Chapter 2

Other Exams Used for Studying in Japan

Check the application guidebooks for the school you are interested in and take the designated examinations.

Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)

The Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) is designed to evaluate and certify Japanese language proficiency for non-native Japanese speakers. The test is held twice a year (July and December) in Japan and overseas test site cities.

1) Administered in Japan

Japanese Language Learning Promotion Division, Japan Educational Exchanges and Services (JEES)

(Application Center: Open on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) Tel: +81-3-6686-2974 http://info.jees-jlpt.jp/

2) Administered overseas

Center for Japanese-Language Testing, the Japan Foundation Tel: +81-3-5367-1025 http://www.jlpt.jp/e/index.html

2 The National Center Test (大学入試センター試験)

The National Center Test is a test that Japanese students are required to take for admission to undergraduate programs in national and public universities as well as some private universities in Japan. International students are not required to take this test for admission to most universities, but are required to take it for admission to some undergraduate programs (mainly faculties of medicine and dentistry).

National Center for University Entrance Examinations

http://www.dnc.ac.jp/

3 Other examinations used for studying in Japan

- Examination that provides proof of English language proficiency: TOEFL[®], IELTS, TOEIC[®], the Eiken Test in Practical English Proficiency
- Examination that provides proof of academic abilities that are equivalent to those of upper secondary school graduates:

Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), American College Test (ACT), International Baccalaureate Exams, test scores of a unified university entrance examination in an international student's home country, etc.





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