

Examination for Granting an Equivalency Certificate of Lower Secondary School Graduation

1. Purpose

The Examination for Granting an Equivalency Certificate of Lower Secondary School Graduation is an examination conducted by the national government to certify whether children whose guardians delayed fulfilling their obligation to have them attend school, as stipulated in Article 18 of the School Education Act, or who were exempted from the obligation have the scholastic ability equivalent to a junior high school graduate. Those who pass the examination are then qualified to enter high school.

2. Eligibility requirements for the examination

Must be 15 years of age or older during the fiscal year of the examination, and have had the obligation to attend school deferred or been exempted from the obligation.

Excluding those designated in ④, must turn 15 during the fiscal year of the examination, and be recognized as having an unavoidable reason for not being expected to be able to graduate from junior high school.

For those not falling under categories ① and ④, must turn 16 or older during the fiscal year of the examination.

Must be 15 or older and not hold Japanese nationality.

3. Starting year

Fiscal 1967

4. Examination subjects

Japanese language, social studies, mathematics, science, foreign language (English)

5. Frequency of examination

Held once a year.

6. Examination venue

Conducted at one venue in each prefecture. However, should an unavoidable reason arise, the examination may be taken at another location.

The examination is also given at correctional facilities (prisons, juvenile reformatory schools).

7. Examination fee

Free of charge.