

## Current Construction Regulations

The regulations and standards in the Japanese construction industry outlines as follows:

- **Governing Codes and Standards:**

The Building Standard Law regulates all building projects. There are also regulations for the registered architects and construction activities.



Two types of standards regulate construction materials:

- Japanese Industrial Standards
- Japanese Agricultural Standards

- **Items of Special Interest:**



Japanese buildings have substantial structures to resist earthquake damage.

Seismic concerns are an important part of the design and have very definite cost impacts.

Since Japan is composed of rugged mountains and is highly urbanized, buildable land is very expensive, and building sites tend to be confined.

The Japanese sense of fairness is evident in the society to compensate neighbors for loss of sunshine because of a newly constructed building.