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Government employees work for the national government, prefectures, or municipal offices. National government employees are employed by the national government and related organizations, while local government employees work for local government organizations such as prefectural offices or city offices. There are some positions in government that foreign citizens are not allowed to hold.

Becoming a government employee:

There is no certification necessary to become a government employee but applicants are required to take the appropriate exam for their position.

- Exam for employment as a national government employee/
Exam for employment in a clerical position in the national government
- Exam for employment as a prefectural government employee/
Exam for employment as a municipal government employee

The standard exams are listed above. Non-Japanese residents cannot take exams that stipulate that candidates must possess Japanese citizenship. It is important to confirm whether a given career path is open to you before pursuing it.

Exams for employment as a government employee are conducted in Japanese, and require excellent Japanese language and academic ability. Start preparing as soon as possible by studying Japanese and other subjects while improving your communication skills in your native language.