

Start of the Social Security and Tax Number System

The Social Security and Tax Number system (SSTN, also referred to as the "My Number" system) was designed to support people residing in Japan. Every person who has a Resident Registration card will be issued a number.

Each resident of Japan will be issued a SSTN (personal number) starting in October 2015.

All holders of Resident Registration cards will be given a 12-digit number. Numbers will also be assigned to medium-term visitors and special permanent foreign residents.

The city government will send a notification by postcard via registered mail to the address you registered with your city or ward office. So, make sure that the address shown on your Resident Registration card is correct.



You will need your SSTN as long as you live in Japan. Please keep it in a safe place.

This number cannot be changed unless it is stolen and used for illegal activities.

You will need this number starting January 2016.

Everyone will be required to use or provide their SSTN at various times. For example, it will be used when filing for health insurance, employment insurance etc. in the social security system, and for income tax returns. You will also need it for social security and tax procedures when working or doing part-time jobs. **Tohoku University will also begin asking instructors, TAs, and RAs for their SSTNs.**



*After notification of your number arrives in the mail, you can apply for a "Personal Number Card" at your city/ward office starting January 2016.

The SSTN will be required to apply for Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) scholarships.

JASSO loans will also begin requiring the number from April 2017. Please be sure to keep your SSTN postcard.

For more details on the Social Security and Tax Number system, see the below website.

Cabinet Secretariat

<http://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/bangoseido/>

On the above Japanese website you can find links to other languages, such as English.

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports,
Science and Technology (Japanese)

http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/kaikei/zeisei/1362172.htm

*There have been reports of suspicious phone calls, e-mails, letters, and visitors, making unauthorized solicitations and requests for personal information in connection with the Social Security and Tax Number system. Please be cautious of such activities.

Social Security and Tax Number Seminar (Japanese Only)

●**Date:** November 13 (Fri.) 13:30-15:30

●**Place:** Kawauchi Kita Campus Multimedia Education and Research Complex 2F M206

●**Capacity:** 250 (room will be closed if capacity is reached)

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Representatives from the Office for Social Security Reform of the Cabinet Secretariat will provide an explanation of the system. Please take this opportunity to learn more about the system.