

Guidelines for Credit Certification of Foreign Language Proficiency Tests

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Approved by Chairman of Headquarters for Education, All University Education Supervisory Department and Committee

For the completed class subjects designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as stipulated in Article 30, Paragraph 1 and Article 31, Paragraph 2 of the Hiroshima University General Provisions (hereinafter, “General Provisions”), the credit certification for external tests on foreign language proficiency shall be handled as set forth below.

- (1) The class subjects and the number of credits (for various languages) which can be certified for foreign language proficiency tests, etc. within the scope of credit certification shall be as shown in the tables hereunder.

- (2) Application Process and Scope of Credit Certification
 - (i) Grades and scores in the scope of credit certification shall be as follows:
 - English: limited to credits acquired from examinations taken after admission.
 - Other languages: limited to credits from examinations taken within 2 years prior to the date of application.
 - (ii) A student who acquired the designated grade or score before admission and is intending to apply for credit certification based on the provisions in Article 31, Paragraph 2 of General Provisions shall submit Application for Credit Certification for Foreign Language Proficiency Tests (Attached Paper) together with the original of the test pass or score certificate (which is a general requirement) to the school to which the student belongs, instead of the application for certification of previously acquired credits mentioned in the Hiroshima University By-Laws Regarding Approval of Previously Acquired Credits.
 - (iii) A student who acquired the designated grade or score after admission and is intending to apply for credit certification based on the provisions in Article 30, Paragraph 1 of General Provisions shall submit Application for Credit Certification for Foreign Language Proficiency Tests (Attached Paper) together with the original copy of the test pass or score certificate (which is a general requirement) to the school to which the student belongs during the period of the course registration procedure.
 - (iv) The application is received only in respect to the class subjects for which the credits have not been accredited at the time of application. Basic Japanese, however, shall be

excluded.

- (v) The certification is given only to the credits, and therefore the performance evaluation is not provided.
- (vi) The number of credits to be certified is limited to 1 credit for each class subject. For Basic Japanese, however, the number of credits to be certified is limited to 3 credits for each class subject.
- (vii) When applying for certification of the class subjects for which completion has been registered at the time of the application, the registration of the said class subjects shall be changed by selecting between “Credits unnecessary” and “Cancellation of completion.”

Supplementary Provisions

- 1 The above handling procedure shall come into effect from April 1, 2023.
- 2 The “Guidelines for Credit Certification of Foreign Language Proficiency Tests” (June 23, 2017, Approved by Chairman of Headquarters for Education, All University Education Supervisory Department and Committee) shall be abolished.
- 3 The guidelines for credit certification of foreign language proficiency tests for the English language with regard to the students who entered the university in 2022 or prior thereto shall remain applicable, regardless of the stipulations herein.

Supplementary Provisions (August 29, 2023)

This regulation shall come into effect from September 1, 2023.

Supplementary Provisions (March 11, 2025)

- 1 This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2025.
- 2 The stipulations regarding the Administration of Credit Approval for Foreign Language Skills Tests for persons who entered the University in 2025 or before shall remain applicable, regardless of the revised provisions on such administration.

Appended Tables

(1) English

Foreign language proficiency tests, etc.		Grade / Score	Class subjects to be certified	Credits to be certified
Test in Practical English Proficiency (Eiken)		Grade Pre-1 or higher	Communication Basic I Communication Basic II Communication Practice I Communication Practice II	2 credits or less
			Communication I A Communication I B Communication II A Communication II B	4 credits or less
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL iBT (R) Test *1 • TOEFL ITP(R) Test provided by Hiroshima University *2 	Paper-Based *2	Score 520 or higher	Communication Basic I Communication Basic II Communication Practice I Communication Practice II	2 credits or less
			Communication I A Communication I B Communication II A Communication II B	4 credits or less
		Score 68 or higher	Communication Basic I Communication Basic II Communication Practice I Communication Practice II	2 credits or less
			Communication I A Communication I B Communication II A Communication II B	4 credits or less
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEIC (R) Listening & Reading Test for public • TOEIC (R) Listening & Reading Test IP approved by Institute for Foreign Language Research and Education 		Score 730 or higher	Communication Basic I Communication Basic II Communication Practice I Communication Practice II	2 credits or less
			Communication I A Communication I B Communication II A Communication II B	4 credits or less
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International English Language Testing System (IELTS) “Academic Module” • Computer-delivered IELTS Academic 		Score 5.5 or higher	Communication Basic I Communication Basic II Communication Practice I Communication Practice II	2 credits or less
			Communication I A Communication I B Communication II A	4 credits or less

		Communication II B	
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*1 Only the Test Date score is within the scope of certification, and Best™ score is not. TOEFL iBT (R) Test Home Edition and Special Home Edition are outside the scope of certification.

*2 The test score of TOEFL ITP (R) provided by Hiroshima University shall be converted to the score of Paper-Based test in the table for certification.

(2) German

Foreign language proficiency tests, etc.	Grade / Score	Class subjects to be certified	Credits to be certified
German Diploma in Japan (Dokken)	Grade 2 or higher	Basic German I Basic German II Basic German III Basic German IV Intensive German I A Intensive German I B Intensive German II A Intensive German II B	8 credits or less
	Grade 3	Basic German I Basic German II Basic German III Basic German IV	4 credits or less
	Grade 4	Basic German I Basic German I Basic German III Basic German IV	2 credits or less
Österreichisches Sprachdiplom Deutsch (ÖSD) *	A2 or higher	Basic German I Basic German II Basic German III Basic German IV Intensive German I A Intensive German I B Intensive German II A Intensive German II B	8 credits or less
	A1	Basic German I Basic German II Basic German III Basic German IV	4 credits or less
Goethe-Zertifikat *	A2 or higher	Basic German I Basic German II Basic German III Basic German IV Intensive German I A	8 credits or less

		Intensive German I B Intensive German II A Intensive German II B	
	A1	Basic German I Basic German II Basic German III Basic German IV	4 credits or less

*Application is possible only after passing all 4 skills (speaking, listening, reading, writing).

(3) French

Foreign language proficiency tests, etc.	Grade / Score	Class subjects to be certified	Credits to be certified
Test in Practical French Proficiency (Futsuken)	Grade 3 or higher	Basic French I Basic French II Basic French III Basic French IV Intensive French I A Intensive French I B Intensive French II A Intensive French II B	8 credits or less
	Grade 4	Basic French I Basic French II Basic French III Basic French IV	4 credits or less
	Grade 5	Basic French I Basic French II	2 credits or less
DELE/DALF *	A1 or higher	Basic French I Basic French II Basic French III Basic French IV Intensive French I A Intensive French I B Intensive French II A Intensive French II B	8 credits or less
TCF (Test de Connaissance du Français) French Proficiency Test	100 or higher	Basic French I Basic French II Basic French III Basic French IV Intensive French I A Intensive French I B Intensive French II A Intensive French II B	8 credits or less
TEF (Test d'Evaluation de	69 or	Basic French I	8 credits or

Français) French Proficiency Test by Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry	higher	Basic French II Basic French III Basic French IV Intensive French I A Intensive French I B Intensive French II A Intensive French II B	less
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*Application is possible only after passing all 4 skills (speaking, listening, reading, writing).

(4) Chinese

Foreign language proficiency tests, etc.	Grade / Score	Class subjects to be certified	Credits to be certified
Chinese Proficiency Test (Chuken)	Grade 3 or higher	Basic Chinese I Basic Chinese II Basic Chinese III Basic Chinese IV Intensive Chinese I A Intensive Chinese I B Intensive Chinese II A Intensive Chinese II B	8 credits or less
	Grade 4	Basic Chinese I Basic Chinese II Basic Chinese III Basic Chinese IV	4 credits or less
	Grade Pre-4	Basic Chinese I Basic Chinese II	2 credits or less
HSK *	Grade 4 or higher	Basic Chinese I Basic Chinese II Basic Chinese III Basic Chinese IV Intensive Chinese I A Intensive Chinese I B Intensive Chinese II A Intensive Chinese II B	8 credits or less
	Grade 3	Basic Chinese I Basic Chinese II Basic Chinese III Basic Chinese IV	4 credits or less
	Grade 2	Basic Chinese I Basic Chinese II	2 credits or less

*Application is possible after passing the “written test.” Application is not accepted only for the “oral test” (beginning level, intermediate level, advanced level).

(5) Korean

Foreign language proficiency tests, etc.	Grade / Score	Class subjects to be certified	Credits to be certified
Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK)	Grade 5 or higher	Basic Korean I Basic Korean II Basic Korean III Basic Korean IV Intensive Korean I A Intensive Korean I B Intensive Korean II A Intensive Korean II B	8 credits or less
	Grade 4	Basic Korean I Basic Korean II Basic Korean III Basic Korean IV	4 credits or less
	Grade 3	Basic Korean I Basic Korean II Basic Korean III Basic Korean IV	2 credits or less

(6) Spanish

Foreign language proficiency tests, etc.	Grade / Score	Class subjects to be certified	Credits to be certified
Evaluación del conocimiento de la lengua Española (Seiken)	Grade 4 or higher	Basic Spanish I Basic Spanish II Basic Spanish III Basic Spanish IV Intensive Spanish I A Intensive Spanish I B Intensive Spanish II A Intensive Spanish II B	8 credits or less
	Grade 5	Basic Spanish I Basic Spanish II Basic Spanish II Basic Spanish IV	4 credits or less
	Grade 6	Basic Spanish I Basic Spanish II	2 credits or less
DELE *	A2 or higher	Basic Spanish I Basic Spanish II Basic Spanish III Basic Spanish IV Intensive Spanish I A	8 credits or less

		Intensive Spanish I B Intensive Spanish II A Intensive Spanish II B	
	A1	Basic Spanish I Basic Spanish II Basic Spanish III Basic Spanish IV	4 credits or less

*Application is possible only after passing all 4 skills (speaking, listening, reading, writing).

(7) Japanese

Foreign language proficiency tests, etc.	Grade / Score	Class subjects to be certified	Credits to be certified
Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)	N1	Basic Japanese I Basic Japanese II Basic Japanese III Basic Japanese IV	8 credits or less
	N2	Basic Japanese I Basic Japanese II Basic Japanese III Basic Japanese IV	4 credits or less