

Welcome to Japan!

Misawa Air Base, Japan

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Military & Family Readiness Center

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<https://35fss.com/mfrc/>

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Welcome

Welcome to "The Land of the Rising Sun," where U.S. Forces and Japan Air Self Defense Force, along with the Misawa Community, join together in a cooperative spirit to create one of the Pacific's finest military communities. Our unique location and war-fighting mission makes Misawa an exciting place to work and play.

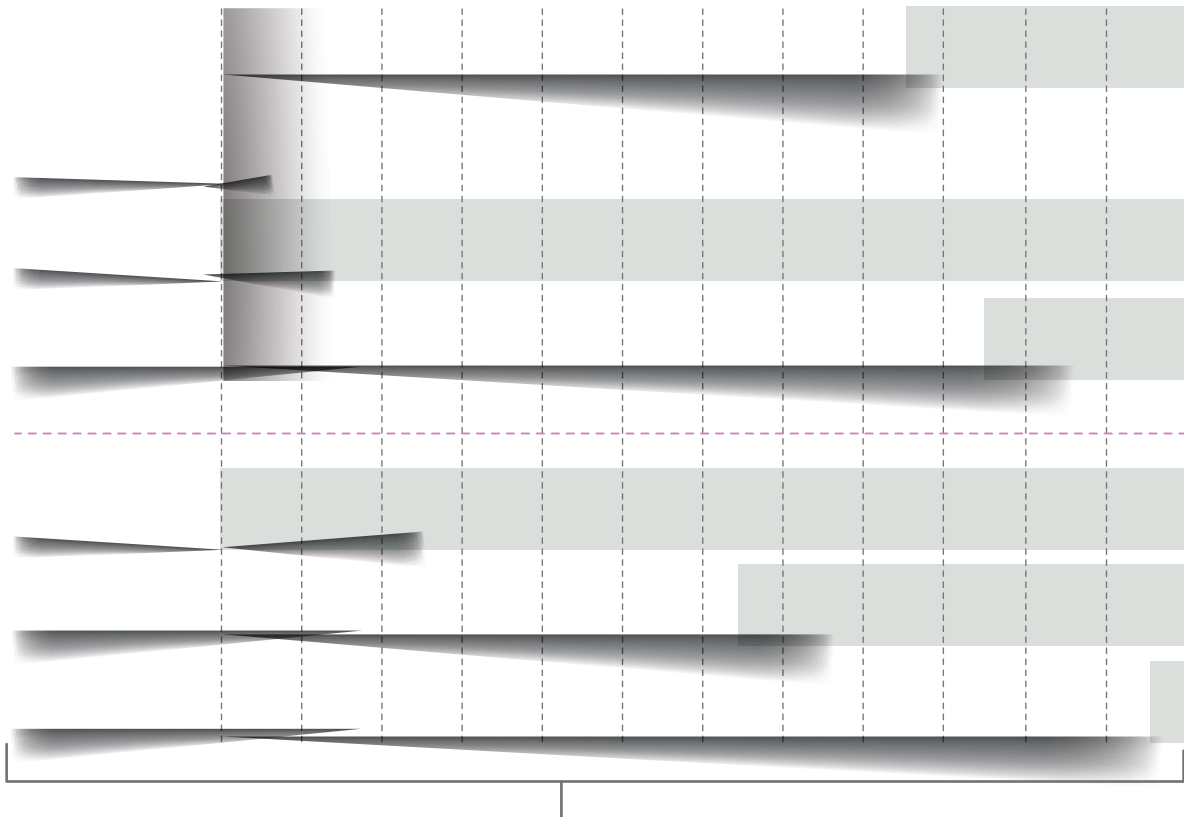
Misawa Air Base is located in Misawa City on the shores of Lake Ogawara in the Aomori Prefecture. Misawa is approximately 400 miles north of Tokyo, on the northeastern part of the main island of Honshu. Unlike the Tokyo area, this region of Japan is rural and known for its slower pace of life. Misawa is uniquely located close to the Pacific Ocean, mountains and several Japanese national landmarks.

Mission

The 35th Fighter Wing is the host unit at Misawa Air Base and is the only combined joint service installation in the Western Pacific. The wing's mission is to "Protect U.S. interests in the Pacific and defend Japan; deter adversaries through our presence, readiness and ability to project combat air power." The 35th Fighter Wing is the "Point on the tip of the spear."

Population Served

The Misawa Air Base community is made up of Air Force, **Space Force**, Navy and Army Active Duty members and their families. We also have a large community of Japanese personnel working with the Japanese Air Self Defense Force (JASDF) operating at Misawa Air Base.





The **35th Fighter Wing** was originally activated at Johnson Air Base, Japan on Aug. 18, 1948. Today the wing carries the bestowed honors of the Army Air Force's 35th Fighter Group, established on Dec. 22, 1939.

Throughout the various reorganizations, designations, inactivations and activations, many installations throughout the world became home to the 35th Fighter Wing and its changing mission. Originally the 35th flew air defense over Japan, but in 1950 the wing deployed a tactical group and two squadrons to support ground forces during the Korean War.

From 1971 to 1992 the 35th called George Air Force Base, California home. During **Operation Desert Storm**, the 35th operated out of Bahrain and played a key role in the war's successful air campaign, flying 3,072 combat missions totaling more than 10,000 hours. From May 1993–Sept. 1995, the 35th operated out of a Naval Air Station in Keflavik, Iceland.

After a 37-year absence, the 35th returned to its roots on Oct. 1, 1994 when it replaced and assumed the mission of the 423rd Fighter Wing at Misawa Air Base. Since achieving initial operating capability with F-16CJ aircrafts in 1996, the wing's fighter squadron deployed nine times to southwest Asia for **Operation Southern Watch** and three times for **Operation Northern Watch**. In March 2003, the 14th Fighter Squadron supported **Operation Iraqi Freedom** while deployed to Southwest Asia, flying 238 combat sorties for 1,336 hours including mission over Baghdad during "Shock and Awe," the opening night of the war.

Throughout the 35th Fighter Group and 35th Fighter Wing's sixty-six year history, they have flown 25 different aircrafts.

Its major unit awards and citations include a Distinguished Unit Citation, Presidential Unit Citations, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, six Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" device, eight Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards and three Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm.



Mission Partners

Naval Air Facility

Navy squadrons supporting the 7th Fleet, which provide physical security for transient Naval aircraft, the POL pipeline and supports other Navy tenants at Misawa Air Base.

(011)-81-176-77-3755
(315)-226-3755

Task Force 72 (CTF-72)

Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Detachment

Provides improved command, control and administration of U.S. Navy patrol and reconnaissance assets in 7th Fleet AOR and provides maintenance and logistical support to the P-3/P-8 aircraft.

(011)-81-176-77-3290
(315)-226-3290

Misawa Security Operations Center (MSOC)

Provides intelligence to military commanders and national policymakers.

(011)-81-176-77-3074
(315)-226-3074
(011)-81-176-77-5263

Joint Tactical Ground Station

Provides warning, alerting and cueing information on tactical ballistic missiles.

Japan Air Self Defense Forces

JASDF carries out combat air patrols around Japan while maintaining an extensive network of ground and air early warning radar systems.

(011)-81-176-77-4121
(315)-226-3634

Major Units

35th Fighter Wing (35 FW)

Command: PACAF

(011)-81-176-77-3075
(315)-226-3501

Naval Information Operation Command
(NIOC): USN

(011)-81-176-77-4638
(315)-226-4638

35th Operations Group (35 OG)

Command: PACAF

(011)-81-176-77-4317
(315)-226-4317

35th Mission Support Group (35 MSG)

Command: PACAF

(011)-81-176-77-2934
(315)-226-2934

35th Medical Group (35 MDG)

Command: PACAF

(011)-81-176-77-6270
(315)-226-3506

35th Maintenance Group (35 MXG)

Command: PACAF

(011)-81-176-77-3505
(315)-226-3505

Frequently Used Resources

Relocating is an exciting and challenging experience.
The following websites are some of the most helpful resources
available to help your move go smoothly.

- **Misawa Air Base:** <http://www.misawa.af.mil/>
- **35th Force Support Squadron:** <https://35fss.com>
- **Overseas COLA Calculator:**
<https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/colaCalc.cfm>
- **U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) Pacific:** <http://www.dodea.edu/pacific>
- **The Federal Government Official Jobs Site:**
Employment: www.usajobs.gov
- **Military OneSource:** www.militaryonesource.mil
- **Military Installations:**
<https://installations.militaryonesource.mil/>
- **TRICARE:** <http://www.tricare.mil>
- **Air Force Housing:** www.housing.af.mil
- **United States Transportation Command**
- **Misawa City Page:**
<http://www.city.misawa.lg.jp/index.cfm>
- **Japanese News:** <http://www.japantoday.com>
- **Defense Travel Management Office:**
Per Diem Rates Query:
<https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm>

Useful Phone Numbers

Agency	Phone	Hours of Operation
Military & Family Readiness Center	(315)-226-4735	Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Base Hospital Appointment Line	(315)-226-6111	Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Child Development Center	(315)-226-4666	Monday–Friday, 6 a.m.–6 p.m.
Command Post	(315)-226-9899	24-Hour Service
Family Housing Office	(315)-226-3200	Monday–Thursday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.–Noon
Finance	(315)-226-9241	Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Legal	(315)-226-4022	Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Misawa Lodging (Reservations)	(315)-222-0282	24-Hour Service
Misawa Base Operator	(315)-226-1110	24-Hour Service
Military Personnel Sections (MPS)	(315)-226-4002	Walk-In Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Appointments: Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Pass & Registration	(315)-226-3995	Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Public Affairs (PA)	(315)-226-3075	Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Traffic Management Office (TMO)	(315)-226-3525	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.–2 p.m.
Veterinary Services	(315)-226-4502	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Thursday, 8 a.m.–Noon
Force Management	(315)-226-4780	Walk-In Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Customer Support	(315)-226-4002	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Wednesday, 8 a.m.–3 p.m.
Passport Office	(315)-226-2411	Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
DEERS	(315)-226-4002	Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–11 a.m. & 1–3 p.m. Walk-In Hours: 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Career Development	(315)-226-4484	Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Before Arriving at Misawa

Calling Misawa–Japan Standard Time

South Korea–Japan Standard Time (JST)
Hawaii–19 hours behind (JST)
Pacific Standard Time (PST)–16 hours behind (JST)
Mountain Standard Time (MST)–15 hours behind (JST)
Central Standard Time (CST)–14 hours behind (JST)
Eastern Standard Time (EST)–13 hours behind (JST)
London, England–8 hours behind (JST)
Europe–7 hours behind (JST)

**hours may vary dependent on Daylight Savings Time*

To search for a city or time zone, visit:
www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/

Dialing Instructions to a Misawa DSN:

- From the U.S. DSN, dial the Pacific Air Force (PACAF) DSN prefix, 315 and 226-xxxx
- Within PACAF, dial 226-xxxx

Dialing Instructions from a U.S. commercial number to a Misawa DSN:

- To call the Misawa Base Operator, dial: (011)-81-176-77-1110
- For a 226-xxxx line, dial: (011)-81-176-77-xxxx
- For the 222-xxxx line (example: Misawa Lodging), dial: 011-81-176-66-xxxx

Requesting a Sponsor

You SHOULD have a sponsor from your unit! Your sponsor will get in touch with you via telephone, email or mail shortly after you receive your orders. If you do not hear from your sponsor and you need assistance in establishing contact, go through your local Airman & Family Readiness Center for assistance. Be sure to indicate your gaining unit and your current phone number, email and mailing address in the request. Your sponsor will be your primary contact and provide you with answers to your questions and concerns. You can locate the official Misawa Air Base Installation guide at the Military One Source website:

<https://installations.militaryonesource.mil/military-installation/misawa-ab>

Air Force and Space Force

When the base is notified of an inbound member, the 35th Force Support Squadron, Military Personnel Section (MPS) will send an Assignment Notification RIP to the gaining unit commander support staff. A sponsor will be assigned and the completed Assignment Notification RIP with the unit commander endorsement will be returned to MPS. The assigned sponsor will then make contact with the inbound member. If you have not been contacted by your sponsor, email the M&FRC Relocation Manager at 35fss.fsc@us.af.mil to request assistance.

Military & Family Readiness Center

DSN: (315)- 226-4735

Japanese Cell: 0716-77-4735

U.S. Cell: (011)-81-0176-77-4735

Your sponsor or a unit/squadron representative is required to meet you upon your arrival at the Misawa Airport or the PAX Terminal. Make sure to confirm arrival plans before departing and inform ***your sponsor about any changes***. In situations where your sponsor is not there to meet you, use the pay phone and contact the base Command Post at (0176)-77-9899.

Navy

Gaining command should automatically assign a sponsor to all prospective gains as soon as they receive orders or notification for the gaining sailor. If, however, your sponsor has not contacted you, please email nafcsc@fe.navy.mil to request a sponsor.

Arranging Lodging

Misawa Air Force Inn

Cell: (011) 81-176-66-1290

DSN: (315) 222-0282

Email: misawa.reservations@us.af.mil

Website: <https://35fss.com/misawa-inn/>

Navy Gateway Inn

Cell: (011) 81-176-77-3131

DSN: (315) 226-3131

Website:

<http://ngis.dodlodging.net/property/Misawa-NAF>

Phone Numbers for Navy Operations

Operations	Phone Number
NAF Misawa	(315) 226-3755
CTF 72	(315) 226-3290
Navy Munitions Command, East Asia Division	(315) 226-9399
AIMD	(315) 226-4903 / (315) 226-3392 / (080) 6845-2431
NOAD	(080) 5691-4241 / (315) 226-3289
NCTS FE	(315) 226-4156 / (315) 226-5370
Fleet Logistics Center (FLCY)	(315) 226-3208 / (315) 226-3003
CSD Misawa	(080) 1654-0348 / (315) 226-4690
VP Squadron	(315) 226-3642
VAQ Squadron	(315) 226-4102

Shipping Household Goods (HHG)

Government and local economy housing are generally smaller compared to those in the United States. It is advised to leave larger furniture or excess household goods in stateside non-temporary storage.

Storage rental facilities are not common in the local area. Do not count on storing items that do not fit in your on-base or off-base house. Please make accommodations based on your housing entitlement.

For more information, please refer to:

Be sure to check with your Travel Management Office (TMO) to ensure your full weight entitlement has been allotted to you prior to moving to Misawa.

Contact the Misawa TMO at DSN: (315) 226-3525 or (011) 81-176-77-3525 for more information.



Shipping a Vehicle/ Motorcycle

While you may want to ship a POV or motorcycle to Japan, there are a lot of requirements you must meet. Please contact the transportation office for the most up-to-date policies and requirements to ship your motor vehicle.

Misawa Transportation Office
35 LRS/LGRDF
Unit #5014 Box 29
APO, AP
96319-5014
DSN: (315)-226-3525

Email: 35LRS.LGRDF.PERSONALPROPERTY@us.af.mil



Forwarding or Sending Mail

Email a copy of your orders to your sponsor and your sponsor can request a mail box for you prior to your arrival. You can then forward your mail using the following address:

First Name Last Name
PSC 76 Box XXXX
APO, AP 96319

After you arrive, please stop by the Misawa Post Office to get the combination to your mail box.

The Misawa Post Office can be contacted at DSN: (315) 226-3492 or by cell at (011) 81-176-77-3492.

For more information, visit the following websites:

<https://35fss.com/post-office/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MisawaPostOffice/>

Keeping Medical (TRICARE) Coverage

You should be covered by your previous TRICARE region until you inprocess with the Misawa Air Base TRICARE Office. For non-urgent care at non-military clinics during your PCS, you will need pre-authorization from your losing TRICARE Regional Office. ***Make sure you have the contact information from your losing TRICARE Regional Office during your PCS.*** For urgent care, you can be treated at **ANY** emergency room and be covered by your losing TRICARE region.

For more information, check the TRICARE

Traveling to Misawa

Traveling from Seattle to the Misawa Air Mobility Command (AMC) Terminal

The recommended use of travel to and from Misawa Air Base, Japan is the AMC Patriot Express. The Patriot Express (sometimes referred to as the Rotator) is a chartered commercial flight, which departs from the Seattle-Tacoma International (SEATAC) Airport and arrives directly at Misawa Air Base once a week. Travelers with pets are highly encouraged to use this method to travel.

All passengers are required to be travel ready at the start of roll call/show time. To be considered travel ready, passengers must have all required documents, checked baggage and all accompanying family members.

For more information, please contact the SEATAC AMC Passenger Terminal at (253) 982-3504 or by DSN at (312) 382-3504. You can also reach them through their Facebook

To contact the Misawa AMC Passenger Terminal, call DSN (315) 226-2370 or for a recorded message of information call DSN (315) 226-2852. Visit their Facebook page for current updates and travel information at: <https://www.facebook.com/MisawaPassengerTerminal>.

Commercial Travel Through Tokyo

Tokyo has two international airports, Narita and Haneda. All commercial flights from the U.S. will land at one of these airports. However, the only flights from Tokyo to Misawa are from Haneda. If you are arriving at Narita, please be mindful of the flight timetables to make the connection flight from Haneda to Misawa, as those flights are limited.

Note: Japan has a very efficient luggage and ski and snowboard delivery system called Takkyubin (Black Cat Couriers). The service is available to and from the airport, as well as most hotels, to make traveling a lot easier. You won't need to carry your heavy bags up and down platforms or stairs. Black Cat Couriers can deliver your heavy or oversize bags directly to Misawa Air Base.

Here's the address to ship your bags to the Misawa Inn:

Zip Code: 033-0012

Aomori-ken, Misawa-Shi, Hirahata -1-chrome

Misawa Air Base

Misawa Air Base Inn, Building # 670

The Misawa Inn will not take accountability or sign for your bags. You must make arrangements with your sponsor if you choose to use this method.

Traveling to Misawa

Overnight Accommodation in Tokyo

Ensure that you have enough time to clear Customs & Immigrations at the airport, collect your bags and then make the connections from Narita to Haneda by bus (depending on traffic). If you arrive at Narita after 2 p.m., you may need to reserve an overnight accommodation near Narita. Check with the information counter in the hotel for shuttle service. For cost efficiency, you may want to consider staying in a hotel close to Narita and then transfer to Haneda in the morning. Be sure to check what time you will need to catch the bus to Haneda, so you make it to Misawa on time.

Traveling with Pets

If traveling on a commercial flight, all incoming animals must clear the Japanese Animal Quarantine service at Narita International Airport.

U.S. flagged commercial airlines and Japan Air Line (JAL) will not accept pets when the temperature is above 85 degrees from May 15–Sept. 15 each year. **For certain breeds, the "temperature acceptance restriction" is 70 degrees!** Please confirm the current temperature acceptance restrictions policy when you book your flight. Booking an early morning or late evening flight could help avoid delays due to the temperature acceptance restrictions.

Japanese Animal Quarantine Office

011-0476-32-6664

<http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/index.html>

AMC Passenger Terminal:

Passenger Terminal: 226-2370/2371

Recorded Flight Information: 226-2852

Operating Hours: Mon.–Fri | 6 a.m.–6 p.m.

<https://www.misawa.af.mil/About-Us/Misawa-Passenger-Terminal/>

Useful information and links can be accessed at:

All questions and inquiries can be directed to the Misawa Air Base Veterinary Treatment Facilities.

Email: Misawa.vet.clinic@us.af.mil



After Arriving at Misawa Air Base

Reporting Procedures

Personnel traveling to Misawa commercially will arrive at the Misawa City Airport. Personnel traveling to Misawa through government travel will arrive at the AMC passenger terminal on Misawa Air Base. Your sponsor should meet you at the airport or AMC terminal if you relayed your travel plans. Air Force members will go and check in at the Misawa Inn and Navy sailors will go and check in at the Navy Gateway Inn. Unaccompanied Air Force E-4 and below or Navy E-6 and below may be directly assigned to a dormitory after arrival at the Misawa Inn or Navy Gateway Inn, depending on availability in the dorms.

Air Force Inprocessing: Your sponsor will take you to your unit for inprocessing either the day-of or the next duty day following your arrival. Your gaining unit commander's support staff will register you in the Misawa SharePoint for Misawa Air Base Newcomers Orientation. This action begins your in-processing and schedules you for the **MANDATORY** Right Start Briefing that is held every Wednesday.

Another Day Wasted:
Every Monday at 9 a.m. | Building 220
Must attend before the second week of arrival.

Driver's License Training (USFJ Form 4EJ):
Online - Take Certificate to Pass & Registration, Bldg 663
Must bring stateside driver's license.

Finance Inprocessing:
Every Tuesday at 1 p.m. | Building 656, Room 1130 Bring two copies of orders, plus all receipts. This must be completed within the first five duty days of your arrival.

Right Start:
Every Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. | M&FRC, Bldg 656
Military personnel must report in uniform for AFI required briefings, inprocessing and completion of paperwork from medical, TRICARE and the A&FRC. Then participate in an Info Fair with local agencies from the base. Family members are encouraged to attend.
Items to Bring: *Please bring all inprocessing documents from your losing base or your last assignment to the Right Start Briefing. This includes **multiple copies** of PCS orders & amendments, post office box number, and local contact information (duty phone number or cell number).*

Cultural City Tour:
Every Friday | Meet Behind the library
NLT 8:10 a.m. to receive safety instructions
Enjoy a tour of Misawa and Hachinohe. The tour is sponsored by the A&FRC. You will be signed up for the tour during the Right Start Briefing.

Officer First Duty Station: If Misawa is your first duty station you must attend the mandatory financial briefing that is held once a quarter at the M&FRC in the Torii Building. 656.

Airman First Duty Station: If Misawa is your first duty station, you are required to attend the First Term Airman orientation at the First Term **Enlisted** Center (FTEC). This orientation must be attended within 30 days of your arrival. You will be signed up for FTEC by your unit. Please contact the Professional Development Center (PDC) office at DSN: (315) 226-7829, if you have any questions.

Navy Inprocessing and Base Indoctrination: You must inprocess within 24 hours of arrival to Misawa Air Base. Check-in is by appointment only at the Personnel Support Detachment (PSD), building 980. You or your sponsor can schedule the appointment to check in.

Telephone:
DSN: (315) 226-4610 | 4611/4680
Commercial: (011) 81-176-77-4610 | 4610/4680

Hours: Monday-Tuesday | 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday | 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Please bring the following items with you to your check-in appointment: original orders, overseas screening, mailbox number and all travel receipts. All Active Duty Navy personnel are **required** to attend a five-day orientation course to include Base Indoctrination and Overseas Duty Support Program (Japan Indoctrination) and driving safely in Japan. Dependents are welcome to attend Base Indoctrination and Overseas Duty Support Program. The last day of indoctrination is the Cultural City Tour. All Active Duty members will be scheduled upon arrival. The point of contact for the U.S. Naval Air Facility, Misawa Administration Office is DSN: (315) 226-3811.

After Arriving at Misawa Air Base

Driver's License

Important Notes: If your stateside license is revoked or suspended from a previous base, then your license will have the same status here.

All personnel must be at least 16 years old to operate vehicles on base and at least 18 years old to operate vehicles off base.

Required: U.S. Forces Japan (USFJ) personnel must have a valid stateside driver's license and possess a valid local USFJ Form 4EJ Operator's Permit to operate a privately owned vehicle.

In order to obtain a USFJ Form 4EJ, personnel must take the online course and take the certificate to Bldg 656, Pass & Registration to obtain the physical license

Personnel who DO NOT have a stateside driver's license will be given a Student Permit that is good for 90 days (good for on base only). After issue of their permit, they can attend an AAA driver's course through the Community Commons. Upon successful completion of the road test, the driver needs to bring their Student Permit and Certificate of Completion to the Pass and Registration Office to get issued a full license (on base only for individuals under the age of 18).

Pass & Registration Office
Phone: DSN: (315) 226-3995.



After Arriving at Misawa Air Base Finding a House

Note: *Mandatory assignment to on-base family housing began on Sept. 1, 2009 for all accompanied Active Duty members!*

Required: You must report to the Housing Office within 24-hours of your arrival!

All new personnel arriving in Misawa require a briefing at the Housing Office or the Consolidated Dorm Management Office, as part of inprocessing to discuss entitlements, eligibility and to receive their assignment to a residence or dorm (if applicable). Rank and family size will determine your eligibility and waiting time. For additional information on the Misawa Air Base Housing Office, visit their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/MisawaHousingOffice/>.

Unaccompanied Air Force E-4 & Below are currently required to live on base in the dormitory.

Contact the Air Force Dormitory Manager at **DSN: 315-226-4000** to reserve a dormitory room. Your assigned sponsor should assist you with getting your dormitory room.

Unaccompanied Navy E-4 and below are currently required to live in Unaccompanied Housing (UH).

The Navy Unaccompanied Housing can be reached at **DSN: 315-226-9376 (8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday JST)**. Your assigned sponsor should assist you with getting a UH room.

There are outdoor gazebos and barbecue pits available for residents to use. The dorms are within walking distance to the Misawa Air Base Post Office, Shoppette, Burger King, Popeyes, Dining Facility, Café Mokuteki and the Potter Fitness Center. Farther down the road is the Community Bank, Navy Federal Credit Union, Commissary, Base Exchange and the Misawa Air Base front gate (Friendship Gate, which allows immediate access to shopping, restaurants and more in Misawa City).

All rooms are fully furnished with a refrigerator, microwave, a desk and chair, full-size bed, night-stand and a wardrobe closet. Air Force dorm rooms have a private entrance and a private bath. Navy UH rooms share a bath with the adjoining room. Each building includes TV lounges, recreation rooms and laundry facilities. **Smoking is NOT permitted inside any dormitory!**

Accompanied Members or Unaccompanied Air Force E-5 and above or Unaccompanied Navy E-5 and above can reserve Temporary Living Facilities (TLF) for their incoming families. Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis. Get the help of your sponsor or call the Misawa Inn at **DSN: (315) 222-0282** to make reservations in advance.

Be sure to have your credit card ready and the exact date of your arrival. If you need special assistance, be sure to include that in your request. You are authorized in TLF for five days on a space-available basis and also availability of housing. Pet friendly accommodation is also available. Please contact the lodging facility for more information.

Government Housing: If your orders do not state that you are on an accompanied or a joint-sponsor tour or your dependents are not listed on your PCS orders, then you must provide proof of your accompanied tour/command sponsorship to be eligible for government housing. This may be in a letter issued by your servicing personnel office or PSD Form 11101/1. If your dependents do not initially accompany you to Misawa, they must arrive within 30 days of you accepting government housing.

Family housing units are located in two separate housing areas, Main Base and North Base. North Base is approximately a ten minute drive from Main Base.

Recently, air conditioning units have been installed in North Base homes and many of the homes on Main Base. A/C units will be installed in the remaining homes during the base renovation project. If your home does not have an A/C unit, you can buy a floor/room model. Please check with the Housing Office for approved specifications.

Pet owners must comply to the Pet Policy for base housing. If you are a pet owner, please ask for the Pet Policy during your initial base housing briefing.

Off-Base Housing: If you are single, an NCO or an Officer, you are likely to be required to live off base. The Housing Office maintains a list of off-base rental properties, maps of the local Misawa area and a list of English-speaking real estate agents to assist you in your search. A sponsor will be extremely helpful during this process, since some real estate agents will provide you a housing list, then expect you to view the homes on your own.

It is extremely important that individuals know their responsibilities as outlined under the Japanese lease agreement. All lease agreements are between the rental agent and the military member. **The Housing Office may assist in resolving any disputes, however, the military member is ultimately responsible to resolve the issue!**

Misawa Housing Office

DSN: (315) 226-3200

Cell: (011) 81-176-77-3200.

After Arriving at Misawa Air Base

Employment Opportunities at Misawa Air Base

There are various options to choose from when seeking employment on Misawa AB. If you plan to seek employment, make sure you have access to your employment records, transcripts, diplomas, sponsor's orders and resumes. This will assist in expediting the employment process. Please note that there are no unemployment benefits while stationed in Misawa.

AAFES (The Exchange)

<https://publicaffairs-sme.com/applymyexchange/>

Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA)

<https://www.dodea.edu/Offices/HR/employment/vacancies.cfm>

Family Child Care Program (FCC)

FCC Program Coordinator
Torii Building 656, Room 1457
DSN: (315) 226-2273/4666

Federal Employment (Department of Defense)

www.usajobs.gov

Civilian Personnel Office (CPO)

Building 653, 2nd floor
DSN: (315)-226-4621.

AAFES Human Resource Office

Building 325
DSN: (315) 957-7461.

NAF Human Resources Office

Building 656, Room 1460
DSN: (315) 226-3108.

Contracting Positions

DSN: (315) 226-3750

Home Based Business Application

Pick up an application packet at the Housing Office in the Torii Building. 656.
DSN: (315) 226-3200

Note: Off-base residents who conduct business or marketing on base are also required to register.

Air Force Reserve Opportunities

If your family member is a reservist and is interested in a reassignment to PACAF or wants work short-term Active Duty man-day tours, contact the HQ PACAF Reserve Affairs Office at DSN (315) 449-0584.

Higher Education

For more information, contact the Education Office at DSN (315)-226-4201 or visit

<https://35fss.com/education/>

On-Site College Options:

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
University of Maryland University College

Note: Check with the local Air Force Aid Society Officer at the Airman & Family Readiness Center at DSN (315) 226-4735 and the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society DSN (315) 226-3721 to see what assistance is available for spouses.

After Arriving at Misawa Air Base Child Care & Youth Programs

Child Development Center

The Yoiko CDC is located on Main Base in Building 10. The center provides full-day and hourly care for children 6 weeks–5 years of age.

DSN: (315)-226-4666

<https://35fss.com/cdc/>

Family Child Care (FCC) Provider

The FCC Program Coordinator will assist you in finding a provider who fits your needs.

DSN: (315)-226-CARE (2273)

<https://35fss.com/fcc/>

Cheli School Age Care

Before and after school program, including summer and holiday camps. Open to Kindergarten–12 years of age.

DSN: (315)-226-2266

<https://35fss.com/cheli-sac/>

Lunney Youth Center

Provides an after-school environment for children ages 9–13. Annual memberships are available, which includes FREE access to multiple Boys & Girls Clubs of America and 4-H sponsored programs and clubs.

Note: Lunney Youth Center also manages the Misawa Youth Sports and Instructional Programs.

Misawa Teen Center

Provides an interactive after school environment for youth ages 13–18. Annual memberships are available and include FREE access to daily Boys & Girls Clubs of America, 4-H Clubs, specials events and trips.

<https://35fss.com/misawa-teen-center/>

Child Care for PCS

The Air Force Aid Society pays for childcare within 60 days of departing or arriving at any Air Force base. To get childcare, you must bring a copy of your PCS orders to the A&FRC or to the Community Childcare Coordinator. This program is only available for Active Duty Air Force members and their families.

For more information, contact the Community Childcare Coordinator.

DSN: (315)-226-2273

Cell: 0176-77-2273



After Arriving at Misawa Air Base Schools

Sure Start Program: The Sure Start Program is an educational program designed to help pre-kindergarten children (4 years of age prior to Sept. 1) get ready for school. Equivalent to Head Start in the United States, it is part of the National Educational Goals. For application and enrollment qualifications, please call Sollars Elementary at DSN (315) 226-3933.
www.dodea.edu

Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDEA) at Misawa Air Base, Japan

Sollars Elementary School

DSN: (315) 226-3933

Grade Level: PreK-6

<https://www.dodea.edu/SollarsES>



Edgren High School

DSN: (315) 226-4377

Grade Level: 7-12

<https://www.dodea.edu/EdgrenHS>

Registration Process: The DoDEA Online Registration for Students (DORS) is currently available for families registering in schools serviced by the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA). DORS eliminates manual forms and makes it easy for parents to register their children for school. Once your child's information is entered into DORS, it can be updated anytime, anywhere.

DORS also makes student re-registration for the following school year faster and more efficient. Please contact your school registrar with any questions.
<https://www.dodea.edu/DORS/>

Transportation: The DoDEA Japan District Student Transportation Office provides school bus transportation for Misawa Air Base. The DoDEA Misawa Student Transportation Office (STO) registers eligible students and issues bus passes. Additional information is available on each school's website and by calling DSN (315) 226-9119. ***Before selecting housing, confirm the location of the nearest bus stops identified on maps in the base housing office.*** Failure to do this could result in you living in an area that falls outside of the bus commuting zone and may require that you transport your children to the nearest bus stop or to school.

School Meal Program: The Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) provides lunch for students

attending Misawa Air Base schools. Children who qualify under USDA guidelines may get lunch free of charge or at a reduced price. To apply, complete the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application. These applications are available in the customer service area of the Base Exchange and in the main office at each DoDEA school.

School Liaison Program (SLP): is a great source of information about any school/school program at Misawa Air Base.

DSN: (315) 226-0403 | Email:

schools.officer@misawa.af.mil

<https://www.misawa.af.mil/newcomer/school-liaison>



After Arriving at Misawa Air Base

Seeking Medical Care

Medical appointments are available for routine medical conditions, acute illness and health maintenance examinations for children and adults. To make an appointment, you need to call DSN (315) 226-6111.

Dental examination appointments for dependents, Active Duty members, Air Force personnel or others should be made using the military sponsor's last four digits of their social security number.
Appointment Line: DSN (315) 226-6700.

Prescriptions can be refilled by calling the pharmacy at DSN (315) 226-6608.

Please visit the 35th Medical Group homepage at
<https://www.airforcemedicine.af.mil/MTF/Misawa/>

For medical emergency or ambulance services, call 9-1-1 or (0176) 53-1911.

Chapel & Worship

Misawa Air Base Chapel
Building 358
DSN: (315) 226-4630
<https://www.facebook.com/MisawaABChapel/>

Enjoying Recreation Activities

Visit 35fss.com to find out some of the amazing opportunities available for you here in Misawa. Japan has a wide variety of activities throughout each season.

Outdoor Recreation: DSN: (315) 226-9378
<https://www.facebook.com/MisawaAB.ODR/>

Misawa ITT: DSN: (315) 226-3555
<https://www.facebook.com/MisawaITT/>

Military & Family Readiness Center: DSN: (315) 226-4735
<https://www.facebook.com/misawa.afrc/>

Phone Service

Important Note: Some U.S. portable or cordless phones are illegal to use in Japan.
Walkie-talkies are also illegal in Japan. Having one will result in a \$10,000 fine.

Important Note: Your current cell phone may not work in Japan due to frequency restrictions. Check with your current cell phone provider to verify if their "voice" service plan will work in Japan.

Misawa has a variety of cellphone providers.
AU, Softbank and Docomo are a few of the most common providers.

After Arriving at Misawa Air Base

Internet Service Provider

Allied Telesis is the internet service provider on Misawa Air Base. Contact Allied Telesis at +1-415-692-8300 for information about their internet services, registration options and current prices or visit them at the Base Exchange, Building 320.

For off-base Misawa residents, your real estate agent can assist you with this process.

Armed Forces Network (AFN) Radio

AFN Radio is broadcast on AM 1575 kHz. You can receive information about the local weather, school closings and base events. You can also stream AFN 1575 on the Internet by accessing <http://tunein.com/radio/AFN-Misawa-1575-s14574/>

Cars

Note: Before you leave your last assignment or base, contact your current car insurance company to see if it will provide you with a "No Claim Policy" letter, which states that you have not filed a recent accident claim with them. One or two of the local car insurance companies will accept this letter and give you a 10% discount on your first year insurance policy.

Many people in Misawa buy used cars here. The average price is \$2,000 to \$4,000; with SUV's, Jeeps and vans prices upward to \$7,000. This price will vary depending on if you buy a used car from another SOFA member or go downtown to one of the Japanese car dealerships right outside the front or back gate.

When you buy a used car, please ensure that the Japanese Road Tax (due every April) is paid and that the Japanese Compulsory Insurance (JCI) is current.

The cost of Japanese Road Tax is based on the engine size, which is represented by numbered-license plates. Other costs of owning this car is the JCI. This is due every two years and the cost begins at \$500, possibly going higher depending on the safety condition of the car at the time of its inspection.

Please visit <https://35fss.com/pit-stop-garage/> for additional information on JCI inspections and other vehicle services on base.

Misawa Traffic Management Office (TMO)
Torii Building 656, Room
DSN: (315)-226-3525
Japan Cell: (0716)-77-3525
U.S. Cell: (011)-81-176-77-3525

Community Information

Misawa City

Fast Facts: The world's first non-stop trans-pacific flight was launched from Sabishiro Beach near Misawa on Oct. 4 1931, when Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon departed in a CH-400 Skyrocket named "Miss Veedol." Misawa's modern military history goes back to the construction of an airstrip in Misawa in 1938 by the Imperial Japanese Army. In 1942, the Japanese Naval Air Force controlled the base and used it for long-range bombers. During World War II, Misawa was primarily a kamikaze training base. One month after the Japanese announced surrender, on Aug. 15 1945, American troops arrived in Misawa. In December 1946, the 49th Fighter Group became the first U.S. air unit stationed at Misawa.

Location: 40 degrees and 40 minutes north latitude and 141 degrees and 23 minutes east longitude. This is approximately the same latitude as Central Park in New York City; Newark, New Jersey; Kearney, Nebraska; Peoria, Illinois; Lima, Ohio and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Geographical Features: Misawa City is located in the southeastern portion of the Aomori Prefecture on the northern end of Honshu Island. The Pacific Ocean lies east and Lake Ogawara northwest. It is surrounded by the towns of Tohoku Town on the west and the towns of Shimoda and Momoishi to the south. Misawa City is shaped like a rectangle and is 11 kilometers wide (east-west) by 25 kilometers long (north-south). It covers an area of 120.76 square kilometers (46.6 square miles) and has an elevation of approximately 130 feet.

Misawa has an airport, JR Eastern Japan Train Station, and Towada Kanko Dentetsu Station. Because Route 338 is along the Pacific coastline, Misawa is a transportation focal point to go to Lake Towada, Shimokita Peninsula, the northern part of Sanriku coast in Iwate Prefecture to Hachinohe, Towada, Aomori and Mutsu cities.

Population: Misawa is a 'small' city with a population of approximately 40,000 people.



Community Information

Misawa City

Seasonal Summaries

WINTER: (December–February) Winter temperatures average slightly below freezing. Misawa isn't too cold but we get a lot of snow. Misawa is the snowiest US Air Force Base in the world. While stationed here you will be within driving distance to world class ski resorts and fresh powder.

SPRING: (March–May) Spring in northern Honshu starts out cold and has plenty of snow. The average daily temperature is 36 degrees Fahrenheit and monthly snowfall is less than 20 inches. Spring warms to bring beautiful cherry blossoms and other flowering plants to life.

SUMMER: (June–August) Summers in Misawa have mild temperatures with increased rain and humidity. We do experience the occasional typhoon in the summer and early fall. Not to worry, there are plenty of warm, sunny days to explore the area and many nearby beaches.

FALL: (September–November) September signals the end of the summer season in Misawa as temperature lower to an average of 66 degrees Fahrenheit. By the end of the fall season, temperatures are cooler. The excellent weather and changing of the autumn leaves make this a gorgeous time of year.

Monthly Weather Averages

Average Temperature (Fahrenheit)
Annual 50



Average High Temperature (Fahrenheit)
Annual 56



Average Low Temperature (Fahrenheit)
Annual 43



Average Number of Snow Day
Annual 117



Average Number of Rain Days
Annual 222



Average Length of Day (Hours of Daylight)
Annual 12.7



Community Information

Local Festivals

February	Lake Towada Snow Festival Enburi Hirosaki Lantern Setsuban
March	Girl's Day
April	Japan Day Hirosaki Cherry Blossom
June	American Day
July	Lake Ogawara & Tanabata
August	Beef and Garlic Misawa Port Nebuta
September	Misawa Air Show
October	Industries & Cultural
November	Salmon Festival

Enjoying Japanese Holidays

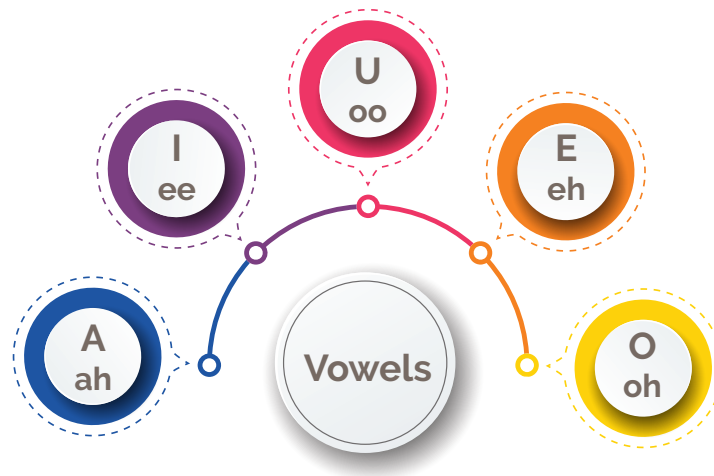
New Year's Day is probably the biggest holiday in Japan. With the exception of Golden Week (the end of April to the beginning of May), the entire country goes on holiday leave during Shogatsu (January 1-3). Most holidays are time to return to one's roots, with Japanese foods, games, kimono and an excessive amount of time traveling on the Shinkansen (bullet train).

Date	Holiday Name	Japanese Name
Jan. 1	New Year's Day	Gantan
2nd Monday of Jan.	Coming of Age Day	Seijin-no-hi
Feb. 11	National Foundation Day	Kenkoku Kinennbi
Feb. 23	The Emperor's Birthday	Tenno-Tanjyoubi
March 21	Spring Equinox	Shunbun-no-hi
Apr. 29	Showa Day	Showa-no-hi
May 3	Constitution Memorial Day	Kenpo-kinenbi
May 4	Greenery Day	Midori-no-hi
May 5	Children's Day	Kodomo-no-hi
3rd Monday of July	Marine Day	Umi-no-hi
Aug. 11	Mountain Day	Yama-no-hi
Aug. 13-15 (varies)	The Festival of Souls	Obon
3rd Monday of Sept.	Respect for the Aged Day	Keiro-no-hi
Sept. 23	Autumn Equinox	Shubun-no-hi
2nd Monday of Oct.	Health & Sports Day	Taiku-no-hi
Nov. 3	Culture Day	Bunka-no-hi
Nov. 23	Labor Thanksgiving Day	Kinro-kansha-no-hi

Japanese Culture Tips

- Learn as much of the Japanese language, customs and courtesies as possible.
- Keep to the left on sidewalks, hallways and stairs to avoid bumping into people.
- Learn how to use chopsticks "hashi" instead of asking for a fork or spoon.
- Bring a small hand towel for Japanese public restrooms.
- Do not eat or drink while walking on the streets or in public places, except at festivals.
- Tipping is not a common practice in Japan.
- Do not talk loudly or play music loudly while walking on the streets or in public.
- Do not be boisterous, horse around, use profanity or otherwise attract unfavorable attention to yourself.
- Do not wear your shoes in Japanese homes or in some public places.
- Do not forget to make or cancel restaurant reservations.

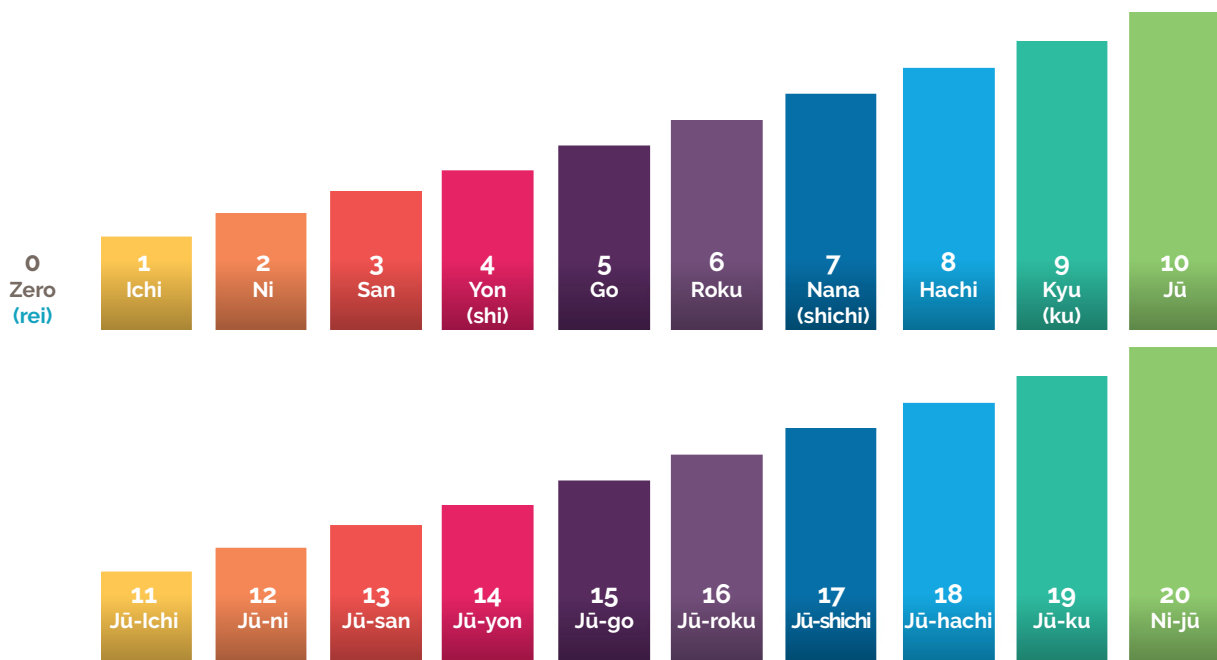
Language Guide



Using Japanese Money

- The Japanese yen (¥) to American dollar rate fluctuates every day. The rate for each day is posted at most banks. For the current exchange rate, visit:
<https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/convert/?Amount=1&From=USD&To=JPY>
- Japan is largely a cash-based society. It is a good idea to make sure you have yen available when you go off base. Many transportation services, restaurants and shops do **NOT** accept credit card.

Word Bank: Numbers and Money



100
Hyaku

1,000
Sen

10,000
Man

100,000
Jū-man

1,000,000
Hyaku-man



1 yen
Ichi en



5 yen
Go en



10 yen
Jū en



50 yen
Go-Jū en



100 yen
Hyaku en



500 yen
Gohyaku en



1,000 yen
Sen en





5,000 yen
Go-sen en



10,000 yen
Ichi-man en



Common Public Signs

English	 Japanese Pronunciation	Japanese	English	 Japanese Pronunciation	Japanese
Parking	chushajoh <i>chu-sha-joh</i>	駐車場	Enter	iriguchi <i>lli-gu-chi</i>	入口
One Way	ippou tsukoh <i>ippou-tsū-koh</i>	一方通行	Exit	deguchi <i>de-gu-chi</i>	出口
School Zone	tsūgakuro <i>tsūgak-lo</i>	通学路	Yen	en <i>yen</i>	円
Adult	otona <i>otona</i>	大人	Cashier	kaikai <i>ka-i-kei</i>	会計
Child	kodomo <i>kodomo</i>	子供	Police Box	koban-sho <i>kohban-sho</i>	交番所
Fee	ryokin <i>ryoh-kin</i>	料金	Information	annaisho <i>an-nai-sho</i>	案内所 インフォメーション
Priority	yusen <i>yū-sen</i>	優先	Open	eigyouchu <i>eigyo-chū</i>	営業中
No Smoking Area	kitsuen kinshi <i>kitsu-en kin-shi</i>	喫煙禁止	Closed	heiten <i>hei-ten</i>	閉店
Cell Phone	keitai <i>kei-tai</i>	携帯	Road Station	michino eki <i>michino-eki</i>	道の駅
Credit Card	kulejitto card <i>kulejitto-card</i>	クレジットカード	Pet allowed	petto-ka <i>petto-ka</i>	ペット可・ペット同伴
Karaoke	karaoke <i>karaoke</i>	カラオケ	Emergency button	hijobotan <i>hi-joh-botan</i>	非常ボタン
Tax Free	menzei <i>men-zei</i>	免税	Japanese Style	washiki <i>wa-shi-ki</i>	和式
Medicine	kusuri <i>kusuri</i>	薬	Western Style	yoshiki <i>yoh-shi-ki</i>	洋式
Beef · Pork · Chicken	gyuniku · buraniku · toriniku <i>gyuniku · buraniku · toriniku</i>	牛 · 豚 · 鳥	Off Limit	tachiiri Kinshi <i>tachi-iri-kinshi</i>	立入禁止
Fitting Room	shichaku shitsu <i>shichaku-shitsu</i>	試着室	Staff Only	staffu onli <i>staffu-onli</i>	スタッフ専用
Japanese Heritage	jūyoh bunkazai <i>jūyoh-bunkazai</i>	重要文化財	Stop	sutoppu <i>su-toppu</i>	止まれ
Free	muryoh <i>mu-ryoh</i>	無料	Hot Spring	onsen <i>on-sen</i>	温泉
Hotel	Hoteru <i>Ho-te-lu</i>	ホテル	Hospital	Byouin <i>B-yo-e</i>	病院
Airport	Kuukou <i>Koo-koh</i>	空港	Fire station	Shobousho <i>Shoh-boh-shoh</i>	消防署
Subway	Chikatetsu <i>Chee-kah-teht-sue</i>	地下鉄	East	Higashi <i>Hee-gah-shee</i>	東
Train Station	Eki <i>Eh-kee</i>	駅	West	Nishi <i>Nee-shee</i>	西
Bus Stop	Basutei <i>Bah-sue-teh-ee</i>	バス停	North	Kita <i>Kee-tah</i>	北
Taxi	Takushii <i>Tah-ku-shee</i>	タクシー	South	Minami <i>Mee-nah-mee</i>	南
Telephone	Denwa <i>Dehn-wah</i>	電話	Ticket	Chiketto <i>Chee-keh-toe</i>	チケット
Toilet	Toire <i>Toy-ee-leh</i>	トイレ	Bullet Train	Shinkansen <i>Sheen-kahn-sehn</i>	新幹線
Post Office	Yuubinkyoku <i>Yoo-benk-yoh-koo</i>	郵便局			
Air or Naval Base	Kichi <i>Kee-chee</i>	基地			
Bank	Ginkou <i>Geen-ko</i>	銀行			
Liquor Store	Sakaya <i>Sah-kah-yah</i>	酒屋			
Flower Shop	Hanaya <i>Hah-nah-yah</i>	花屋			
Shopping Mall	Shopping Sentaa <i>Shopping-sen-tah</i>	ショッピングセンター			
Grocery Store	Supaa <i>Sue-pah</i>	スーパー			
Gas Station	Gasorinstando <i>Gah-soh-leen-stahn-doh</i>	ガソリンスタンド			
Police Station	Keisatsusho <i>Keh-ee-saht-soo-shoh</i>	警察署			



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