

HIGASHIHIROSHIMA



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2026 Higashihiroshima Japanese Classes in Sunsquare

- 令和8年度にほんご
- 教室東広島

Japanese classes in Sunsquare for the first half of the 2026 financial year are as follows:
Details of the classes are as follows:

Thursdays, 19:30-21:00 From 16 April to 30 July	Sundays, 10:00-12:00 From 12 April to 26 July	Sundays, 13:30-15:30 From 12 April to 26 July
Nihongo I Nihongo II Nihongo III	Nihongo I Nihongo II Nihongo III	Nihongo IV

Nihongo I: Participants will study starting from hiragana and katakana.

Nihongo II: For those who can read hiragana and katakana. Participants will study conversations related to situations in everyday life.

Nihongo III: Participants will study speaking and writing about various topics. The content level is basic Japanese.

Nihongo IV: Participants will increase their vocabulary from conversations about daily life, and practice talking about themselves. The level is N4 of the JLPT.

Classes take place on the second floor of the Citizens' Culture Center (Sunsquare Higashihiroshima) (28-6 Saijo Nishihonmachi).

The tuition fee for the course is 2000 yen for each class. This includes the fee for textbooks. Each of the classes is limited to 20 students, and membership is decided on a first-come-first-served basis.

Applications have been being accepted since March 29th, so if you wish to apply, don't delay! If you wish to apply, please take your residence card and the tuition fee (2000 yen) to the Communication Corner.

Contact: Communication Corner, 1F Sunsquare (コミュニケーションコーナー), tel.: 082-423-1922
email: corner@hgrow.org

Please Follow Bicycle Traffic Rules

- 自転車の交通ルールを
- 守りましょう

Due to revisions to the Road Traffic Act, a traffic violation notification system for bicycles (commonly known as the 'blue ticket' system) will be introduced and will come into effect on April 1, 2026. This system applies to individuals aged 16 and over.

What is the Traffic Violation Notification System (blue tickets)?

This system applies to relatively minor violations of the Road Traffic Act, such as ignoring traffic signals or failing to stop at designated locations, that can be confirmed on the spot by a police officer. If the offender pays the prescribed fine, no criminal penalty will be imposed.

However, serious violations such as driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while intoxicated, or dangerous driving such as aggressive or obstructive behavior (road rage) will continue to be handled under the 'red ticket' system, which carries criminal penalties.

Main Violations and Fines:

Violation	Fine
Using a mobile phone while holding it	¥12,000
Ignoring traffic signals	¥6,000
Violating lane rules (e.g., riding against traffic)	¥6,000
Failing to stop at designated locations	¥5,000
Violating Public Safety Commission rules (e.g., riding with an umbrella)	¥5,000
Riding side by side / carrying a passenger	¥3,000

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For detailed rules, please refer to the Bicycle Rules Book published by the National Police Agency:

Bicycle Rules Book (Japanese)

Bicycle Rules Book (Summary, Japanese)

Reference: Information on the new bicycle system (National Police Agency website)

Contact: Crisis Management Division, General Affairs Department (Main Building, 3rd Floor) (Somu-bu, Kikikanri-ka, 総務部危機管理課), tel.: 082-420-0400.

School Lunch Fees

• 学校給食費

To reduce the financial burden on parents for school lunch fees at municipal elementary and junior high schools, subsidies will be utilized, and the school lunch fees will be revised as follows starting from the 2026-27 financial year.

In addition, the payment deadline for school lunch fees will be changed.

For details, please refer to notices from your school or the city's website.

	Portion paid by parents		Cost per meal for the 2026-27 financial year	Payment deadline
	Until March	From April		
Elementary school	245 yen	No charge	330 yen (※1)	—
Junior high school	280 yen	280 yen	380 yen (※2)	1st period Tuesday June 30

※1: Utilizing the school lunch fee burden reduction grant, the amount has been reduced by 330 yen.

※2: Utilizing the emergency regional revitalization grant for addressing rising prices, the amount has been reduced by 100 yen.

Contact: School Affairs Division (Gakuji-ka, 学事課), tel.: 082-420-0975.

Schedule for payment of municipal taxes, 2026-27 financial year- please pay your taxes before the deadline

- 市税の納期限内納付に
- ご協力ください

The schedule for payment of municipal taxes for the 2026-27 financial year is as follows. Please be sure to pay municipal taxes by the deadlines!

	Municipal and Prefectural Tax/ Forest Environment Tax	Fixed Asset Tax and City Planning Tax	Light Vehicle and Motorcycle Tax	National Health Insurance Premium
Thu Apr 30, 2026		1st/full payment		
Mon Jun 1			Full payment	
Tue Jun 30	1st/full payment			
Fri Jul 31		2nd payment		1st/full payment
Mon Aug 31	2nd payment			2nd payment
Wed Sep 30				3rd payment
Mon Nov 2	3rd payment			4th payment
Mon Nov 30				5th payment
Fri Dec 25		3rd payment		6th payment
Mon Feb 1, 2027	4th payment			7th payment
Mon Mar 1		4th payment		8th payment

If you pay municipal taxes by bank account transfer, the payments will be transferred from your account on the dates shown above.

If you pay municipal taxes by a payment slip, please be careful not to mix up the slips for advance full payments and the slips for individual payments.

Contact: Tax Collection Division (Shuno-ka, 収納課), tel.: 082-420-0912.

Higashiroshima Sake Brewery Opening

東広島蔵開き

Ten sake breweries in the city will be open on Saturdays during the period, selling limited edition sake and offering tours of the breweries. There will also be guided tours of Saijo Sakagura-Dori and events for parents and children planned by students (advance reservations are required for some events).

The sake breweries will be open as follows:

Saturday, April 11: ① Kirei Sake Brewery ② Sanyotsuru Sake Brewery ③ Hakubotan Sake Brewery

Saturday, April 18: ④ Kamoizumi Sake Brewery ⑤ Kamotsuru Sake Brewery ⑥ Fukubijin Sake Brewery

Saturday, April 25: ⑦ Saijotsuru Brewery ⑧ Imada Sake Brewery ⑨ Tsuka Sake Brewery ⑩ Kanemitsu Sake Brewery

For more details, please see the following webpage (in Japanese):

<https://e-sake.jp/event/higashiroshima-kurabiraki/>



Please try to avoid busy times when coming to the counters of the Citizens' Affairs Division

市民課窓口の混雑緩和にご協力ください

From March to April, the counters are extremely crowded due to people completing moving in and moving out procedures. During busy periods, you may have to wait more than two hours for your paperwork to be processed.

Between Monday March 30 and Friday April 3, depending on congestion at the counters, reception hours for resident registration changes may be shortened until 3:00 p.m.

Sunday opening hours: 9:00 to 12:00.

Thursday extended hours (not April 9): open until 19:00.

On Thursday, April 2, resident registration change procedures will not be handled during extended hours.

Calendar of busy periods at the Citizens' Affairs Division

April						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 ●	2 ●	3 ●	4 Closed
5 Closed	6 ●	7 ◎	8 ○	9 ○	10 ◎	11 Closed
12 ○ Open	13	14	15	16	17	18 Closed

Key: ○ A little busy
◎ Busy
● Very busy

On Thursdays (April 9), opening hours are until 19:00.

On Sunday opening days, opening hours are from 9:00 to 12:00.

Contact: Citizens' Affairs Division (Shimin-ka, 市民課), tel.: 082-420-0925.

Deadline for payment of taxes: Thursday April 30

- 次回の納期限は
- 4月30日(木)

Please pay Fixed Asset Tax and City Planning Tax (the first payment) by Thursday April 30.

A notice of non-payment (Tokusokujo, 督促状) will be sent to residents who have not paid their tax by the deadline. If you receive a Tokusokujo, please pay the tax immediately, using the payment slip enclosed.

※ Note: it takes about ten days for the Tax Collection Division to confirm payment of tax, and therefore you may receive a Tokusokujo even after you have completed payment. In this case, please ignore the letter.

Contact: Tax Collection Division (Shuno-ka, 収納課), tel.: 082-420-0912.

Consultation services for non-Japanese residents

- 外国人相談窓口

• **Consultation services for non-Japanese residents** are available at the Communication Corner, in Sunsquare Higashihiroshima. English-speaking staff are available at the following times: Mondays-Saturdays, 9:00 to 17:00.

Communication Corner website (English): <https://www.hhface.org/wp/corner/home-2/>

You can also access the Communication Corner website by using the upper QR code on the right.

• **40-minute free legal consultations** are available on **Saturday April 11th**, at 13:00, 14:00 and 15:00. Communication Corner English interpreting is available. **Please make an appointment at least one week in advance.**

Contact: Communication Corner (コミュニケーションコーナー), tel.: 082-423-1922.

• **Communication Corner Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/hhface.communicationcorner>

You can also access the Communication Corner Facebook page by using the lower QR code on the right.



Communication Corner website (English)



Facebook page

Night-time and holiday hospitals

- 夜間休日当番医

• **Night-time and holiday duty hospitals:** Full information about night-time and holiday duty hospitals within Higashihiroshima City is published in the Japanese-language version of the monthly city newsletter 'Higashihiroshima' (the page inside the back cover; only in Japanese), and on the Higashihiroshima City website (in Japanese and English). The information is subject to change at short notice, so before going to a medical facility, please be sure to call to confirm details.

Recently, there are more and more patients using emergency medical facilities at night and on holidays even though their situation is not serious. In some cases, these patients have prevented or delayed the treatment of patients with truly serious illnesses, and additionally, such cases are one of the reasons for doctors becoming overworked. Emergency medical facilities open at night and on holidays are for patients with serious, emergency conditions. Please try to visit the medical facility you use normally, during opening hours on weekdays.

• **Emergency medical treatment for children:** Please call the advice line on #8000 (if you cannot get through on this number, please call 082-505-1399). The service is available every day between 19:00 and 8:00 the following morning. You can obtain information about whether or not you should take your child to a medical facility outside of normal opening hours (at nights, on weekends or holidays, etc.).

• **If you have a medical problem at night or on weekends, and you are unsure about whether or not you should go to a medical facility:** Please call the Hiroshima area emergency consultation center on #7119. The service is free, and is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The staff will be able to give you advice on whether to rest at home and see how symptoms develop, or whether you should go to a medical facility. If necessary, they can give you information about which facility to go to, or they can connect you directly to the 119 emergency service. In an emergency, do not hesitate to phone 119.

<https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/en/7/33907.html>

The Medical Information Net

The 'Medical Information Net' is a website that compiles information on medical institutions and pharmacies throughout Japan. You can also search for information on medical institutions that can provide support in foreign languages.

<https://www.iryuu.teikyouseido.mhlw.go.jp/znk-web/juminkanja/S2310/initialize?pref=34>

**Citizens' Affairs Division: Out-of-hours opening**

- 市民課窓口:木曜延長・日曜開庁

The counters of the Citizens' Affairs Division are open until 19:00 on the first and third Thursdays of the month (except national holidays and the new year/year-end period). The dates for April are April 2 and April 16.

In addition, there is Sunday opening on April 12 and April 26, from 9:00 to 12:00. Wherever possible, please take someone with you who speaks Japanese. **Please note that divisions other than the Citizens' Affairs Division are not open at these times.** For details of what matters can be dealt with during these extended opening hours, and what you need to bring with you, please access the QR Code to the right to check the city website.

If you have a My Number Card, you can use it to obtain Certificates of Residence, etc., at convenience stores.

Please be aware that formalities relating to My Number Cards cannot be dealt with.

Contact: Citizens' Affairs Division (Shimin-ka, 市民課), tel.: 082-420-0925.

<https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/en/3/35917.html>

**Population and households as of the end of February, 2026:**

Population of Higashihiroshima City: 190,983 (224 fewer than January)
Population of foreign residents: 10,009 (113 fewer than January)

Households: 93,288 (189 fewer than January)
Foreign households: 7,838 (130 fewer than January)