

ATTN: International Students

Opening Bank Accounts in Japan

There are a number of banks in Sendai with branches convenient to Tohoku University's campuses.

Below you will find information on opening accounts at two major banks with branches/ATMs in Sendai.

Be aware that it may be difficult to receive money transfers from abroad immediately after opening an account. Therefore, we recommend that you bring an [international cash card](#) that can be used to withdraw money in Japan.

Reference (ATMs): http://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/pre/atm_en.html

	Japan Post Bank (typical branch)	77 Bank (Head Office)
No. of visits required	1	2
Days needed to open an account	Same-day	3 to 14 days
Documents/information needed	1. Residence Card (with address on back) 2. Passport 3. National Health Insurance card 4. Certificate of Residence 5. Daytime phone number	1. Residence Card (with address on back) 2. Passport 3. National Health Insurance card 4. Student/staff ID (see Note 2) 5. Daytime phone number (see Note 3)
ATMs provide English instructions	Yes	Limited (certain locations only) to deposit/withdrawal instructions

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Note 1: The above are for typical cases. Details may vary depending on the branch.

Note 2: If you have not received your ID yet, you can bring your acceptance notice, letter of acceptance, employment contract, job offer letter, etc. instead.

Note 3: If you do not have your own landline or mobile number, you can enter a number at which you can be reached during the day, such as your laboratory's phone number etc. If you have not been assigned to a laboratory, you will have to call the 77 Bank Head Office yourself 3 to 14 days later to get the results of your screening and make an appointment to return to open the account.

For details, please inquire at any Japan Post Bank or 77 Bank branch.

[Japan Post Bank](#)

[77 Bank \(Japanese only\)](#)

Reference

Opening a Japan Post Bank Account (typical branch)

1. Enter all required items on the necessary forms
2. Show personal identification (Residence Card, passport, National Health Insurance card, Certificate of Residence), wait for the passbook to be issued
3. Receive the passbook (the cash card will be sent by post later)

Opening a 77 Bank Account (at Head Office)

1. Take the documents/information listed above, such as your Residence Card, passport, National Health Insurance card, etc., to the bank. Fill out the required items on the bank forms and submit them for the preliminary screening.

77 Bank application preparation/screening (3 to 14 days)

2. 77 Bank will call you at the number you provided once they complete the preliminary screening. You will then make an appointment to return to open the account.
3. Take all necessary documents/information to the bank on the day of your appointment. Fill out the account application form.
4. Once you have completed the procedures and your documents have been checked, you will be issued a passbook and cash card.
(77 Bank is open from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on weekdays. The preliminary screening and account opening procedures take about 1 hour, so it is necessary to arrive at the bank with enough time before it closes.)

Mizuho Bank, Sumitomo Mitsui Bank, and MUFG Bank sometimes do not allow international students to open an account for up to six months after their arrival in Japan. For details, please inquire at the relevant bank.

Mizuho Bank, Sendai Branch: 022-222-9111

Sumitomo Mitsui Bank, Sendai Branch: 022-222-5111

MUFG Bank, Sendai Branch: 022-222-7191

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