

Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

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

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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 education for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker or Employment for Skill Development. The aim of the program is for the participants to improve their teaching skills and to deepen their knowledge on Japanese affairs, society, and culture. There will be NO lessons for improving Japanese-language skills.

2. Eligible Countries

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

3. Program Outline

(1) Schedule:

Session 1 (NC-FN-M1): September 14 to October 21, 2027 (tentative)

Session 2 (NC-FN-M2): November 16 to December 21, 2027 (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 teaching methodologies

By learning how to teach "IRODORI: Japanese for Life in Japan", a Japanese-language textbook developed by JFJLI, Urawa, participants will study a task-accomplishment approach to teaching to deepen their understanding of how to teach the basic Japanese necessary for living and working in Japan.

b. Understanding Japanese affairs, society and culture

Participants will consider methods that utilize class as a way to study 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 or Employment for Skill Development. 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.
- (2) Participants must satisfy the following conditions, in addition to those conditions described in "Application Instructions PART 1 [Common]"
- (3) Japanese-language proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese as either of the following at the time of application;
 - a. Individuals with the experience in teaching the Japanese language for more than one year as of December 1, 2026 (private lessons and teaching practice not included)
 - b. Japanese-language proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese as either of the following at the time of application;
 - (a) Level B1 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
 - (b) Level N3 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 2 or higher 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/pdf/1_global_scale_eng.pdf
 - * 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>>
- c. 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-Teachers Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Methods)" conducted by JFJLI, Urawa, since April 2020.

5. Selection Policy

- (1) Selection is conducted according to the following criteria: need for Japanese-Language-Teacher Training Program to Accept Foreign Nationals (Teaching Methods) 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, 2026.

6. Number of Approved Application

The number of approved/applications in the previous year (FY2026) was 64/170. (Total for session 1 and 2)