

Notice of Change to Language Proficiency Test Requirements for Admissions

Please be advised that, starting from the entrance examinations for September 2026 enrollment (scheduled to begin accepting applications in early March 2026), the requirements for language proficiency test submissions for all entrance examinations of the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies at Waseda University will be revised as below.

1. Change to the Submission of TOEIC Listening & Reading Test Scores

If you choose to submit TOEIC scores, they will only be accepted if submitted via "Official Test Score Certificate Verification Service" (available only in Japan as of October 2025).

【Applicants who choose English for screening /thesis writing at GSAPS】

Before the change (for entrance examinations for enrollment up to April 2026)	After the change
【For Non-Native English Speakers】 Any of proof of English language ability as follows. Test score Report of 『TOEFL : iBT (except TOEFL Home Edition) 』 『IELTS : Academic』 (except IELTS Online) 『TOEIC : Listening & Reading Test』	【For Non-Native English Speakers】 Any of the test score report(s) as follows: Test score Report of 『TOEFL : iBT (except TOEFL Home Edition) 』 『IELTS : Academic』 (except IELTS Online) 『TOEIC : Listening & Reading Test』*1

*1 TOEIC Listening & Reading Test scores will be accepted only if submitted via the "Official Test Score Certificate Verification Service," which is available only in Japan as of October 2025.

【Note】External language proficiency tests taken at home or other non-test center locations will not be accepted.

【Applicants who choose Japanese for screening /thesis writing at GSAPS】

Before the change (for entrance examinations for enrollment up to April 2026)	After the change
【For Native Japanese Speakers】 Any of proof of English language ability as follows. Test score Report of 『TOEFL : iBT (except TOEFL Home Edition) 』 『IELTS : Academic』 (except IELTS Online) 『TOEIC : Listening & Reading Test』	【For Native Japanese Speakers】 Any of proof of English language ability as follows. Test score Report of 『TOEFL : iBT (except TOEFL Home Edition) 』 『IELTS : Academic』 (except IELTS Online) 『TOEIC : Listening & Reading Test』*1
【For Non-Native Japanese Speaker】 Any of proof of English language ability as follows. (Optional Submission) Test score Report of 『TOEFL : iBT (except TOEFL Home Edition) 』 『IELTS : Academic』 (except IELTS Online) 『TOEIC : Listening & Reading Test』	【For Non-Native Japanese Speaker】 Any of proof of English language ability as follows. (Optional Submission) Test score Report of 『TOEFL : iBT (except TOEFL Home Edition) 』 『IELTS : Academic』 (except IELTS Online) 『TOEIC : Listening & Reading Test』*1

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2. Target entrance examinations

Please note that, starting from the entrance examinations for September 2026 enrollment (scheduled to begin accepting applications in early March 2026), the policy regarding the validity period of language proficiency test scores has also been revised. For details, please refer to the link below.

The Validity Period of Language Proficiency Test Results Required for Admissions (January 17, 2024)

<https://www.waseda.jp/fire/gsaps/news-en/12243>

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