

Specified Skills Evaluation Exam for Construction Industry
Examination Guide

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Japan Association for Construction Human Resources

1. Purpose of the exam

This exam is based on the implementation guidelines for the specified skills evaluation exam for construction industry set by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan, and is used to determine whether or not the applicant meets the level for the specified skills.

In order to obtain Specified Skills Worker No. 1, in addition to passing this No. 1 Specified Skills Evaluation Exam, you must also pass the Japanese Basic Test or obtain N4 or higher in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test, and in order to obtain Specified Skills Worker No. 2. In addition to passing this No. 2 Specified Skills Evaluation Exam, you will also need to have practical experience as a group leader for a period of time (0.5 to 3 years) specified by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism.

2. Job categories to be tested

(i) Civil engineering / (i) Architecture / (i) Lifeline and equipment / (ii) Civil engineering / (ii) Architecture / (ii) Lifeline and equipment (6 categories)

*You cannot take the exams for multiple categories. You can only take the exam for the one category you choose.

3. Exam schedule

October 1, 2, 14, 15, 16, 17, 28, 29 and 30, 2025

* You cannot take the test on multiple days. You can take the test only on the day you choose.

* As a measure against COVID-19 infection, please note that the meeting time will differ for each applicant.

4. Location

- October 14, 15, 16 and 17: Tokyo venue
TRUST CITY CONFERENCE Kamiyacho

Kamiyacho Trust Tower 2F, 4-1-1 Toranomom, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan
<https://www.tcc-kaigishitsu.com/tcc-w/access.html>

***Please note that this is a different venue from the one used until April.**

- October 28, 29 and 30: Osaka venue

Osaka Prefectural Labor Center (Elle Osaka) 709 meeting room
3-14 Kitahama Higashi, Chuo Ward, Osaka City, Osaka Prefecture, Japan
<https://www.l-osaka.or.jp/access/>

- October 1 and 2: Sapporo venue

The Sapporo Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Hokkaido Economic Center,
B Hall
Kita 1-jo Nishi 2-chome, Chuo Ward, Sapporo City, Hokkaido, Japan
<https://www.sapporo-cci.or.jp/web/purpose/01/access.html>

5. Capacity

Approximately 40 people per day in 6 categories, 360 people in total for 9 days

* If you exceed the capacity, you may not be able to take the exam.

6. Exam fee

1,000YEN

* The exam fee will be collected in cash at the exam site.

7. Contents of the exam

This evaluation exam will be conducted by theoretical tests and practical skills tests in accordance with the implementation guidelines for specified skills (i) evaluation exam for construction industry set by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. For details on the test scope, please refer to the exam announcement site of Japan Association for Construction Human Resources.

Japanese: <https://jac-skill.or.jp/exam.html>

English: https://jac-skill.or.jp/exam_en.html

***If there are any changes to the implementation guidelines for specified skills (i) evaluation exam for construction industry, the exam will be conducted in accordance with the new implementation guidelines.**

8. Application for Exam

① Reception period

Application for October 1 and 2 exam:

From September 5, 2025 to September 26, 2025 at 12:00 noon

Application for October 14, 15, 16 and 17 exam:

From September 19, 2025 to October 10, 2025 at 12:00 noon

Application for October 28, 29 and 30 exam:

From October 3, 2025 to October 24, 2025 at 12:00 noon

② How to apply

Apply through the JAC members app of Japan Association for Construction Human Resources.

For iOS:

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/jac-members/id6448615672?mt=8>

For Android:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=jp.or.jacskill.members&hl=ja&pli=1>

*For instructions on how to apply via the JAC members app, please refer to the following page.

<https://ssw.jac-skill.or.jp/news/examinfo/exam-entry-guidance.php>

* You can install the JACmembers app and register an account in advance.

* Only one account can be registered per examinee. Only one account can be registered per smartphone. Registration must be made using the examinee's own smartphone.

*Do not register multiple accounts or use multiple accounts on one smartphone, as this will cause the app to not function properly. Please note that we cannot handle any issues that arise from not following this restriction.

*If you have a residence card, your name, etc. will be read automatically. If you use other methods, your name must be spelled the same as on your residence card or passport. Please enter in capital letters.

* The face photo used for the pass certificate will be taken with a smartphone app. When shooting, use a white wall as the background and be careful not to include other objects in the photo.

* Photos that are out of focus, photos with shining glasses, photos with objects in the background, photos that are not looking straight ahead, and photos that have been processed will not be accepted.

* A valid residence card or proof of correct residency is required.

* When showing the validity with the period of stay renewal permission sticker attached to the passport, the hole letter of the passport number on each page can be identified by taking a picture of the entire passport page so that it can be seen that the passport is the same as the person's column of the passport. Please make sure that they are the same.

* For passports such as Vietnam and China that do not have a hole letter of the passport number, bend the page so that the identity field of the passport and the page of the residence permit sticker appear at the same time, and take a picture of the entire passport.

* We will not accept photos of residence cards and passports that are too small to be identified, or those that are shining on the face of the card and cannot be identified.

* A copy of the residence card cannot be confirmed to be the same person as the face photo, so please take a photo of your residence card and send it.

*You can only apply for one exam at a time. After you apply for an exam, you cannot apply for another exam until the results are released. If you want to apply for another exam, you must cancel the exam you are currently applying for before applying for the other exam.

9. What to bring on the day

① Certificate

- Residence card (In case of a resident)
- Passport (In case of a temporary visitor)

*Certificate must be real. Copies will not be accepted for the exam.

② Admission ticket

The admission ticket will be displayed when you press the admission ticket button on the JACmembers app. Please show the app screen at the reception. You will not be able to take the exam if you show a screenshot or printout of the screen.

③ Exam fee ¥1,000 in cash

* If you do not bring these on the day, you will not be able to take the test.

* You must not lend or borrow goods with other examinees. Please prepare by yourself.

*The reception time will be specified for each examinee. You must arrive at the designated time to be able to register. If you are late for the reception time, you will not be able to take the test.

10. COVID-19 infection prevention measures

- ① Measure your temperature on site, You can not take an exam, if it is over 37.5°C.
- ② At the exam site, you must wear a mask for preventing COVID-19.
- ③ In addition, you must follow the instructions of the local Exam venue.

11. Preparation before taking the exam

As a preparation before taking the Exam, we recommend that you carry out the CBT operation trial in advance.

- CBT operation trial

<https://jac-skill.mc-plus.jp/exam/trial/>

12. Announcement of result

It will be done individually using JAC members app within about two weeks after the exam. If you pass, a certificate of specified skills as a PDF file will be sent to JAC members app on your smartphone. The PDF file is the original as your certificate, so please keep it in a safe place.

Only the number of applicants, the number of successful applicants, the percentage of successful applicants will be disclosed on the website of Japan Association for Construction Human Resources. And the pass / fail status of each individual will not be posted. In addition, we cannot respond to inquiries about the content of exam questions or individual pass / fail status.

13. Others

Due to bad weather such as typhoons and heavy snow, and the spread of the new corona infection, the exam may not be possible. After applying, notices may be sent to JAC members app on your smartphone, so please check carefully until the test date.

14. About personal information

The personal information required for this examination will be used for this examination and for the issuance of a certificate. The information may be provided to the facility manager of the test venues when it is necessary to implement the countermeasures against COVID-19. In addition, it may be provided if requested by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan. In addition, if you have separately agreed, JAC will use it when JAC send you information about services offered by JAC.