

**Changes to the Examination Criteria for the "Student" Status of Residence for Applicants  
Entering from April 2025**

We have been informed by the Tokyo Regional Immigration Bureau about changes to the examination criteria for international students intending to enroll in the Center for Japanese Language at Waseda University from April 2025 onwards.

International students will need to submit the following documents when applying for a Certificate of Eligibility (COE)(\*1), Permission for Change of Status of Residence, or Extension of Period of Stay. We kindly ask all prospective students to prepare these documents well in advance.

※1 A COE is a pre-entry examination to certify that your intended activities in Japan correspond to a specific visa. Applicants for a new student visa must receive this certificate before applying for the visa.

**Details**

**1. Who this change affects:**

- Individuals who have been accepted into the Japanese Language Program (JLP) and need to apply for a new student visa.
- Individuals residing in Japan who have been accepted into the JLP and need to change their status of residence to a student visa.
- Individuals residing in Japan who have been accepted into the JLP and need to extend the period of their student visa.

**2. Required Documents: (Please prepare either (A) or (B))**

**(A) Certificate of Japanese Language Test**

- Prepare the original certificate from any of the tests at A1 level or above, as per the "日本語教育の参照枠 (Reference Framework for Japanese Language Education)" outlined, in the "日本語教育機関へ入学するための日本語能力について (Japanese Language Proficiency for Admission to a Japanese Language Institution)" section on the Immigration Services Agency of Japan website (Japanese Only).

[https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/applications/resources/nyuukokukanri07\\_00159.html](https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/applications/resources/nyuukokukanri07_00159.html)

- For further information about test locations, application periods, test dates, fees, and validity periods, please visit the official websites of the respective tests.

**(B) Proof of 150 Hours or More of Japanese Language Study**

- Prepare a document issued by the educational institution, which should include the following details:
  - Name of the educational institution
  - Address of the educational institution
  - Period of Japanese language study (YYYY/MM/DD-YYYY/MM/DD)
  - Total hours of actual Japanese language study (150 hours or more)
  - Attendance rate
- The document should be in Japanese or English.

**3. Submission Period:**

During the enrollment procedure period.

**4. Further Information:**

Details on how to submit the documents will be provided in the "Enrollment Procedure Guide" sent to successful applicants upon the announcement of results.

**5. Notes:**

Please note that the Center for Japanese Language is not responsible for any denials of COE issuance, permission for Change of Status of Residence, or permission to Extension of Period of Stay. These decisions are made by the Tokyo Regional Immigration Bureau.

**6. Contact Information:**

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