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# I . The Japanese-Language Proficiency Test

## 1. Objectives and Administration of the Test

### (1) Objectives

The Japanese-Language Proficiency Test is held in Japan and abroad to evaluate and certify Japanese-language proficiency of non-native speakers.

### (2) Administrative Organizations

The Japan Foundation works with local host institutions to administer the test outside Japan. (In Taiwan, the Japan Foundation and the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association jointly administer the test.) It is administered by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services in Japan.

### (3) Eligibility

Applicants should be, in principle, non-native speakers of Japanese.

## 2. Contents of the Test

### (1) Test Sections and Test Times

The table below shows the sections of the test and the times allotted for each section.

Level	Test sections 〈Test time〉		
N1	Language Knowledge (Vocabulary/Grammar)&Reading 〈110 min.〉		Listening 〈55 min.〉
N2	Language Knowledge (Vocabulary/Grammar)&Reading 〈105 min.〉		Listening 〈50 min.〉
N3	Language Knowledge (Vocabulary) 〈30 min.〉	Language Knowledge (Grammar)& Reading 〈70 min.〉	Listening 〈40 min.〉
N4	Language Knowledge (Vocabulary) 〈25 min.〉	Language Knowledge (Grammar)& Reading 〈55 min.〉	Listening 〈35 min.〉
N5	Language Knowledge (Vocabulary) 〈20 min.〉	Language Knowledge (Grammar)& Reading 〈40 min.〉	Listening 〈30 min.〉

Levels **N1** and **N2** have TWO test sections each: (1) Language Knowledge (Vocabulary/ Grammar) & Reading; and (2) Listening. Levels **N3**, **N4**, and **N5** have THREE test sections each: (1) Language Knowledge (Vocabulary); (2) Language Knowledge (Grammar) & Reading; and (3) Listening.

The new test times of “Language Knowledge (Vocabulary)” and “Language Knowledge (Grammar) & Reading” in levels N4 and N5 were applied from the test in December 2020.

Starting from the December 2022 exam, the test time for the N1 “Listening” has been changed.

Sample questions of the test are available on the JLPT website at <https://www.jlpt.jp/e/>.

## (2) A Summary of Linguistic Competence Required for Each Level

The table below shows the summary of the linguistic competence required for each level. This table outlines what is expected of examinees for each level in terms of Reading and Listening. The linguistic knowledge needed to execute the behaviors described will be required by the examinees to pass their respective levels.

Level	A Summary of Linguistic Competence Required for Each Level
N1	<p><b>The ability to understand Japanese used in a variety of circumstances.</b></p> <p>[Reading]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One is able to read writings with logical complexity and/or abstract writings on a variety of topics, such as newspaper editorials and critiques, and comprehend both their structures and contents.</li> <li>One is also able to read written materials with profound contents on various topics and follow their narratives as well as understand the intent of the writers comprehensively.</li> </ul> <p>[Listening]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One is able to comprehend orally presented materials such as coherent conversations, news reports, and lectures, spoken at natural speed in a broad variety of settings, and is able to follow their ideas and comprehend their contents comprehensively. One is also able to understand the details of the presented materials such as the relationships among the people involved, the logical structures, and the essential points.</li> </ul>
N2	<p><b>The ability to understand Japanese used in everyday situations, and in a variety of circumstances to a certain degree.</b></p> <p>[Reading]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One is able to read materials written clearly on a variety of topics, such as articles and commentaries in newspapers and magazines as well as simple critiques, and comprehend their contents.</li> <li>One is also able to read written materials on general topics and follow their narratives as well as understand the intent of the writers.</li> </ul> <p>[Listening]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One is able to comprehend orally presented materials such as coherent conversations and news reports, spoken at nearly natural speed in everyday situations as well as in a variety of settings, and is able to follow their ideas and comprehend their contents. One is also able to understand the relationships among the people involved and the essential points of the presented materials.</li> </ul>
N3	<p><b>The ability to understand Japanese used in everyday situations to a certain degree.</b></p> <p>[Reading]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One is able to read and understand written materials with specific contents concerning everyday topics.</li> <li>One is also able to grasp summary information such as newspaper headlines.</li> <li>In addition, one is also able to read slightly difficult writings encountered in everyday situations and understand the main points of the content if some alternative phrases are available to aid one's understanding.</li> </ul> <p>[Listening]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One is able to listen and comprehend coherent conversations in everyday situations, spoken at near-natural speed, and is generally able to follow their contents as well as grasp the relationships among the people involved.</li> </ul>
N4	<p><b>The ability to understand basic Japanese.</b></p> <p>[Reading]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One is able to read and understand passages on familiar daily topics written in basic vocabulary and <i>kanji</i>.</li> </ul> <p>[Listening]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One is able to listen and comprehend conversations encountered in daily life and generally follow their contents, provided that they are spoken slowly.</li> </ul>
N5	<p><b>The ability to understand some basic Japanese.</b></p> <p>[Reading]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One is able to read and understand typical expressions and sentences written in <i>hiragana</i>, <i>katakana</i>, and basic <i>kanji</i>.</li> </ul> <p>[Listening]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One is able to listen and comprehend conversations about topics regularly encountered in daily life and classroom situations, and is able to pick up necessary information from short conversations spoken slowly.</li> </ul>

### (3) Test Sections and Scoring Sections

The table below shows the scoring sections and score range. Please note that the test sections and scoring sections are different. Scores displayed are scaled scores.\*

Level	Test Sections	Scoring Sections	Range of Scores
N1 N2	①Language Knowledge(Vocabulary/Grammar) & Reading	① Language Knowledge (Vocabulary/Grammar)	0~60
	②Listening	② Reading	0~60
		③ Listening	0~60
		Total Score	0~180
N3	①Language Knowledge (Vocabulary)	① Language Knowledge (Vocabulary/Grammar)	0~60
	②Language Knowledge (Grammar)&Reading	② Reading	0~60
	③Listening	③ Listening	0~60
		Total Score	0~180
N4 N5	①Language Knowledge (Vocabulary)	① Language Knowledge (Vocabulary/Grammar) & Reading	0~120
	②Language Knowledge (Grammar)&Reading		
	③Listening	② Listening	0~60
		Total Score	0~180

Levels **N1**, **N2**, and **N3** have THREE scoring sections each: ① Language Knowledge (Vocabulary/Grammar) , ②Reading and ③Listening. Levels **N4** and **N5** have TWO scoring sections each: ①Language Knowledge (Vocabulary/Grammar) & Reading and ②Listening.

\*Scaled score introduced with the current JLPT is based on a common score scale and show a more equitable correspondence between the examinee's Japanese language ability and his or her score.

### (4) Pass or Fail

To pass, (1) **the total score must be at or above the passing score (overall pass mark)** and (2) **the score for each section must be at or above the passing score for that section (sectional pass mark)**. If the score for one scoring section is below the sectional pass mark, the examinee fails, no matter how high the total score might be. Furthermore, **if there are sections which an examinee does not sit for, no points will be given for the entire test, including any sections which the examinee completes. A failing mark will be given to the examinee.**

Scoring sections of Levels **N1**, **N2** and **N3** and Levels **N4** and **N5** are different. Overall pass marks and sectional pass marks for each level are shown in the table below.

Level	Total Score		Scores by Scoring Section					
	Range of scores	Overall pass marks	Language Knowledge (Vocabulary/Grammar)		Reading		Listening	
			Range of scores	Sectional pass marks	Range of scores	Sectional pass marks	Range of scores	Sectional pass marks
N1	0~180	100	0~60	19	0~60	19	0~60	19
N2	0~180	90	0~60	19	0~60	19	0~60	19
N3	0~180	95	0~60	19	0~60	19	0~60	19

Level	Total Score		Scores by Scoring Section			
	Range of scores	Overall pass marks	Language Knowledge (Vocabulary/Grammar) & Reading		Listening	
			Range of scores	Sectional pass marks	Range of scores	Sectional pass marks
N4	0~180	90	0~120	38	0~60	19
N5	0~180	80	0~120	38	0~60	19

### (5) Understanding JLPT Certificates

Examinees will receive a “Certificate of Result and Scores.” As in the sample below, the Certificate of Result and Scores will show ①scores for each section, ②the total score and ③reference information. The reference information is provided as a guide for the examinees' future Japanese study, and is NOT intended to determine pass or fail.

Also, ④a percentile rank is indicated on the Certificate of Result and Scores of examinees who passed the test overseas (excluding those who were exempt from the Listening section), showing the percentage of examinees with a score lower than yours in the six latest tests, including the one you took.

\*Your reference information is located on the back of the Certificate of Result and Scores.

#### [Sample 1] A sample of test results for N1, N2 and N3

①	Scores by scoring section			Total score	②	Percentile Rank	④
	Language Knowledge(Vocabulary / Grammar)	Reading	Listening				
	50/60	30/60	40/60				
						88.8	

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③	Reference information*	
	Vocabulary	Grammar
	A	B

A : The number of correct responses is 67% or higher  
B : The number of correct responses is between 34% and 66%  
C : The number of correct responses is less than 34%

\*The reference information for the Language Knowledge (Vocabulary/Grammar) section shows that the Vocabulary category has been rated A, which means that 67% or more of the responses were correct. The reference information also shows that the Grammar category has been rated B, which means that between 34% and 66% of the responses were correct.

#### [Sample 2] A sample of test results for N4 and N5

①	Scores by scoring section			Total score	②	Percentile Rank	④
	Language Knowledge(Vocabulary / Grammar)&Reading		Listening				
	80/120		40/60				
				120/180			

③	Reference information*		
	Vocabulary	Grammar	Reading
	A	B	A

A : The number of correct responses is 67% or higher

B : The number of correct responses is between 34% and 66%

C : The number of correct responses is less than 34%

\*The reference information for the Language Knowledge (Vocabulary/Grammar)&Reading section shows that the Vocabulary and Reading categories have been rated A, which means that 67% or more of the responses were correct for both categories of this section. The reference information also shows that the Grammar category has been rated B, which means that between 34% and 66% of the responses were correct.

## II. The Japanese-Language Proficiency Test in 2024(December)

### 1. How to Apply

#### (1) Application Procedure

Please contact the local host institution in the area where you wish to take the test for information about the application procedure, test fee and methods of payment. A list of test sites and local host institutions is available on the JLPT website at <https://www.jlpt.jp/e/>.

① **Application Period**

To be determined by the local host institution.

② **Distribution of Test Vouchers to Applicants**

Your Test Voucher with your registration number will be distributed by your local host institution.

③ **Test Date and Time**

**December 1, 2024 (Sunday)**. Examinees will be notified on the Test Voucher regarding the time for assembling.

④ **Test Center**

To be announced on the Test Voucher.

⑤ **NOTE**

- **The test fee is non refundable.**
- **In principle, you will not be permitted to change your test site or test level after the Application Form has been submitted to the local host institution.**
- If your application materials are not complete, due to such as some omission in your Application Form or incomplete payment of the test fee, or if the statement in your Application Form are proven to be untrue, or if you violate rules prescribed by the local host institutions, your Application Form may not be accepted by the Japan Foundation/the local host institutions in order to insure fair and smooth test operation. Your application may be cancelled if one or more of those situations come to light, even after your Application Form has been accepted.
- If you are not able to submit your Application Form in person, submission by a representative, such as a family member or friend, is permitted. Please note, however, that any mistakes on the Application Form presented by your representative may not be amended.
- Generally, examinees will receive their Test Vouchers from the local host institution within two weeks after the application period ends. If your Test Voucher does not arrive within those two weeks, please contact the local host institution.
- Notwithstanding the above, examinees may apply to have their test fees refunded if the test is not available due to force majeure (such as natural disaster or strike by public transportation workers). In such instances, the examinees should contact their local host institution for further details. Please note that, in any event, the Japan Foundation is unable to bear responsibility for compensating examinees for their inconvenience or for refunding expenses or other damages incurred.
- Please apply for the test after thoroughly reading, understanding and agreeing to the conditions printed in this Test Guide.
- Please refer to FAQ page on the JLPT website at <https://www.jlpt.jp/e/faq/index.html> for frequently-asked questions.

#### (2) About Special Testing Accommodations

If you want to be provided for Special Testing Accommodations because of a disease, a personal injury, a physical disability or other impairments, please ask your local host institution for a “Request Form for Special Testing Accommodations” and submit the completed Request Form together with your Application Form before the deadline set by your local host institution. Please make sure to check the box in the upper right corner on your Application Form. If the information provided on the Request Form is not sufficient, applicants may be requested to submit a medical certificate or other such documentations. As preparation takes time, late requests may not be acceptable.

## 2 . What to Bring on Test Day

You may only bring the **Test Voucher**, **writing utensils** (**medium-soft <No.2 or HB> blacklead pencils and a plastic eraser**) and **photo identification such as a passport, driver's license, or other official identification specified by the local host institution**. You will not be allowed to take the test if you forget to bring your photo identification to the test site.

## 3 . Misconduct

Your action or attempted action will be considered misconduct if:

- ① your mobile phone or watch alarm sounds or **vibrates** during the test;
- ② you provide others with answers; obtain answers from other examinees; use a dictionary, text-book, reference book, crib sheet, earphone, or mobile phone; write answers in advance on your desk or writing equipment;
- ③ you are found to have taken the test in someone else's place, or to have engaged someone to take the test on your behalf, or your identity could not be verified due to the use of a false ID or other such reason;
- ④ you refuse to follow the proctor's instructions;
- ⑤ you take the test papers and/or answer sheets outside the test center with you; take photos of the test papers and/or answer sheets; or take the contents of the test papers and/or answer sheets outside the test center by copying them or recording them;
- ⑥ you disturb other examinees in any way;
- ⑦ you share the test contents and answers, photos of the test papers and/or answer sheets, or audio content of the listening test via the Internet or any other means of communication with any third party, and vice versa (including misconduct after the test) ;
- ⑧ you cooperate with someone committing misconduct ②, ③, ⑤, ⑥ and/or ⑦.

If you commit any kind of misconduct during the test, the proctor will order you to stop the test and leave the test center. You will not be able to take the rest of the test. If you commit any of these types of misconduct or if the Japan Foundation determines for any reason that there are questions about the propriety of your score, the Japan Foundation has the right to re-administer the test, invalidate your test results (including those from past tests), refuse to notify you of your test result, and ban you from taking future Japanese-Language Proficiency Tests. If there is an inquiry about your performance from a company, school, organization or other entity when your past test results have been invalidated, the Japan Foundation will notify the corresponding company, school, organization or other entity that your results are invalid.

The Japan Foundation will not be responsible for any damages suffered by you the examinee nor any other type of claim made as a result of re-administering the test, not being notified of your score, having your score invalidated, or being banned from ever taking the test again.

## 4 . Test Results

### (1)Certificates

All examinees will be issued a "Certificate of Result and Scores" through their local host institution at which they took the test by early March 2025. Those examinees who successfully pass each level will also be issued a "Certificate of Japanese-Language Proficiency." If you have not been issued your certificate by the end of March, please contact **your local host institution**.

Please direct all inquiries about notification of test results (including how they are delivered) to the **local host institution** where you took the test, instead of the Japan Foundation. **Neither the Japan Foundation nor the local host institutions will be able to respond to any inquiries regarding test scores.**



“Certificate of Result and Scores” and “Certificate of Japanese-Language Proficiency” with errors (eg. Name, date of birth) will be corrected and re-issued only if they are reported within a year from the test date. Request for correction due to the change of your name caused after the test date will NOT be accepted. Examinee should contact local host institution and present following documents.

- ① Test Voucher or Application Form B
- ② Photo identification used for the application of the test
- ③ Original “Certificate of Result and Scores” and “Certificate of Japanese-Language Proficiency” (if issued)

**Please note that names can only be indicated in English characters due to technical limitation.**

## **(2) Online Test Results Announcement**

Test results will be available on the JLPT website at <https://www.jlpt.jp/e/> around the end of January 2025. **Your registration number and passcode are required to check your test result online, so be sure to keep your copy of Application Form ㊦ (For the applicant). Please note that you will not be able to see your test result online if you have failed to correctly write an 8-digit passcode (numbers only) on the application form.**

## **(3) Reissuance of “Certificate of Result and Scores”**

The Japan Foundation can reissue a “Certificate of Result and Scores,” which is an official certificate for submission to schools or companies. If you wish to receive copies of this certificate, please check the application procedure on the JLPT website at <https://www.jlpt.jp/e/> and contact your local host institution or the Japan Foundation Center for Japanese-Language Testing.

## **(4) Genuineness of Test Results**

In cases when the Immigration Services Agency of Japan, a university or other educational institution, or business enterprise makes an inquiry, with some proper reason, on whether an examinee’s “Certificate of Japanese-Language Proficiency” or “Certificate of Result and Scores” is genuine, the Japan Foundation may confirm validity and report the results to the inquirer.

## **(5) Notification of the Test Scores to Universities and Other Institutions in Japan**

Japan Educational Exchanges and Services will send the test results of the JLPT directly to the universities or other schools upon their request after the results are notified to examinees, for examinees who take the JLPT in cities outside of Japan where the “Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)” is not yet introduced.

In the case of examinees who are taking the JLPT overseas and who are also applying to enter a Japanese Language Institute which is a member of the Association for the Promotion of Japanese Language Education or Japanese Language School Association (JaLSA), the Japan Foundation will send the examinee’s score via the aforementioned associations to a designated institute upon request.



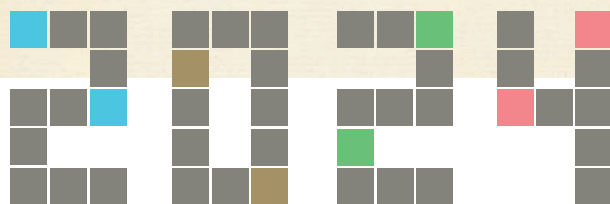
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