

Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

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* Online Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language, conducted in FY 2021-2023, will not be conducted in FY 2024. Instead of the Online Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language, we are opening the Online Self-Study Course on the platform "JF Japanese e-Learning Minato" (starting in FY 2023; eight themes in total will be opened sequentially). The on-demand teaching materials used in the Online Self-Study Course will also be uploaded on the JFJI, Urawa website.
JF Japanese e-Learning Minato website: <https://minato-jf.jp/>

[(1)~(5) Outline of 4 onsite programs]

For FY 2024, the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) organizes 4 onsite training programs for those currently working as Japanese-language teachers teaching outside of Japan. The outline of each program is as follows.

(1) "Basic Training Program"

A 6-month program to improve the Japanese-language skill and the Japanese teaching methodology skills.

(2) "Japanese-Language Program"

A 6-week program to improve Japanese-language skill which is necessary as teachers of Japanese language. There will be NO lessons of Japanese-language teaching methodology skills.

(3) & (4) "Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods Program"

A 6-week program to improve Japanese teaching methodology skills. There will be NO lessons for improving Japanese-language skill. In FY 2024, this program will be conducted in two separate groups (Summer Session/Autumn Session), divided based on their Japanese teaching experience.

(5) "Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates"

A 4-week program to improve Japanese teaching methodology skills for teachers at overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker (i).

* "Specific Theme Program" will not be conducted in FY 2024.

* This table shows the basic conditions for each training program. However, there are additional conditions for each training program, so please check the explanation for the individual training program in this guideline and the Application Instructions.

Program	(1) Basic	(2) Japanese Language	(3) Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods (Summer)	(4) Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods (Autumn)	(5) Specified Skilled Worker
Main Content	Japanese Language	Japanese Language			① Japanese-language Teaching methodology ② Understanding Japanese Affairs, Society and Culture
	Japanese-language Teaching Methodology		Japanese-language Teaching Methodology		
	Japanese Culture/Society	Japanese Culture/Society	Japanese Culture/Society		
Qualified Area	Worldwide		Worldwide **(see below)		Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan
Teacher's eligibility					
Nationality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan * Taiwanese are eligible Individuals who did NOT complete their compulsory education in Japan 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan
	Japanese nationals are NOT eligible*** (see below)				Japanese nationals are also eligible
Length of Teaching Japanese Language	6 or more months and less than 5 years	6 or more months	2 or more years and less than 5 years **** (see below)	5 or more years	1 or more years
Rough guide of Japanese Proficiency	Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)	Level N4 in the JLPT, Level 3 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent	Level N4 or N5 in the JLPT, Level 3 or Level 4 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent	Level N3 in the JLPT, Level 2 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent	Level N3 in the JLPT, Level 2 in the old JLPT, or their equivalent
	JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS)	Level A2 or above in the JFS	Level A2 in the JFS or the equivalent	Level B1 or above in the JFS or the equivalent	Level B1 or above in the JFS or the equivalent
Duration (tentative)	August 27, 2024 - February 20, 2025	June 5, 2024 - July 19, 2024	July 17, 2024 - August 30, 2024	October 1, 2024 - November 14, 2024	Onsite (1): September 3, 2024 - October 4, 2024 Onsite (2): November 12, 2024 - December 10, 2024 Onsite (3): January 15, 2025 - February 14, 2025

- ** In China excluding Hong Kong and Macau, secondary educational institutions are NOT applicable.
- *** For individuals who meet the special condition for Japanese descendants, Japanese nationals or individuals who have completed their compulsory education in Japan are eligible.
- **** For individuals who meet the special condition for Japanese descendants, more than 1 year.

Eligibility (Common)

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education will be applicants.

Participants must satisfy the following conditions.

- 1 Teachers who have an employment relationship with the applying organization where it is agreed that they will continue to work after completing this program. Individuals who are not working at overseas educational organizations teaching Japanese language or are studying to become Japanese-language teachers at the time of application are NOT eligible.
- 2 Individuals who have no mental or physical conditions that would impede participation in the program.

Course Venue

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa (JFJLI, Urawa) (Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture)

Expense Coverage

- 1 Accommodations, meals during the program, insurance for sickness and injury during the training period.
- 2 For those participants whose institution is located in the regions and countries marked and in the table of Appendix (p. 63~64), the Japan Foundation will provide the following:
 - a. Round-trip air tickets (discount economy class) to and from the nearest international airport from home residence;
 - b. Airport tax, foreign travel tax;
 - c. Set amount of in-kind allowances (to cover expenses necessary for participation in the program).

Remarks

- 1 Candidates may simultaneously apply for multiple programs. However, candidates can only be allowed to participate in one program at most.
- 2 Those who get accepted for "(1)~(5) Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language (Onsite)" cannot apply for "(6) Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (Online)" (p. 46~48).
- 3 On the occasion of training participation, he/she cannot visit Japan accompanied by family.
- 4 The participants should devote themselves to the program and to attend every activity of the program during their stay.
- 5 Regarding the Japanese-language proficiency of candidates, please check the following website.
 - a The summary of linguistic competence required for each level of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) of the official website of the JLPT
[<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>]
 - b The levels of the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (the JF Standard) of the official website of the JF Standard.
[<https://www.jfstandard.jp/f.go.jp/publicdata/ja/render.do#sec02>]
- 6 Other separate training programs are provided for organizations in Korea and China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau).

Korea: "The Intensive Training Program for Secondary School Teachers of the Japanese Language from the Republic of Korea" (approximately three weeks)

China: "The Intensive Training Program for Secondary School Teachers of the Japanese Language from the People's Republic of China" (approximately six weeks)

(Please contact the Japan Foundation, Seoul or Beijing for details.)

[Special Conditions for Teachers of the Japanese Language for Japanese Descendants]

Special conditions will be applied to the organizations and individuals that meet the following requirements for "(1) Basic Training," "(2) Japanese Language," and "(3) & (4) Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods (Summer/Autumn)."

- Educational organizations for Japanese descendants that provide Japanese-language education in qualified areas (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela).
- Candidates who are elected by the applying organization must be:
 - (a) residents of the countries in the qualified areas, and Japanese emigrants or their offspring (in principle, up to the third generation);
 - (b) individuals who are nationals of the countries in the qualified areas or Japanese nationals.

If the eligibility above is met, the following conditions will be applied:

- 1 Individuals who have completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan are also eligible.
- 2 Length of Teaching the Japanese Language (Applicable only for "Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods Program (Summer)"): Individuals with more than one year of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2023 (teaching practice and private lessons not included) are also eligible.

* The conditions of Japanese proficiency and the participation of training programs in Japan are the same as written in the eligibility of each program.

(1) Basic Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Application Form: **NC-BT**

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is a 6-month program designed for teachers who are early in their career with an opportunity to improve their Japanese-language skills, acquire the basic teaching methodology, and deepen their knowledge of Japan.

Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.

Qualified Areas: Worldwide

The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program:

(*The eligibility in regard to ① and ② below differs for the individuals who meet the “Special Conditions for Teachers of the Japanese Language for Japanese Descendants”. Please see p. 35)

- ① Nationality: Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;
* Taiwanese are also eligible to apply for this program.
- ② Individuals who have NOT completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan;
- ③ Length of teaching Japanese Language: Individuals with six or more months and less than five years of experience in teaching Japanese language as of December 1, 2023 (teaching practice and private lessons not included);
- ④ Japanese proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
 - a. Level N4 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
 - b. Level A2 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
- ⑤ The participation of training programs in Japan: Individuals who have not participated in a Japanese-language teacher onsite training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than one month.

Duration

August 27, 2024~February 20, 2025 (tentative)

Description of the Program

Participants will be divided into groups based on the results of a placement examination to be taken upon arrival in Japan and will attend classes. In some cases, the program may be conducted in two separate courses based on the number of participants and their Japanese-language proficiency.

1 Japanese Language

Participants will take classes that aim to improve their proficiency using the Japanese language through various language activities.

2 Japanese-Language Teaching Methodology

Participants will organize their basic knowledge of teaching methods, recognize their problems through trial classes and review of their Japanese teaching activities, and consider the solution.

3 Japanese culture / Japanese society

Participants will have exposure to Japanese culture and society in a real situation that will deepen their understanding of the Japanese language and culture. (Field trips and cultural programs are also planned)

Participants will obtain cross-cultural understanding ability which means deeper understanding of their own culture and deeper understanding and respecting of culture of other countries through interaction with their classmates.

In addition to 1, 2 and 3, special classes and individual instruction for trial classes are provided.

Selection Policy

1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.

2 Screening will be made in line with the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's region/country, application from JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network), candidate's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, teaching position (full-time or part-time) and influence in and out of the institution, etc. For JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network), please visit the following website.
<https://www.jpjf.go.jp/e/project/japanese/education/network/>

3 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 35 or under as of December 1, 2023

Number of Participants (Reference)

44 out of 123 applications for FY 2023

Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., November 30, 2023 (Japan Standard Time)

Results Notification

Within April 2024

(2) Japanese-Language Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Application Form: **NC-JT**

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is a six weeks program designed to provide an opportunity to improve their Japanese-language skill which is necessary as teachers of Japanese language. There will be NO lessons of Japanese-language teaching methodology.

Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.

Qualified Areas: Worldwide

The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program:

(*The eligibility in regard to ① and ② below differs for the individuals who meet the “Special Conditions for Teachers of the Japanese Language for Japanese Descendants”. Please see p. 35)

- ① Nationality: Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;
* Taiwanese are also eligible to apply for this program.
- ② Individuals who have NOT completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan;
- ③ Length of teaching the Japanese Language: Individuals with six or more months of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2023 (teaching practice and private lessons NOT included);
- ④ Japanese proficiency: Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
 - a. Level N4 or N5 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 or 4 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
 - b. Level A2 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent* Those who have the proficiency in Japanese more than the level of [a.] or [b.] are not expected for this program.
- ⑤ The participation of training programs in Japan: Individuals who have NOT participated in a Japanese-language teacher onsite training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than one month during the period from April 2018 to December 1, 2023.

Duration

June 5, 2024~July 19, 2024 (tentative)

Description of the Program

1 Japanese Language

Participants improve their proficiency using the Japanese language which is necessary as teachers of Japanese language through several language activities. Also, participants will organize knowledge about Japanese language such as vocabulary and grammar.

2 Japanese Culture/ Japanese Society

Participants will learn and experience Japanese culture and society that could be introduced to their Japanese-language classes by several ways such as lectures and workshops. Participants will obtain cross-cultural understanding ability through interaction with their classmates. In addition, field trip, visits to local schools and cultural demonstration such as tea ceremony are planned.

Selection Policy

1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.

2 Screening will be made in line with the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's region/country, application from JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network), candidate's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, teaching position (full-time or part-time) and influence in and out of the institution, etc. For JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network), please visit the following website.
<https://www.jpjf.go.jp/e/project/japanese/education/network/>

3 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2023.

Number of Participants (Reference)

32 out of 112 applications for FY 2023

Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., November 30, 2023 (Japan Standard Time)

Results Notification

Within April, 2024

(3) (4) Comprehensive Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language (Summer / Autumn)

Application Form: **NC-MT-S** (Summer) / **NC-MT-A** (Autumn)

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is a six weeks program designed to provide an opportunity to improve the teaching methodology. This program will be conducted twice in FY 2024. There will be NO lessons for improving Japanese-language skill.

Eligibility

Overseas educational organizations that provide Japanese-language education.

Qualified Areas: Worldwide

* In China excluding Hong Kong and Macau, secondary educational institutions (junior high schools and high schools) are NOT eligible.

The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program (Conditions partly differ between Summer and Autumn programs):

(*The eligibility in regard to ①, ② and ③ below differs for individuals who meet the "Special Conditions for Teachers of the Japanese Language for Japanese Descendants". Please see p. 35)

① Nationality: Individuals who are nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;

* Taiwanese are also eligible to apply for this program.

② Individuals who have not completed their compulsory education [nine years of elementary and junior high school] in Japan;

③ Length of teaching the Japanese language:

(Summer) Individuals with two or more years and less than five years of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2023 (teaching practice and private lessons NOT included);

(Autumn) Individuals with five or more years of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2023 (teaching practice and private lessons NOT included);

④ Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application:

a. Level N3 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 2 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent;

b. Level B1 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent;

- Individuals who have NOT participated in a Japanese-language teacher onsite training program conducted by the Japan Foundation or any other academic institutions in Japan for more than one month during the period from April 2018 to December 1, 2023. Recipients of the "Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute Executive Director's Award" of the "Long-Term Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language" will be exempted from this restriction.

Duration

Two courses will take place of six weeks each. (Please note that JFJLI, Urawa may be obliged to offer a course other than the candidate's desired course.)

(Summer) July 17, 2024—August 30, 2024 (tentative)

(Autumn) October 1, 2024—November 14, 2024 (tentative)

Description of the Program

1 Japanese-Language Teaching Methodology

This program is aimed to introduce, organize, and expand knowledge on Japanese teaching methodology with the aim of improving expertise as a teacher. Participants will review their educational site and consider how to solve the problem utilizing the content of this training program. In the Summer Course, which is targeted for teachers with little teaching experience or teachers who did not have the chance to learn about Japanese teaching methodology, participants will also learn about the basic Japanese teaching methods and teaching techniques.

2 Japanese Culture/Japanese Society

Participants will have lectures and workshops to help them to consider the contents and methods of culture introduction as part of Japanese-language education or cross-cultural understanding education.

Selection Policy

1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.

2 Screenings will be made in line with the following criteria: need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's region/country, application from JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network), candidate's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, teaching position (full-time or part-time) and influence in and out of the institution etc. For JF Nihongo Network (Sakura Network), please visit the following website.

<https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/project/japanese/education/network/>

3 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2023.

Number of Participants (Reference)

65 out of 138 applications for FY 2023

Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., November 30, 2023 (Japan Standard Time)

Results Notification

Within April 2024

(5) Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (Onsite)

Application Form: **NC-SC-ST**

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is a 4-week onsite training program for teachers of the Japanese language at overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language education, with the aim of supporting Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker (i). The aim of the program is for the participants to improve their teaching skills and to deepen their knowledge on Japanese affairs, society, and culture.

Eligibility

Overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language education, with the aim of supporting Japanese-language education programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker.

Qualified Areas: Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan

- 1 Applications are accepted from institutions and organizations in countries listed above, that provide Japanese-language education to people who are expected to reside or work in Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker (i). Applications from individuals will not be accepted.
- 2 The institutions and organizations listed below are not eligible to apply.
 - a. Japanese organizations (administrative bodies and other national organizations), local public organizations, independent administrative agencies and local independent administrative agencies (hereinafter referred to as "national organizations").
 - b. Educational and research institutions and organizations established in Japan as well as other agencies, institutions and organizations affiliated with the Japanese government (Not including institutions and organizations with special legal status, such as incorporated bodies or foundations in which the government of Japan is involved in establishment).
 - c. Foreign government (ministries and other administrative bodies) and overseas diplomatic missions of foreign governments.
 - d. International institutions and organizations contributed to by the Japanese government.

- 3 The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program.
- a. Teachers of the Japanese language who have an employment relationship with the applying organization where it is agreed that they will continue to work for at least one year at the organization after the end of the program. Individuals studying to become Japanese-language teachers at the time of application are not eligible;
 - b. Individuals who are Japanese nationals or nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;
 - c. Individuals who have no mental or physical conditions that would impede participation in the program;
 - d. Individuals with the experience in teaching the Japanese language for one or more years as of April 1, 2023 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);
 - e. Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
 - (a) Level N3 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 2 or higher of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
 - (b) Level B1 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
 - f. Individuals who have not participated in a Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (Onsite) conducted by JFJLI, Urawa.
- * Those who get accepted for Onsite program cannot apply for Online program.

Duration

- (Session 1) September 3, 2024~October 4, 2024 (tentative)
 (Session 2) November 12, 2024~December 10, 2024 (tentative)
 (Session 3) January 15, 2025~February 14, 2025 (tentative)

Description of the Program

- 1 Japanese-language teaching methodologies
 By learning how to teach "IRODORI: Japanese for Life in Japan," a Japanese-language textbook developed by JFJLI, Urawa, participants will study a task-accomplishment approach to teaching in order to deepen their understanding of how to teach the basic Japanese necessary for living and working in Japan.
- 2 Understanding Japanese affairs, society and culture
 Participants will consider methods that utilize the class as a way to study aspects of the affairs, society, and culture of Japan that are useful for life and work in the country.

Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 Selection is conducted according to the following criteria: need for Japanese-language education training for Specified Skilled Worker candidates entry to Japan in the eligible country/area/organization, applicant's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, applicant's position (full/part time), influence, expected results.
- 3 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2023

Number of Participants (Reference)

55 out of 71 applications for FY 2023

Application Deadline

Apply through Online Application Portal by 1 p.m., November 30, 2023 (Japan Standard Time)

Results Notification

Within April 2024

(6) Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (Online)

Application Form: **NC-SC-OT**

Section in Charge: **Teachers Training Section, the Japan Foundation
Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa**

This program is an online training program for teachers of the Japanese-language at overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language education, with the aim of supporting Japanese-language educational programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker (i). The aim of the program is for the participants to improve their teaching skills.

Eligibility

Overseas organizations that provide Japanese-language education, with the aim of supporting Japanese-language education programs for those who come to Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker.

Qualified Areas: Mongolia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan

- 1 Applications are accepted from institutions and organizations in countries listed above, that provide Japanese-language education to people who are expected to reside or work in Japan on the working visa: Specified Skilled Worker (i). Applications from individuals will not be accepted.
- 2 The institutions and organizations listed below are not eligible to apply.
 - a. Japanese organizations (administrative bodies and other national organizations), local public organizations, independent administrative agencies and local independent administrative agencies (hereinafter referred to as "national organizations").
 - b. Educational and research institutions and organizations established in Japan as well as other agencies, institutions and organizations affiliated with the Japanese government (Not including institutions and organizations with special legal status, such as incorporated bodies or foundations in which the government of Japan is involved in establishment).
 - c. Foreign government (ministries and other administrative bodies) and overseas diplomatic missions of foreign governments.
 - d. International institutions and organizations contributed to by the Japanese government.

- 3 The following individuals are eligible to participate in the program.
- a. Teachers of the Japanese language who have an employment relationship with the applying organization where it is agreed that they will continue to work for at least one year at the organization after the end of the program. Individuals studying to become Japanese-language teachers at the time of application are not eligible;
 - b. Individuals who are Japanese nationals or nationals of a country that has diplomatic relations with Japan;
 - c. Individuals who have no mental or physical conditions that would impede participation in the program;
 - d. Individuals with the experience in teaching the Japanese language for one or more years as of April 1, 2023 (private lessons and teaching practice not included);
 - e. Individuals who have proficiency in Japanese at either of the following levels at the time of application;
 - (a) Level N3 or higher in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 2 or higher of the old JLPT, or their equivalent
 - (b) Level B1 or higher in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
 - f. Individuals who have not participated in a Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (Onsite or Online) conducted by JFJLI, Urawa.
- * Those who get accepted for Onsite program cannot apply for Online program.

Duration

January 15, 2025~February 21, 2025 (tentative)

Description of the Program

The training consists of preliminary assignments to be completed by each participant and interactive live classes, aiming to deepen their understanding of the theory and of the approach for Japanese-language teaching methodologies aimed at accomplishing tasks and improve their teaching skills of the Japanese language necessary for living and working in Japan.

By learning how to teach with the textbook "IRODORI Japanese for Life in Japan," which was developed by JFJLI, Urawa, participants will deepen their understanding on methodologies for teaching the basic Japanese required for life and work.

Selection Policy

- 1 See p. 3 for the selection policy common to all programs.
- 2 Selection is conducted according to the following criteria: need for Japanese-language education training for Specified Skilled Worker candidates entry to Japan in the eligible country/area/organization, applicant's Japanese-language proficiency, teaching experience, applicant's position (full/part time), influence, expected results.
- 3 Higher priority will be given to applicants aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2023

Number of Participants (Reference)

18 out of 24 applications for FY 2022
TBD for FY 2023

Application Deadline

Summer 2024

Results Notification

Autumn 2024

Remarks

- 1 Those who get accepted for "(1)~(5) Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language (Onsite)" cannot apply for "(6) Japanese Teaching Methods Program for Teachers of Specified Skilled Worker Candidates (Online)" (p. 46~48).
* Those who have participated in online program this year may apply for onsite program another year.
- 2 Participants shall arrange all the necessities (communication devices such as Desktop/Laptop computer or tablet, internet connection, web camera, microphones, etc.) to participate in online classes. Communication costs are borne by participants.
- 3 Participants are requested to ensure a quiet environment suitable for attending the online program.
- 4 Regarding the Japanese-language proficiency of candidates, please check the following website.
 - a The summary of linguistic competence required for each level of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) in the official website of the JLPT
[<https://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>]
 - b The levels of the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (the JF Standard) in the official website of the JF Standard
[<https://www.jfstandard.jpf.go.jp/publicdata/ja/render.do#sec02>]