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Food Service Industry Specified Skilled Worker (ii) Test:
Guide to Domestic Tests

**1. Regarding the Food Service Industry Specified Skilled
Worker (ii) Test**

Foreign nationals accepted under the Specified Skilled Worker (ii) status in the food service industry must meet the practical experience requirements established by the Japanese government and pass the Food Service Industry Specified Skilled Worker (ii) Test (hereinafter referred to as the “Specified Skilled Worker (ii) Test” or “Test”) and the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (N3 or higher).

To take the Food Service Industry Specified Skilled Worker (ii) Test, companies operating in the food service or food manufacturing industries that directly employ foreign workers must register for a corporate account and register examinees via the OTAFF website.

If you would like to learn more about applying for the “Specified Skilled Worker” status of residence, please contact the Immigration Services Agency of Japan of the Ministry of Justice.

For inquiries regarding matters other than the Food Service Industry Specified Skilled Worker (ii) Test and the Food and Beverage Manufacturing Industry Specified Skilled Worker (ii) Test, please contact us via the “CONTACT” link on the OTAFF homepage.

2. Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to take the Specified Skilled Worker (ii) Test in Japan, you must satisfy all of the following criteria (1) through (4).

- (1) Individuals who hold a status of residence (Note 1) on the day of the test
- (2) Individuals who are at least 17 years of age on the day of the test
- (3) A person holding a passport (Note 2) issued by a foreign government or an authorized agency of a region designated by the Minister of Justice in a public notice as cooperating in the smooth enforcement of a deportation order.
- (4) When applying for examinee registration, it must be confirmed that the applicant has at least two years of practical experience (hereinafter referred to as “practical experience in supervision, etc.”) in the food service industry, during which they engaged in tasks including customer service while supervising and instructing multiple part-time employees and foreign workers with specified skills, and assisted in store management. (Note 3)

(Note 1) Individuals residing in Japan in compliance with Japanese law are eligible to take the test. Even if you do not have a Residence Card, you can still take the test as long as you are staying in Japan legally for a short period. Individuals residing in Japan without complying with Japanese law (illegal residents) are not eligible to take the test.

(Note 2) Currently, this applies to passports issued by foreign governments or regions other than the Islamic Republic of Iran.

(Note 3) Since this verification requires the company to issue a certificate of work experience to OTAFF, applicants must register for the Specified Skilled Worker (ii) Test through a company that has registered for the Corporate My Page. If you only have a personal account, you cannot apply for the Food Service Industry Specified Skilled Worker (ii) Test.

- Passing this test does not guarantee that you will be granted the “Specified Skilled Worker” status of residence.
- Even if you pass the test and apply for a Certificate of Eligibility for Residence Status or a change of status of residence, there is no guarantee that you will receive the Certificate of Eligibility.
- Even if you receive a Certificate of Eligibility, the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs conducts a separate review of your visa application, so there is no guarantee that you will be granted a visa.

3. Test Subjects, Administration Methods, etc.

(1) Test subjects: Two subjects—a written test and a practical test

(2) Test duration: 70 minutes

(3) Options: 3 choices

(4) Language: Japanese (Kanji are not accompanied by furigana.)

(5) Method of administration: Computer-based testing (CBT)

Examinees take the test using computers provided at the test center and answer the questions displayed on the screen.

(6) Number of questions and point allocation:

Item	Written Test		Practical Test	
	Number of questions	Point allocation	Number of questions	Point allocation
Hygiene Management	10 questions	A perfect score of 40 points (4 points per question)	Judgement test, 3 questions planning, 2 questions	A perfect score of 40 points (8 points per question)
Food and Beverage Preparation	5 questions	A perfect score of 10 points (2 points per question)	Judgement test, 3 questions planning, 2 questions	A perfect score of 20 points (4 points per question)
General Customer Service	10 questions	A perfect score of 30 points (3 points per question)	Judgement test, 3 questions planning, 2 questions	A perfect score of 30 points (6 points per question)

Store Management	10 questions	A perfect score of 40 points (4 points per question)	Judgement test, 3 questions planning, 2 questions	A perfect score of 40 points (8 points per question)
Total	35 questions	120 points	20 questions	130 points

[Reference]

Please refer to the corresponding section in the learning materials.

4. Passing Criteria

- (1) To pass, you must score 163 points or more out of a possible 250 (a correct answer rate of 65% or higher).
- (2) For information regarding measures for Specified Skilled Worker (i) foreign nationals who failed the Food Service Industry Specified Skilled Worker (ii) Test, please refer to the guidelines published by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries below.

<https://www.maff.go.jp/j/shokusan/sanki/soumu/attach/pdf/tokuteiginou-108.pdf>

5. Test Fee

14,000 yen (including tax)

Once paid, the test fee is non-refundable.

However, we will refund the test fee in the following cases.

- When the test could not be administered due to OTAFF's circumstances
- When OTAFF determines that tests cannot be administered due to natural disasters or other reasons

(If you take the test on a different date, the test fee will not be refunded.)

6. Retaking the Test

If you wish to retake a test in the same field after taking it, you must wait 45 days starting from the day after the test date. (You may take the test starting on the 46th day after the test date.)

7. Important Points to bear in Mind for the Day of the Test

(1) Notes for Reception

- 1) Be sure to review the “[Important Information for the Test Day](#)” before the test.
- 2) If you do not bring the required items on the day of the test, you will not be allowed to take the test.

(2) Important Points to bear in Mind before Entering the Test Room

- 1) We will take a photo of your face before you enter the test room. Your photo will be used on your test result notification.
- 2) You may not bring any items other than your identification documents into the test room. Please place all personal belongings, including smartphones, writing utensils, watches, and calculators, but excluding identification documents, in a locker.
- 3) We will conduct a security check to ensure you are not attempting to bring in items such as smartphones. Please follow the staff’s instructions.
- 4) If it is discovered that you are attempting to bring in a smartphone or similar device, you will not be permitted to take the test. Please follow the staff’s instructions.
- 5) To prevent problems, the reception area and lockers are monitored by cameras.

(3) Important Points to Bear in Mind during the Test

- 1) You will use a mouse to answer the questions during the test. To click an action button on the computer screen, move the mouse to position the on-screen arrow over the required button, then click the left mouse

button once. Click the mouse button only once; do not click it more than once.

- 2) If you write letters or numbers on your body or clothing before or during a test, you may be considered to be cheating and asked to leave the test room, which could result in you being barred from taking the test. Please refrain from writing letters or numbers on your body or clothing.
- 3) During the test, we cannot answer any questions regarding the test content. If you have any questions or encounter any problems with the computer, please raise your hand (or press the call button) immediately to summon a staff member. It will not be possible to accommodate requests made after the test has ended.
- 4) If you finish the test early, you may leave the test room before the test time is up.
- 5) We will distribute notepaper and writing utensils (or electronic pads) for use in the test room. You can also use the calculator built into your computer.
- 6) Please refrain from any form of cheating during the test. The test room is under video surveillance to prevent misconduct. Staff will walk around the test room.
- 7) If you engage in any form of cheating, the test will be immediately terminated and you will be asked to leave.

(4) Precautions when leaving the Test room after the test ends

- 1) When the test is over, please leave the test room.
- 2) Retrieve any belongings you have left in your locker.
- 3) Please be sure to return your locker key to reception. If you take it home by mistake, you will be charged for the cost of replacing the lock.

(5) Other Notes

- 1) If you engage in behavior that disrupts other examinees or staff, or if you harm or attempt to harm them, you will be barred from taking the test.

- 2) Photography, video recording, and audio recording are not permitted in the test venue (including the reception area).
- 3) Please smoke only in designated areas.
- 4) Only examinees are permitted in the test room. (No chaperones are allowed.)
- 5) Test proctors cannot answer any questions regarding test results or scores.

8. Prohibition of Academic Dishonesty and Revocation of Grades and Other Results

- (1) The following acts constitute misconduct.
 - 1) Any act that undermines the Organization's commitment to providing fair access to test opportunities, including the submission of false information on My Page or duplicate applications, or any attempt to take a test through fraudulent means
 - 2) Acts that undermine the Organization's ability to assess examinees' abilities fairly and appropriately, or acts that interfere with the proper administration of tests
 - 3) Any act that compromises the confidentiality of test questions, such as requesting or receiving information regarding confidential matters, including test questions, from individuals associated with the test
 - 4) Falsification of test result notifications
 - 5) In addition, any conduct that interferes with the fair, impartial, and proper administration of the test
- (2) The following actions within the test room are considered misconduct; if discovered, the test will be terminated immediately.
 - 1) Someone other than a registered examinee taking the test
 - 2) Acts of cheating, such as talking to others in the test room or peeking at other examinees' screens
 - 3) Bringing information into the test room, taking information out of the test room, or any similar acts

- 4) Bringing in or using items other than those permitted, or engaging in any similar acts (*)
- 5) Writing on anything other than the notepaper or electronic pads provided at the test venue, or entering the test room with writing on your body (*)

*Bringing items into or out of the test room, or writing anything down, will be considered cheating, regardless of whether or not the information is related to the test.

(3) Handling of Cases Involving Misconduct

- 1) Examinees who have taken or attempted to take the test by fraudulent means will not be graded.
- 2) OTAFF assumes no responsibility or liability for any difficulties examinees may encounter as a result of engaging in misconduct. We will not refund the application fee.
- 3) If there is anything written on your body or equipment, we will document the items (including taking photographs).
- 4) If misconduct is discovered after the test result notifications have been issued, the grading results, such as passing grades, will be revoked. Any revocation of test results, such as passing grades, will be reported to the Immigration Services Agency of Japan through the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. We will notify the person concerned of the revocation of their passing grade or other test results, and delete the data for the test result notification uploaded to their My Page.
- 5) If you commit an act of misconduct, you may be barred from taking the test for up to five years.