

# The JET Program as a Springboard into a Career in Education

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## **What to do now**

- Be aware that the JET program has a fixed term. Your current contract ends in one year. There are no guarantees that you will be re-appointed
- Check your online presence, particularly social networking sites. Make sure that the image you present is professional
- Begin to study Japanese

## **What to do next**

- Build a good working relationship with your colleagues
- Build rapport with your students
- Be positive. Say “Yes!” to everything

## **Professional Development**

- Set a goal - What do you want to do after JET?
- Make a plan - What investment in time and money will be required?
- Take action - Find like-minded people and get involved

## **General requirements for a career in Teaching in Japan**

- Qualifications - consider your options in terms of cost and benefit
- Experience - there is a difference between qualified and un-qualified experience
- Publications - should have an ISSN or ISBN number
- Presentations - the mid-year conference (MYC) is a good opportunity to present
- Connections - find like-minded, serious people and get involved

## **Some useful links**

AJET - <http://ajet.net/>

English Teachers of Japan (ETJ) - <http://itprofessionals.com/ETJ/>

Japan Association of Language Teaching (JALT) - <http://www.jalt.org/>

Saitama City Educators (SCE) - <http://www.saitamacityeducators.org/>