



Saxoncourt



Recruiting quality teachers for Japan

Country background

Japan is one of the most popular destinations for newly qualified teachers, and the English as a Foreign Language (EFL) industry is very well established there. Shane English Schools have been in operation in Japan since 1977, and are a well-respected, popular choice of schools for teachers who would like to teach in Japan.

Things to do

There is a lot to do in Japan and a wide range of activities available to everyone. You could be visiting ancient temples, going surfing, soaking in an outdoor hot spring, or riding on the world's largest roller coaster; the choice is yours.

Japan is a very appealing place. It is a wonderland of food, landscapes, arts and traditions, all making it a great place to live and work.

Teaching

Students can vary in ages and levels, with the youngest students being just two years old. In any working day you could be teaching a range of age groups, including group (consisting of up to eight students) and one-on-one classes.

It is important to have good organisational skills as well as enthusiasm, energy, flexibility and a friendly approach.

The schools

There are approximately two hundred Shane Schools in the Kanto region of Japan. This includes Tokyo, although the majority of the schools are on the outskirts and in suburbs with some being two hours by train from the centre of Tokyo.

This vast region is split into districts, each with its own head office and management team. Teachers live and work in one of these districts.

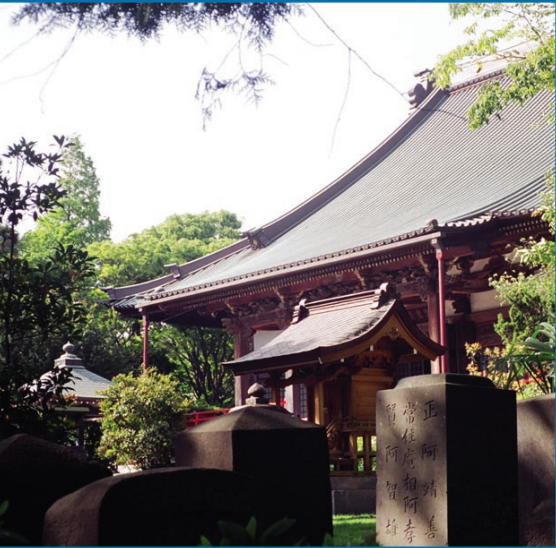
Typically a school will have several classrooms and a reception area. Between one and five teachers work on any given day depending on the size of the school. The schools are equipped with good resources, such as texts, audiovisual equipment and whiteboards.

“ Finding employment through Saxoncourt was very easy and stress free. They helped us from the very beginning to achieve our dream of working abroad.

Not only did they train us for the job but they also helped us organise our visas and everything else we needed so that we would be ready to start work once we got to Japan.”

- Sophie and Mark, teachers in Japan





Frequently asked questions

Is it possible to save money?

Yes. The first several months can be tight if you take the minimum recommended amount with you, but saving £2000 - £3000 a year is feasible. Japan is no longer the expensive country it used to be.

Do you recruit GAP year students?

Japan immigration will not issue a work visa unless the applicant has an original degree certificate, so teaching in Japan is something to aim for after graduation.

I've got a degree, what other qualifications do I need to be able to teach in Japan?

You need a TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) training certificate. The training should involve observed teaching practice with non-native students. The CELTA or Trinity cert. TESOL are the qualifications we look for.

When do you recruit teachers for jobs in Japan?

We recruit all year round, with teachers arriving at the end of most months. Some recruitment periods are busier than others, such as January, March and August.

Can we apply as a couple?

Yes. If you are both suitable teachers Shane English School Japan (SESJ) will do everything it can to provide you with a couples' apartment and to ensure that you are working in the same district and have at least one day off together a week.

Can I apply by sending a CV?

Yes, but you will also be required to register your application on our website (www.saxoncourt.com) where you can upload your CV and other required documents.

How long are the teaching contracts?

Contracts are for a one year period, and are renewable.

Can I transfer to other Shane Schools?

Teachers have the opportunity to transfer to other Shane Schools in Asia, such as China, Taiwan and Vietnam and they would expect to receive a higher salary than new teachers. E.g. If a teacher has taught two years in Japan, they would earn the salary of a third year teacher if they transferred to Taiwan.

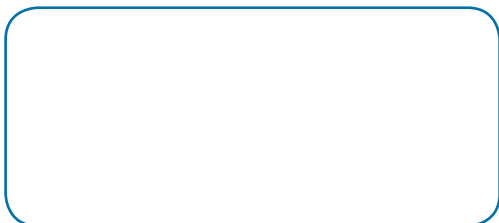
“ Surprising, challenging and astonishing, teaching in Japan has given me a new outlook on life. There is so much positivity and culture that surrounds me each and every day.

Giving yourself only one year is definitely not enough to satisfy this wonderland that we call Japan. You will soak up every second, and will yearn for more! ”

- Tomoko, teacher in Japan

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