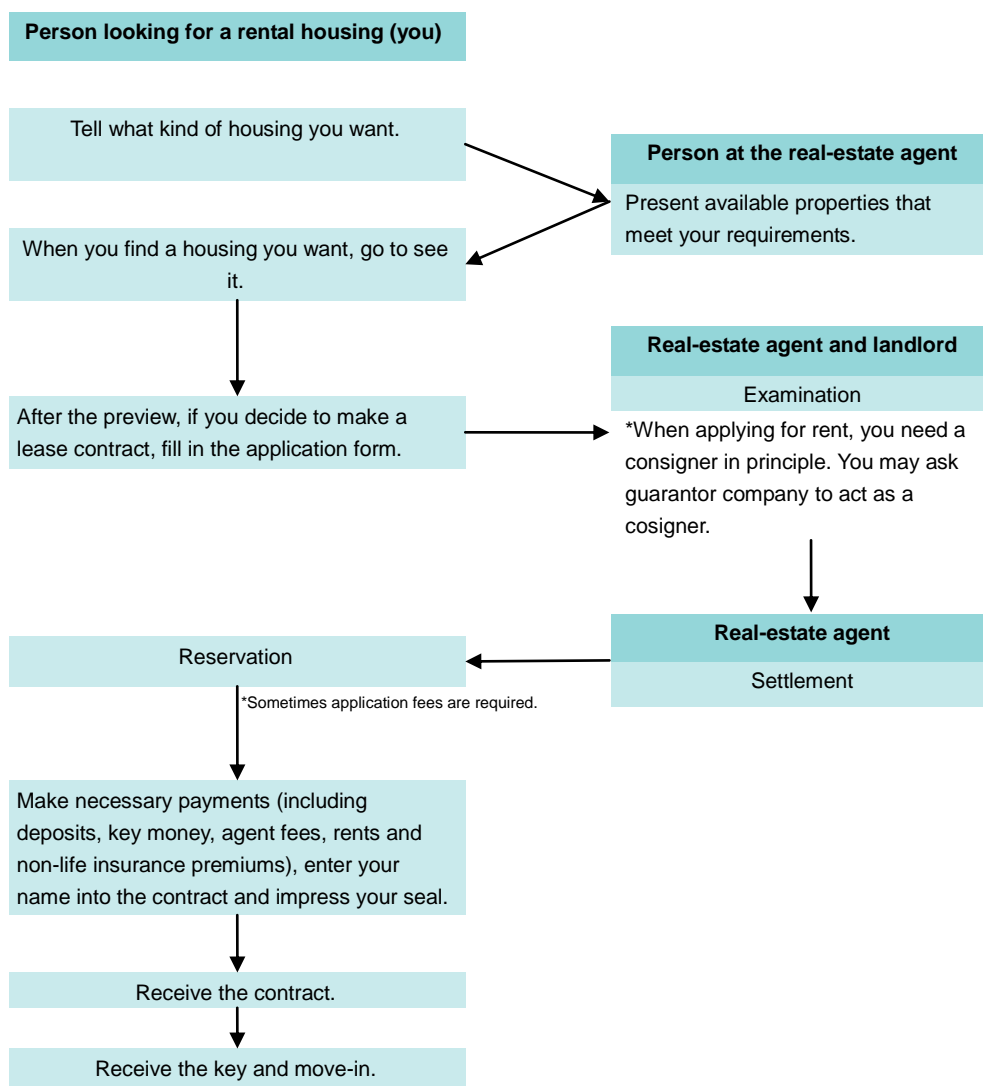




4 Private rental housing

4-2 Upon renting

(1) Process of renting housing





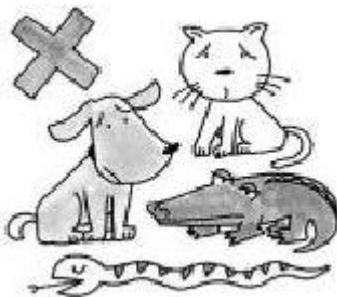
(2) Do's and don'ts for renting

● Access to Transportation

Access to transportation is described as "X minutes to the nearby station," under an assumption that a person walks 80 meters every minute, which is equivalent to a speed of 4.8km/h and does not count other factors such as slopes, stairs and waiting time at signals. It may be a good idea to try walking to the station before signing a contract.

● Pets

In many cases landlords prohibit pets. So if you want to keep your pets, you need to confirm the matter with the real-estate agent.



● Conversion and Remodeling

You may not convert or remodel the housing, or let people other than your family live together, without permission of the landlord. You may not rent the part or the whole of the housing to other people, either.



Nailing of paintings



Subletting to other people



●What is already provided and what is not?

Rental housing in Japan is provided with certain facilities. Other equipment must be brought in by the resident. The following list indicates what is already provided and what is not.

Provided: electricity, gas, waterworks

Not provided: lighting, cooking gas stoves, oven, furniture, etc. Any other necessary items you must bring in.

(3) Advice for renting

You may encounter some problems when renting a housing. Here are some tips in case problem arises. You may also consult a regional Association for International Communications and Exchanges.

- Cannot speak Japanese: Ask someone who can speak Japanese to go with you. You may give a much better impression if you speak some Japanese, be it just a greeting.
- Does not accept foreigners: Find a real-estate agent through an acquaintance or one that takes orders over the Internet. That may be the quickest way around this.
- Cannot find a cosigner: You may ask a guarantor company. Please consult the real-estate agent.