

Your Seoul arrival calendar.

Prepared 21 October 2026 · Reusable January–December planner

[Read online →](#) · [Arrival checklist →](#)

Planning windows, not confirmed intake dates. Spring and autumn patterns are approximate; this is not an official 2027 schedule. Confirm admission, orientation, housing, work and visa dates with your own institution. Hagwon hiring and individual arrivals can happen in any month.

Shared tasks apply to everyone. Add the teacher or student tasks for your pathway. Tick on your own printed copy; no personal details are collected.

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January.

Spring preparation · Suggested

Everyone

- ☐ Confirm entry permission and first-night accommodation before booking non-refundable travel.
- ☐ Keep passport, sponsor documents and accessible funds ready.

Teachers

- ☐ Check the school's actual start date and travel arrangements; EPIK orientation follows programme instructions.
- ☐ Finish the current consulate and sponsor document checklist.

Students

- ☐ Confirm admission, tuition and housing instructions with your university.
 - ☐ Ask the international office for its visa and orientation checklist.
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February.

Spring arrival planning · Suggested

Everyone

- ☐ Save your address in Hangul, airport route and a delayed-arrival contact.
- ☐ Arrange a temporary phone connection and transport card.

Teachers

- ☐ Confirm airport transfer, housing handover and induction with your employer.
- ☐ Follow EPIK's announced orientation dates rather than assuming a February deadline.

Students

- ☐ Confirm dormitory move-in and spring orientation dates directly.
- ☐ Keep admission and accommodation evidence available for registration.

March.

Spring settling-in · Suggested

Everyone

- ☐ Prepare residence registration promptly if required; a booked appointment is not a completed filing.
- ☐ Match your bank and phone records to your legal name.

Teachers

- ☐ Check the first timetable, payslip and required health-check arrangements.
- ☐ Confirm insurance and nationality-dependent pension coverage.

Students

- ☐ Follow your university's course-registration and residence-registration instructions.
- ☐ Student status does not automatically permit part-time work; verify permission before starting.

April.

Check your foundations · Suggested

Everyone

- ☐ Review housing costs, utilities and emergency contacts.
- ☐ Check your actual allowed-stay expiry and keep filing receipts.

Teachers

- ☐ Save payslips, actual hours and written leave arrangements.
- ☐ Raise unclear deductions or duties in writing.

Students

- ☐ Check support-office hours and the academic calendar.
 - ☐ Recheck any work-permission conditions before changing jobs.
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May.

Autumn preparation begins · Suggested

Everyone

- ☐ If arriving later this year, begin document and accommodation planning.
- ☐ Check passport validity and your consulate's current requirements.

Teachers

- ☐ Ask prospective employers about actual vacancies, sponsorship and start dates.
- ☐ Compare the whole contract, not just headline pay.

Students

- ☐ Check autumn admission and exchange deadlines with each institution.
- ☐ Do not assume different universities share an application window.

June.

Mid-year planning · Suggested

Everyone

- ☐ Compare first-month costs and accessible payment options.
- ☐ Ask your sponsor which originals and authenticated copies it needs.

Teachers

- ☐ Allow time for required criminal-record checks and degree authentication.
- ☐ Confirm country-specific and programme-specific requirements.

Students

- ☐ Confirm admission progress, tuition arrangements and housing application dates.
- ☐ Check scholarship deadlines separately from admission deadlines.

July.

Autumn arrival preparation · Suggested

Everyone

- ☐ Confirm travel only against your own permission and sponsor instructions.
- ☐ Prepare offline document copies, address and phone arrangements.

Teachers

- ☐ Obtain written transfer, housing and induction arrangements.
- ☐ Check the current EPIK intake instructions if that is your programme.

Students

- ☐ Get the international office's latest arrival and dormitory instructions.
 - ☐ Check orientation and course-selection dates on your institution's calendar.
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August.

Autumn arrival planning · Suggested

Everyone

- ☐ Check airport-to-door transport and late-night alternatives.
- ☐ Inspect accommodation and retain accepted residence evidence.

Teachers

- ☐ Follow your school or EPIK's actual arrival schedule.
- ☐ Prepare required medical and residence-registration documents promptly.

Students

- ☐ Confirm autumn move-in and orientation dates directly.
- ☐ Keep admission documents and the university support contact close.

September.

Autumn settling-in · Suggested

Everyone

- ☐ Arrange bank, phone and residence-registration steps in the order available to you.
- ☐ Record immigration expiry independently of academic or employment dates.

Teachers

- ☐ Check payroll, working hours, insurance and pension records.
- ☐ Keep a monthly evidence folder from the first payment.

Students

- ☐ Confirm course registration and campus support routes.
- ☐ Ask about any permitted part-time work process before accepting shifts.

October.

Review and next-intake planning · Suggested

Everyone

- ☐ Review your documents, address and actual stay expiry.
- ☐ For a future spring arrival, ask your sponsor for its current schedule.

Teachers

- ☐ Discuss your next contract according to your own employment timeline.
- ☐ Start with the E-2 timeline if renewal, a transfer or a gap is approaching.

Students

- ☐ Check spring admissions, exchange and housing dates institution by institution.
 - ☐ Confirm whether continuing study needs a stay extension.
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November.

Spring preparation · Suggested

Everyone

- ☐ Start the document file for a spring move; processing times differ.
- ☐ Compare housing and plan your first-month budget.

Teachers

- ☐ Confirm the full contract and immigration sponsorship route.
- ☐ Check current EPIK documents rather than reusing an old intake list.

Students

- ☐ Confirm offer, tuition, visa and housing requirements with your university.
- ☐ Ask for the official spring academic calendar.

December.

Before the spring journey · Suggested

Everyone

- ☐ Recheck the responsible consulate's instructions and document progress.
- ☐ Prepare a first-night address, arrival contact and accessible funds.

Teachers

- ☐ Confirm orientation, first school day and accommodation in writing.
- ☐ Resolve missing originals or authentication before travel.

Students

- ☐ Check winter office closures before sending time-sensitive enquiries.
- ☐ Confirm arrival, dormitory and orientation instructions for your own intake.

Your arrival checklist

Original Settle Seoul planning list. For registration, confirm actual filing within your applicable deadline: a booked appointment is not a completed filing.

Visas

Before you fly → first 90 days

- ☐ Visa issued or entry permission confirmed for your nationality and purpose.
- ☐ Checked whether you need K-ETA or an e-Arrival Card.
- ☐ Residence card (ARC) appointment booked on HiKorea within your deadline.
- ☐ Health check booked if your visa or employer requires one.

- [Visa Portal \(Ministry of Justice\)](#)
 - [HiKorea immigration services](#)
 - [K-ETA](#)
 - [Korea e-Arrival Card](#)
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Housing

Before you fly → first month

- ☐ First-night address confirmed, saved in Korean and in Naver or Kakao Map.
- ☐ Airport-to-door route planned, including last train or bus times.
- ☐ Lease and deposit terms understood before you sign or pay.
- ☐ Address reported once you move in (usually as part of ARC or a change of address).

- [Incheon Airport: transport to Seoul](#)
 - [Government24 \(address reporting\)](#)
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Banking

First weeks

- ☐ Two cards from different networks plus some cash for the first days.
- ☐ Korean bank account opened (usually after your ARC).
- ☐ Chosen a way to send money home and compared fees.

- [Financial Supervisory Service \(English\)](#)

Phones

Before you fly → first week

- ☐ Phone unlocked; eSIM or airport SIM arranged for arrival.
- ☐ Naver Map or Kakao Map, Papago, KakaoTalk and Kakao T installed.
- ☐ Local phone plan in your name once you have an ARC.
- ☐ Transport card bought and topped up.

- [Seoul Metro](#)

Documents

Pack before you fly

- ☐ Passport plus originals your sponsor asked for (degree, apostilles, record check or admission letter).
- ☐ Passport photos (3.5 × 4.5 cm) for ARC and other applications.
- ☐ Everything scanned to storage you can open offline, and shared with someone you trust.
- ☐ First 30 Days checklist and Korean address card printed.

- [Korea Customs Service: traveller guidance](#)
- [Visa Portal \(Ministry of Justice\)](#)

Confirm your dates at the source

These are official agency and programme portals, not verified individual intake dates. Ask your university for its own academic calendar.

- [HiKorea](#) · individual immigration requirements
- [Korea Visa Portal](#) · visa and consulate routes
- [EPIK](#) · programme information and announcements
- [Study in Korea](#) · study and university information

More support

[Paperwork kit](#) · [E-2 timeline](#) · [Downloads Library](#)

Independent planning guidance, not legal advice or government forms. [Immigration 1345](#) · [Labour 1350](#).