancy

The applicant must meet all of the following conditions 1) to 6).

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| 1 | The applicant must be at least 20 years old, in principle.  |
| 2 | The applicant must live or be scheduled to live with a relative (hereafter referred to as “relative living together”).<br>* Here, a relative living together refers to a spouse (including a fiancé or fiancée, or a common-law husband or wife (a certificate of residence or health insurance card is required for confirmation.)), or a family member generally in a parent-child relationship with the applicant.<br>* If you are unmarried or have special reasons, please consult the relevant institution. |
| 3 | The monthly household income (income prescribed in the Public House Managing Ordinance and distinct from take-home income) must not exceed 158,000 yen.   |

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| 4 | The applicant must be currently in need of housing and, in principle, must not have his/her own accommodation.  |
| 5 | The applicant and his/her relative living together must not be a member of an organized crime group.  |
| 6 | The applicant and his/her relative living together must not be delinquent in the payment of rent of prefectural housing and its parking lot rent, or must not be asked to pay for any damage caused in the prefectural housing and parking lot. |

There are other public housing occupancy systems for aged households, handicapped households, or other households with special circumstances, for which income requirements are less strict, and for single-person households. For those who wish to move in to prefectural housing, please confirm the details on the website and contact the relevant institution.

◆Hiroshima Prefecture website “Application Guidelines for Prefectural Housing”  
 URL: <http://www.pref.hiroshima.lg.jp/soshiki/108/1182992095227.html>

(2) Municipal Housing

Some municipalities in Hiroshima Prefecture offer rental housing. For details, please contact the municipal government office of your residence.

Contact
Municipal government office


### (3) Hiroshima Prefectural Housing Corporation

#### ① Rental housing

Hiroshima Prefectural Housing Corporation offers public housing for rent in Hiroshima City and Higashihiroshima City. For details of application or other information, please contact the corporation.

##### ■Acceptance of application for vacant houses

If there are vacant houses, application for these houses will be accepted in order of arrival without a lottery at all times. Applications cannot be accepted unless there are vacant houses available. Please confirm with the relevant institution about the situation of vacant houses before you make an application.

#### ② Housing land for sale

Hiroshima Prefectural Housing Corporation offers housing land for sale. For details of application or other information, please contact the corporation.

#### Contact

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- Rental housing: Tel: 082-248-2272
- Housing land for sale: Tel: 082-248-2301

URL: <http://www.jkk-hiroshima.or.jp/>