

Looking for private accommodation

Kobe University recommends you use Global Trust Networks Co., Ltd. (GTN) agent and guarantee service when looking for private accommodation in Kobe city.

GTN supports the whole process from locating an apartment to signing a contract for overseas residents. In addition, a joint guarantor won't be necessary and service is provided in multiple languages (English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Nepalese, and more).

Please refer to the GTN website for more information. (<https://www.gtn.co.jp/tenant/>)

Please note the items below for the initial costs needed to sign a residential contract.

Guarantee charge (Varies by property. See notes below.)

Initial guarantee charge: 30% of monthly rent (Minimum guarantee charge: 15,000 yen)

Monthly guarantee charge: Incident Reporting Type: (10,000 yen per year)
Collection Agency Type: (1,000 yen per month)

Fire insurance charge: Depends on property (on average around 15,000 yen per year)

Rent range: About 30,000 – 50,000 yen per month for 1K apartment near Kobe University

Common service fee: About 3,000–10,000 yen per month

Key money/Deposit: 0 – 3 months' rent equivalent

Brokerage fee: 50 to 100% of monthly rent (excluding tax)

Notes:

- The breakdown of initial costs varies by property.
- In order to move in as soon as possible after coming to Japan, the tenant needs to pay these initial costs, which differ by property, by overseas transfer in advance.

Furthermore, typical Japanese apartments do not come with furniture like bed and desk. For that reason, tenants need to prepare extra money to purchase furniture, lighting equipment, bedclothes etc.

If you want GTN to find a residence for you, please contact GTN directly using the form below.

Searching for a property is free of charge. You do not need to make contract if there is no apartment that you like.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVpbn-8ZC16Vs67dxP6XmaS3iXh1BXTmipWStI-t8BjL5kFQ/viewform>

GTN will contact you directly after receiving your inquiry.