

## 2. Application Qualifications

Applicants must meet one of the following qualification requirements:

- (1) University graduates of a 6-year medical, dental, pharmaceutical course or a veterinary medicine course. (Students graduating on or before March 31, 2027 are eligible for admission in April 2027.)
- (2) Holders of a bachelor's degree (in a medical course only) conferred by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education under Section 7, Article 104 of the School Education Act.
- (3) Those who have completed 18 years of formal education abroad. The last course must have been in medical, dental, pharmaceutical, or veterinary medicine. (Students graduating on or before September 30, 2026 are eligible for admission in October 2026, Students graduating in March 2027 are eligible for admission in April 2027.)
- (4) Those who have completed 18 years of formal education through a foreign correspondence course conducted in Japan. The last course must have been in medical, dental, pharmaceutical, or veterinary medicine. (Students graduating on or before March 31, 2027 are eligible for admission in April 2027.)
- (5) Those who have completed the academic curriculum of a foreign university located in Japan and authorized by their home countries as educational institutions (whose graduates are regarded as having completed 18 years of formal education in their home countries) and designated as such by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology. (Students graduating on or before March 31, 2027 are eligible for admission in April 2027.) The last course must have been in medical, dental, pharmaceutical, or veterinary medicine.
- (6) Having completed a course of 5 years or more (the last course must be medicine, dentistry, pharmaceutical or veterinary sciences) at an overseas university or other foreign educational institution (only those whose overall state of educational and research activities are recognized by the relevant foreign government or individual(s) credited with such agency of the foreign government, or those designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports as equal to the aforementioned) (including those cases where all credits have been acquired in Japan through a correspondence course offered by the overseas educational institution or all required courses have been completed at an educational institution recognized by the school and education system of such a foreign country and designated as such in the preceding paragraph) and earned a degree equal to a bachelor's degree.
- (7) Those designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. (Education Ministry Notice No.39 of 1955)  
Applicants who meet one of the following qualifications:
  - [1] Individuals who studied medical or dental science in the medical or dental department of a university established under the former School Education Act (Imperial Decree 388 of 1918) and graduated there from.
  - [2] Graduates of the National Defense Medical College established under the Defense Agency Establishment Act (Act No.164 of 1954).
  - [3] Those who have completed a master's course or professional graduate program under Section 2, Article 99 of the School Education Act (Act No.164 of 1947) and applicants who are eligible for a master's degree. (Students graduating on or before March 31, 2027 are eligible for admission in April 2027).
  - [4] Applicants who have been enrolled for more than 2 years in a doctor's course that does not divide into 2 parts (first 2 years and second 3 years), acquired more than 30 credits, received necessary research instruction (including those who meet the requirement of the Academic Degree Rule [Section 1, Article 6, Education Ministry Ordinance No.9 of 1953] before it was partly revised by Education Ministry Ordinance No.29 of 1974), and are regarded as having a level of academic ability in the graduate course or major subject equivalent to that of a University graduates of a 6-year medical, dental, pharmaceutical course or a veterinary medicine course.
  - [5] University graduates in departments other than medical, dental, pharmaceutical, or veterinary medicine (years required for graduation must have been 6 years) or students who have completed 16 years of formal education abroad, been engaged in research work for more than 2 years at a university or research institution, and are regarded, thanks to their research performance, as having a level of academic ability in the graduate course or major subject equivalent to that of a university graduates of a 6-year medical, dental, pharmaceutical course or a veterinary medicine course.
- (8) Students who had been enrolled in a 6-year medical, dental, pharmaceutical course, or a veterinary science course for more than 4 years or students who have completed 16 years of formal education that must have included a medical, dental, pharmaceutical, or veterinary science course abroad (including students graduating on or before September 30, 2026 for admission in October 2026 and students graduating on or before March 31, 2027 for admission in April 2027) and are regarded by the Graduate School as having acquired the necessary credits with excellent grades.
- (9) Those who are 24 years of age or older on or before September 30, 2026 for admission in October 2026 and or before March 31, 2027 for admission in April 2027 and who have taken the Graduate School's preliminary qualification examination and are regarded as having a level of academic ability equal to or higher than that of a university graduate of a 6-year medical, dental, pharmaceutical course, or a veterinary science course.

\* Applicants who fall into the categories of (7)-[4][5], (8) or (9) must take a preliminary qualification examination.