Q: Are there any special qualifications needed to take the JLPT?
A: The JLPT is open to all non-native Japanese speakers. There are no age restrictions for the JLPT.

Q: How do I register to take the test? How much is the registration fee and when is the deadline?
A: Please inquire at the local host institution in the country/area where you plan to take the test.

Q: At the time of registration, will not be in the country/area where I want to take the test. What should I do?
A: Please make sure to apply with the local host institution in the country/area where you plan to take the test. If you cannot apply for the test yourself, please ask a friend or acquaintance in the country/area where you want to take the test for help with registration.

Q: I have a disability. Can I take the JLPT?
A: Yes, you can. We offer special testing accommodations for examiners with disabilities or other impairments. Please inquire at the local host institution as soon as possible. You need to submit “Request Form for Special Testing Accommodation” along with your application form upon registration.

Q: What is the JLPT test like? What are its levels?
A: The JLPT test has four levels: JLPT N1, N2, N3, and N4. The test consists of listening, reading, writing, and grammar sections. Each level has a different level of difficulty.

Q: Is there a separate test for the JLPT?
A: No, the JLPT is a comprehensive test that assesses various skills in the Japanese language.

Q: What are some advantages of the JLPT?
A: The JLPT offers various advantages. In Japan, the JLPT is taken into consideration for preferential immigration treatment as well as an eligibility for various national exams. Outside Japan, it is widely used as a school credit, graduation certification, job screening and promotion, as well as for a variety of national qualifications.
日本語能力試験とは？

日本語能力試験は、日本で発展した言語能力評価システムです。日本語学習者を対象に、日本語能力を測定し、認定するための試験です。試験は日本国内を中心に世界中で1年に2回、一月に実施されます。

日本語能力試験は1984年に創設され、2021年12月試験までに約450万人の参加者があったことから、国内外で果たした役割が大きくなっています。試験の実施は、日本語の多様性と国際化の推進に寄与しています。

1. 実施者

実施者は、日本語教育研究会が各施設の実施権を持つことを講じています。日本語学習者としては、教育機関の異例を含む日本語教育機関が実施しています。

2. 試験日

試験は毎年12月の第2日曜日と第3日曜日に行われます。ただし、海外では7月の第2日曜日と第3日曜日に行われています。試験の日程は、試験の通知を受けた日をもって試験開始日とします。

3. 各レベルの試験科目と認定の基準

試験には、4つの科目が設定されています。N1、N2、N3、N4の4レベルがあり、それぞれのレベルに応じて試験科目が異なるため、認定も異なります。

4. 合否の判定

合否の判定は、1科目で合格することができるかもしれませんが、2科目以上が必要です。合格点の基準は科目ごとに異なりますが、合否判定の基準を満たすことが必要です。

5. 結果の通知

合格者及び不合格者に、合格者及び不合格者に基づく通知が送られます。合格者は合格者取得証明書を、不合格者は不合格者通知書を受取ことができるです。

What is the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test?

The JLPT is a test for non-native speakers of Japanese which evaluates and certifies their Japanese-language proficiency. The test is simultaneously conducted twice a year in Japan and various locations overseas.

Since the JLPT began in 1981, the cumulative number of examinees who have taken the test has reached 52,200,000.

Currently, it is the largest Japanese-language test in the world.

1. Administrative Organizations

Outside Japan, the Japan Foundation administers the test in cooperation with local host institutions. In Taiwan, the Japan Foundation and the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association jointly administer the test. Inside Japan, Japan Educational Exchanges and Services administrators administer the test.

2. Test Dates

In 2023, the test will be conducted on Sunday, July 2 and Sunday, December 3.

Outside Japan, however, the test may be held only in July or December in some cities. Please refer to the official Worldwide JLPT website (www.jlpt.jp) for the test schedule in your city.

3. Test Sections and Summary of Linguistic Competence Required for Each Level

Each section of the JLPT tests proficiency in listening, reading, writing, and speaking. The linguistic competence required for each level is summarized as follows:

4. Decision of Pass or Fail

To pass, the total score must be at or above the overall pass mark. If the score in each scoring section needs to be at or above the 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.

In addition, examinees fail when they skip even one test section, and they will not receive scores for any section, including any sections which the examinees complete.

5. Notification of Test Results

All examinees will be issued a "Certificate of Result and Scores." Successful examinees will also be issued a "Certificate of Japanese Language Proficiency." To examinees outside Japan, "Certificate of Result and Scores" will be issued via the local host institutions. Examinees will receive their "Certificate of Result and Scores" for the July test in early October and in early March for the December test. Moreover, the test results will be available online for the July test in late August and in late January for the December test.