Cross-Border Enforcement Center - Japan

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# Judgments

## With which jurisdictions does this country have reciprocal arrangements for enforcement of judgments?

Bilateral: Australia\* England and Wales, Germany, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland\*\*, United States\*\*\*

\*New South Wales only, \*\*Zurich only, \*\*\*New York, California, Washington DC, Nevada and Hawaii only

## If there is no reciprocal arrangement, is it still possible to enforce a foreign judgment by means of a writ on the judgment, declaration of enforceability or similar mechanism?

Yes.

## What is the approximate time required to register and enforce a foreign judgment if unopposed?

3-4 months.

## What is the approximate time required to register and enforce a foreign judgment if opposed?

6 months or more depending on the strength of the opposing argument.

## What is the approximate cost of registering and enforcing a foreign judgment (including court fees and other disbursements) if unopposed?

USD 10,000 - 50,000.

## What is the approximate cost of registering and enforcing a foreign judgment (including court fees and other disbursements) if opposed?

USD 50,000 - 100,000.

## Are there any unusual difficulties in enforcing a foreign judgment?

No.

# Arbitration Awards

## Is this jurisdiction a party to the New York Convention?

Yes.

## What is the approximate time required to register and enforce a foreign arbitration award if unopposed?

3-4 months.

## What is the approximate time required to register and enforce a foreign arbitration award if opposed?

6 months or more depending on the strength of the opposing argument.

## What is the approximate cost of registering and enforcing a foreign arbitration award (including court fees and other disbursements) if unopposed?

USD 10,000 - 50,000.

## What is the approximate cost of registering and enforcing a foreign arbitration award (including court fees and other disbursements) if opposed?

USD 50,000 - 100,000.

## Are there any unusual difficulties in enforcing a foreign arbitration award?

No.

# Limitation

## Which law governs the limitation period for registering a foreign judgment or arbitration award?

No registration system of a foreign judgment or arbitration award in Japan and thus no law governs the limitation period for such registration in Japan.

## If the limitation period for registering a foreign judgment is governed by the law of the place of enforcement, what is that limitation period in your jurisdiction?

N/A.

## If the limitation period for registering a foreign arbitration award is governed by the law of the place of enforcement, what is that limitation period in your jurisdiction?

N/A.

# Enforcement

## Are fees and costs of enforcement typically recoverable?

Yes but no legal fee and costs (i.e. attorney's fee and cost) is recoverable.

## Is seizure of goods available as an enforcement method?

Yes.

## Is attachment of earnings available as an enforcement method?

Yes.

## Is attachment of third party debts available as an enforcement method?

Yes.

## Are charging orders or orders for sale of land, goods etc available as an enforcement method?

Yes.

## Can a judgment or award be enforced by way of insolvency proceedings?

No.

## Can a receiver be appointed by way of enforcement?

No.

## Any other method of enforcement?

Cease and desist order.

# Contacts

## Who can be contacted to enforce a judgment or arbitration award in this jurisdiction?

Hiroshi Kasuya, Takeshi Yoshida

## What papers will be needed?

The foreign judgment or arbitration award.

# Rating

## Overall, is enforcement of foreign judgments in this jurisdiction easy, moderate or difficult?

Moderate.

## Overall, is enforcement of foreign arbitration awards in this jurisdiction easy, moderate or difficult?

Moderate.

# Reciprocal Enforcement Maps

## Reciprocal Enforcement Maps

Asia Pacific

Click the link below to access the reciprocal maps for Japan.

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