

AMERICAN DOLLARS vs. JAPANESE YEN

Yen is the national monetary unit in Japan. Most Okinawan businesses near a military base will accept dollars, but at their own exchange rate. It is wiser to buy yen at the military banking facility or clubs or at a local [exchange facility](#) where the exchange rate may be more favorable. Dollars are not usually accepted in areas remote from military installations. The further you travel from a base, the more you can count on the requirement to pay with yen. Also note that many local stores do not accept credit/debit cards so be prepared to pay with yen.