

Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Application Instructions PART 2 [Japanese-Language-Teachers Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Japanese Language)]

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1. Objectives

This program is a five-week onsite training program for teachers of the Japanese language at overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc. The aim of the program is for the participants to improve their Japanese language and to deepen their knowledge on Japanese affairs, society, and culture.

2. Eligible Countries

Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan

3. Program Outline

(1) Schedule:

September 29, 2026 to November 4, 2026 (tentative)

(2) Course Venue

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) (Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture)

(3) Description of the Program

a. Japanese Language

Using "IRODORI: Japanese for Life in Japan", developed by JFJLI, Urawa, as the main textbook, participants will improve their ability to communicate in Japanese, which is necessary for living in Japan.

b. Understanding Japanese affairs, society and culture

Participants will learn about the affairs, society and culture of Japan that are useful for life and work in the country.

4. Eligibility

- (1) Applications are accepted from institutions and organizations in countries listed in 2. above, that provide Japanese-language education to people who are expected to reside and work in Japan by working visa: Specified Skilled Worker, etc. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.

- (2) The institutions and organizations listed below are not eligible to apply.
- a. Japanese organizations (administrative bodies and other national organizations), local public organizations, independent administrative agencies and local independent administrative agencies (hereinafter referred to as "national organizations").
 - b. Educational and research institutions and organizations established in Japan as well as other agencies, institutions and organizations affiliated with the Japanese government (Not including institutions and organizations with special legal status, such as incorporated bodies or foundations in which the government of Japan is involved in establishment).
 - c. Foreign government (ministries and other administrative bodies) and overseas diplomatic missions of foreign governments.
 - d. International institutions and organizations contributed to by the Japanese government.
- (3) Participants must satisfy the following conditions, in addition to those conditions described in "Application Instructions PART 1 [Common]" .
- e. Individuals with the experience in teaching the Japanese language for more than one year as of December 1, 2025 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);
 - f. Japanese-language proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese as either of the following at the time of application;
 - (a) Level A2 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
 - (b) Level N4 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT),
Level 3 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent(*)
- * Please view the official website of the JF Standard for a summary of the levels of the JF Standard.
<<https://www.jfstandard.jp/publicdata/ja/render.do#sec02>>
- * Please view the official website of the JLPT for a summary of linguistic competence required for each level of the JLPT.
<<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>>
- * Those who have the proficiency in Japanese more than the level of [a.] or [b.] are not eligible for this program.
- * Candidates who have never taken the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test or the new Japanese-Language Proficiency Test are requested to answer the questions in the Japanese Proficiency Self-Check Test attached and write down the score in the designated column on the page 1 of the Form "Candidate's Japanese-Language Proficiency, Japanese Language Teaching Experience, etc.". Please note that applications without the test score filled in may not be accepted. Attaching the answer sheet itself is not required.
- g. Individuals who have not participated in an onsite training program for "Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates" or "Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Methods) (Onsite) conducted by JFJLI, Urawa.

5. Selection Policy

- (1) Selection is conducted according to the following criteria: need for Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Japanese Language) in candidate's institution and country/area, candidate's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, candidate's position (full-time or part-time) , influence, expected results.
- (2) Higher priority will be given to individuals aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2025.

6. Number of Approved Application

The number of approved/applications in the previous year (FY2025) was 35/52.