

The LLL SIG Newsletter

Discount for Seniors

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1. Senior membership

The motion below was passed during the Second JALT Executive Board Meeting held in Kyoto on June 29 2013.

Moved that JALT create a “Senior member” type of Full membership for those who are or will be at least 65 years of age upon the beginning of the relevant dues period.

Senior membership will be available to those who provide proof of a qualifying date of birth.

Rationale: We should encourage those who are at what is considered “retirement age” to retain their JALT memberships for the benefit of all. Many longstanding JALT members have told us that they planned to let their JALT Membership expire because they will be retiring soon and cannot afford the fees. It would not benefit JALT to lose these members or their talent and experience.

We would ask the JALT membership to pass a constitutional amendment at the October Ordinary General Meeting at the JALT 2013 conference. If the amendment is approved there, it will be submitted to the Tokyo Metropolitan government for their review. Even if the Tokyo Metropolitan government does not have any objection to the change, it may take several months before final approval is granted.

2. Conference fee

This year JALT is offering a discount for senior members of JALT. If you will be 65 on or before 24 October (Thursday), you are eligible for a senior discount as

follows.

Preregistration

Main Conference 1 day ¥11,000 ----→¥ 6,000 (senior discount)

Main Conference 3 days ¥18,000 --→¥10,000 (senior discount)

The discount system works as follows:

- 1) Download the Discount for seniors Application Form, fill out the required information, and then email or fax the completed form to the JALT Central Office.
- 2) Please show your ID that has your date of birth on it when you pay the conference fee at the onsite registration desk.