

GET TO KNOW YOUR DISTRICT

Your district, decoded.

Each Seoul district (구, gu) runs its own office, website and local services. This guide covers six districts popular with newcomers and tells you where to go for what.

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District services, tax, welfare, jobs support	The district office (구청) and its English website
Visa, residence card, address reporting	The immigration office for your district, via HiKorea or 1345
English help, classes, counselling	A global village / foreign-resident centre (find via My Seoul+)

IMMIGRATION BY DISTRICT

The right office for your address.

Immigration offices are assigned by your registered address, not by where you work or study. Book through HiKorea and confirm with 1345 if unsure.

Office	Districts covered
Seoul Immigration Office 서울출입국·외국인청	Yongsan, Seongdong, Gangnam and six other districts (Gwanak, Gwangjin, Gangdong, Dongjak, Songpa, Seocho)
Seoul Immigration Office, Sejongno Branch 세종로출장소	Dongdaemun, Jongno, Jung, Eunpyeong, Seongbuk and other northern districts. 2–3F Seoul Global Center, 38 Jong-ro, Jongno-gu.
Seoul Southern Immigration Office 서울남부출입국·외국인사무소	Mapo, Seodaemun, Guro, Geumcheon, Gangseo, Yangcheon and Yeongdeungpo. 48 Magokseo 1-ro, Gangseo-gu (Magok Station, Line 5, exit 1).

This guide's six districts

Mapo-gu	Seoul Southern Immigration Office
Yongsan-gu	Seoul Immigration Office
Seodaemun-gu	Seoul Southern Immigration Office
Gangnam-gu	Seoul Immigration Office
Seongdong-gu	Seoul Immigration Office
Dongdaemun-gu	Seoul Immigration Office, Sejongno Branch

Moved district? Your immigration office may change too. Ask 1345 which address report applies to your status and its deadline.

DISTRICT PROFILE / 마포구

Mapo-gu.

Hongdae, Hapjeong, Mangwon, Yeonnam, Gongdeok

District office	212 World Cup-ro, Mapo-gu (Seongsan-dong) 서울특별시 마포구 월드컵로 212
Phone	02-3153-8114
Website	https://mapo.go.kr/site/english/
Immigration	Seoul Southern Immigration Office (서울남부출입국·외국인사무소)
Foreign-resident support	Use My Seoul+ to find the nearest foreign-resident or global village centre and its current languages.

Settle Seoul tip

Many newcomers live near Hongdae for universities and nightlife. Ask your dong centre for waste-collection days on your street; they differ block by block.

Your dong centre depends on your exact address. Search your neighbourhood name + 주민센터 and confirm on the district website.

DISTRICT PROFILE / 용산구

Yongsan-gu.

Itaewon, Hannam, Haebangchon, Huam, Yongsan Station

District office	150 Noksapyeong-daero, Yongsan-gu (Itaewon-dong) 서울특별시 용산구 녹사평대로 150
Phone	02-2199-8780 / 8790 / 8800 (English website contacts, weekdays 09:00–18:00)
Website	https://www.yongsan.go.kr/site/english/
Immigration	Seoul Immigration Office (서울출입국·외국인청)
Foreign-resident support	Itaewon Global Village Center: B1, 54-14 Itaewon-ro 27ga-gil · 02-2199-8883 / 8884 / 8885. Korean classes, volunteer programmes and free legal consultations.

Settle Seoul tip

The most English-friendly district for everyday errands. Itaewon GVC is a good first stop for questions before visiting a dong centre.

Your dong centre depends on your exact address. Search your neighbourhood name + 주민센터 and confirm on the district website.

DISTRICT PROFILE / 서대문구

Seodaemun-gu.

Sinchon, Yeonhui, Ewha, Hongje

District office	248 Yeonhui-ro, Seodaemun-gu (Yeonhui-dong) 서울특별시 서대문구 연희로 248
Phone	02-330-1114 (connects to 120 Dasan)
Website	https://www.sdm.go.kr/en
Immigration	Seoul Southern Immigration Office (서울남부출입국·외국인사무소)
Foreign-resident support	Students at Yonsei and Ewha should start with the university's international office; use My Seoul+ for district centres.

Settle Seoul tip

University neighbourhood: many questions about housing, part-time work and residence reporting are best asked at your school first, then confirmed with immigration.

Your dong centre depends on your exact address. Search your neighbourhood name + 주민센터 and confirm on the district website.

DISTRICT PROFILE / 강남구

Gangnam-gu.

Gangnam Station, Yeoksam, Samseong, Apgujeong, Sinsa

District office	426 Hakdong-ro, Gangnam-gu (Samseong-dong). Passport and civil-service desk (민원여권과) on 1F. 서울특별시 강남구 학동로 426
Phone	02-3423-5114 (connects to 120 Dasan)
Website	https://www.gangnam.go.kr/
Immigration	Seoul Immigration Office (서울출입국·외국인청)
Foreign-resident support	Gangnam Global Village Center: 5F Yeoksam 1 Culture Center, 16 Yeoksam-ro 7-gil · 02-3423-7961.

Settle Seoul tip

Many office workers live here. The district office has a jobs support centre (일자리통합지원센터) on 1F; ask about English help before going.

Your dong centre depends on your exact address. Search your neighbourhood name + 주민센터 and confirm on the district website.

DISTRICT PROFILE / 성동구

Seongdong-gu.

Seongsu, Wangsimni, Oksu, Haengdang

District office	270 Gosanja-ro, Seongdong-gu (Haengdang-dong) 서울특별시 성동구 고산자로 270
Phone	Check the district website for the current main number
Website	https://www.sd.go.kr/
Immigration	Seoul Immigration Office (서울출입국·외국인청)
Foreign-resident support	Dongbu Foreign Resident Center: 47-1 Muhak-ro 6-gil, Seongdong-gu · 02-2282-7974.

Settle Seoul tip

Seongsu and Wangsimni are popular with young professionals. The Dongbu Foreign Resident Center serves eastern Seoul, so it is close by.

Your dong centre depends on your exact address. Search your neighbourhood name + 주민센터 and confirm on the district website.

DISTRICT PROFILE / 동대문구

Dongdaemun-gu.

Hoegi, Cheongnyangni, Yongdu, Jegi-dong, Imun

District office	145 Cheonho-daero, Dongdaemun-gu (Yongdu-dong) · Yongdu Station, Line 2, exit 2 서울특별시 동대문구 천호대로 145
Phone	02-2127-4114 (connects to 120 Dasan)
Website	https://www.ddm.go.kr/eng/index.do
Immigration	Seoul Immigration Office, Sejongno Branch (세종로출장소)
Foreign-resident support	Dongbu Foreign Resident Center (Seongdong-gu) is nearby: 02-2282-7974. See the community centres guide for a worked Yongdu-dong visit.

Settle Seoul tip

Home to Kyung Hee and Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. Immigration for this district is handled at the Sejongno Branch, not the main Seoul office.

Your dong centre depends on your exact address. Search your neighbourhood name + 주민센터 and confirm on the district website.

SOURCES & UPDATES

Keep the official page within reach.

Checked 13 October 2026. Districts change numbers, hours and programmes; recheck before visiting.

A [Mapo-gu: English site and office directions](https://mapo.go.kr/site/english/content/english010402)

<https://mapo.go.kr/site/english/content/english010402>

B [Yongsan-gu: English site](https://www.yongsan.go.kr/site/english/)

<https://www.yongsan.go.kr/site/english/>

C [Seodaemun-gu: English site](https://www.sdm.go.kr/en)

<https://www.sdm.go.kr/en>

D [Gangnam-gu: office building guide](https://www.gangnam.go.kr/contents/guoffice/1/view.do?mid=ID06_040501)

https://www.gangnam.go.kr/contents/guoffice/1/view.do?mid=ID06_040501

E [Seongdong-gu: district office](https://www.sd.go.kr/)

<https://www.sd.go.kr/>

F [Dongdaemun-gu: English site](https://www.ddm.go.kr/eng/index.do)

<https://www.ddm.go.kr/eng/index.do>

G [Itaewon Global Village Center: contact](https://www.itaewongvc.com/ko/contact)

<https://www.itaewongvc.com/ko/contact>

H [My Seoul+: foreign-resident and global village centres](https://global.seoul.go.kr/hmpg/main/main.do?lang=en)

<https://global.seoul.go.kr/hmpg/main/main.do?lang=en>

I [Korea Immigration Service: office jurisdictions](https://immigration.go.kr/immigration/1641/subview.do)

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Scope

A practical orientation guide, not legal advice. Jurisdiction, services and hours vary; follow the responsible authority's current instructions.