

Q. Who will take charge of the legal consultation?

Where is the location?

A. A lawyer who has received training to provide legal advice for foreigners will take charge of the legal consultation. In principle, the location is at the law firm where the lawyer in charge of your consultation belongs to. However, if you cannot afford the transportation fee to the law firm or are unable to go to the law firm due to illness, it may be possible to provide the legal consultation at your location. For more details, please arrange with the lawyer in charge.

Q. What if I cannot speak Japanese?

A. An interpretation service for the legal consultation is available. However, the initial contact for a consultation reservation is in Japanese only. Therefore, please get support from someone who can speak Japanese to contact us.

Q. What kind of advice can I get?

A. You can request advice as long as it is related to legal problems. For example, immigration, such as visa status or refugee recognition, and civil or criminal cases, such as international marriage/divorce or labor problems.

Our legal consultation service is not only for foreign nationalities, but also for others who want to seek advice in cases when a foreigner is included in the parties concerned.

Q. Are there any costs for consultation and interpretation?

A. Interpretation service is for free. Consultation fee will be free for people whose income is below a fixed amount. Please take a look at the back side of this leaflet for detail.

Free interpretation



Tama Branch of Three Bar Associations in Tokyo

## Legal consultation service for Foreigners

Phone number for appointments

042-548-1190

Business Hours

Weekdays 10:00-12:00

13:00-16:00

## Consultation fees

- For those who earn income above the minimum requirement

**30 minutes (60 minutes with interpretation)**

**5,000 yen (excluding tax)**

- For those who earn income not exceeding the minimum requirement - **free of charge**

\*The minimum requirement is defined by monthly income after taxes per household as follows.

Single person household 182,000 Yen or less

2 person household 251,000 Yen or less

3 person household 272,000 Yen or less

4 person household 299,000 Yen or less

(increased by 10% for residents in large cities)

Costs such as rent, housing loans and medical costs may be deducted for the calculation of monthly income provided above.

If your assets such as deposits and savings are more than a certain amount, you may not be able to use this service free of charge.

**※ Interpretation is free.**

## The Process of legal consultation service for foreigners

1



First, please call us at **042-548-1190**. A staff will answer and make an appointment for your legal consultation (It is not a telephone counseling.).

Please inform your name, phone number, type of legal matter (such as visa status, divorce), and also necessity of an interpretation service.

2



Please hang up the phone.

The staff will appoint a lawyer in charge and inform your contact phone number to the lawyer in charge. The lawyer in charge will call you later.

\*It may take a few days until the lawyer in charge calls you.

3

When you receive the call from the lawyer in charge, please arrange a date and location for the legal consultation.



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You will receive your legal advice on the date and location you arranged on step 3. If free interpretation service is needed, an interpreter will attend the meeting.

