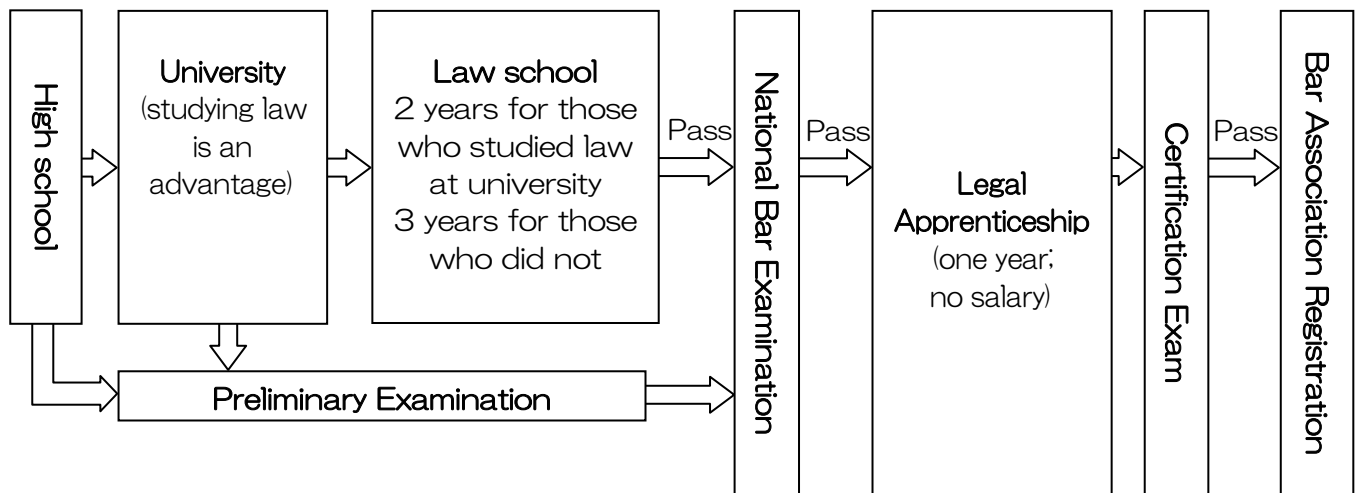


# 17 Lawyer

A lawyer is a person who specializes in the administration of justice. Lawyers help individuals in need and contribute towards a fairer society. There are many cases of foreign residents in Japan encountering legal problems or getting caught up in crime due to their lack of Japanese language ability. In the midst of society's increasing internationalization and complexity, such unfortunate incidents are on the rise.

For foreign residents who are not proficient in Japanese, receiving help from a lawyer who can speak a foreign language can be greatly reassuring.

## Becoming a lawyer:



If you have passed the preliminary examination, you can take the National Bar Examination, regardless of your age, academic history or nationality.

## Prepare now:

To become a lawyer you must pass a very difficult exam. A high level of Japanese language proficiency and academic ability is required.

## Job prospects:

The annual income for lawyers starts from 6 million yen and can increase to over 10 million yen with experience. It is also possible to start your own business.

## Tuition:

Studying law for 4 years at a national university can cost upwards of 2.4 million yen or 4 million yen to study law for 4 years at a private university. In addition, you must pay 2 million yen or more to graduate from a public law school or 2.5 million yen or more to graduate from a private law school.