

To International Students

Termination of the Joint Guarantor System (Yamagata University Institutional Guarantor System for International Students)

For renting apartments, Yamagata University has been acting as a joint guarantor for international students. However, in recent years, private guarantor companies have made it possible to secure rental contracts without university involvement. Therefore, the university will terminate the above system by the end of May 2025.

Thus, from June 1, 2025, Yamagata University will no longer provide joint guarantor services. Instead, when signing rental agreements, international students will have to use private guarantor companies designated by landlords or real estate agencies. Additionally, students are required to enroll in private fire insurance (including tenant liability insurance) as specified by the real estate agency to protect themselves against fire or water damage incidents.

While new applications for the university's institutional guarantor system will be accepted only until the end of May, 2025, it will still be possible to renew (prolong) already-existing rental agreements until moving out or finishing one's study. Please read through the following part for details.

Procedures until the End of May, 2025

The university will accept institutional guarantor applications if all of the following conditions are met by Friday, May 30, 2025:

- 1 Submission of the filled-in Institutional Guarantor System Application Form and Agreement Form has been completed.
- 2 Payment of the International Student Comprehensive Rental Insurance Fee has been completed.
- 3 The rental contract, signed and confirmed by landlord, tenant, and joint guarantor, has been submitted to the university, and everything important regarding the rental item has been explained.

Procedures after June 1, 2025

- The institutional guarantor system will no longer be available.
- International students will not be permitted to ask faculty or staff members individually to act as their joint guarantors.
- International students already using the institutional guarantor system may renew their International Student Comprehensive Rental Insurance only for the time until they move, or finish their studies, and only for renewing the rental contract for the same apartment.