

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION TO
GRADUATE STUDY PROGRAMS AT THE GRADUATE
SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
“SPECIAL APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS”

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025
(STARTING FROM APRIL)

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
NAGOYA UNIVERSITY
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URL: <https://www.env.nagoya-u.ac.jp/english/admission/index.html>

[Important] Advance Procedures on the Internet Application Site

The Graduate School of Environmental Studies will require applicants to register “My Page” on the website, register application details, and pay the application fee in advance (see attached document “Online Application Flow” on page23-26).

Please prepare all items required for the online application, devices such as a computer connected to the internet and a color printer, an email address, a portrait photo, and submit your application after confirming the payment method, documents to be submitted, etc. If you do not have a color printer at home, please check the printable environment in advance, such as a convenience store.

Note that you will need to register for an account before applying, so ensure you have enough time to complete the application process. Important information about the examination and other related issues may be sent by the University to your registered e-mail address. Therefore, please use an e-mail address that you check on a regular basis and has little chance to be changed or deleted.

International applicants who are eligible for enrollment in the Graduate School of Environmental Studies with student visa status can apply for “Special application for International students” . This brochure is a simple version of the guidelines for such applicants. More detailed information is provided in the Japanese version. Applicants should contact their prospective supervisor in advance.

I. MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAM

1. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet one of the requirements listed below:

- (1) Graduation, or expected graduation by March 31, 2025 from an undergraduate school or university in Japan.
- (2) Completion, or expected completion by March 31, 2025, of 16 years of formal education in his /her home country or other countries.
- (3) Persons who have been conferred, or expect to be conferred by March 31, 2025, a degree equivalent to a bachelor’s degree through attending an overseas university or other overseas school (limited to those whose education and research activities have been evaluated by persons who have been certified by the relevant country’s government or a related institution, or have been separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as being equivalent to such) and graduated from a program that requires 3 or more years to complete (Includes graduating from a program implemented by the relevant overseas school while living in Japan through distance learning, as well as graduating from a program implemented by an educational facility established with the relevant overseas country’s school education system and has received the designation mentioned above).
- (4) Approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT) (1953 Ministry Bulletin, Vol. 5).
- (5) Have completed 3 years (or above) of education at a university in Japan, or have completed 15 years of formal education at an institution overseas; Or, have completed 15 years of formal education at an overseas institution in Japan (provided the program is equivalent to the formal education in its foreign country and is being recognized by the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) by March 31, 2025. The applicant should also have earned all credits in good academic standing. All mentioned above should be recognized by Graduate School of Environmental Studies.
- (6) Completion of a program of study recognized by the Graduate School of Environmental Studies as equivalent to graduation from a Japanese university.

Note: Applicants wishing to apply based on the requirement (5) or (6) above will be given an eligibility examination. Please contact the Office of Student Affairs at the Graduate School of Environmental Studies for details. A separate application is required for the eligibility examination, to be submitted by December 6, 2024.

2. Departments Offering Master's Degree Programs

Departments offering a Master's Program at the Graduate School of Environmental Studies are as follows:

- Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences
- *Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture
- Department of Social and Human Environment

*Architecture Course in the Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture accept application for Master's Degree program only in July.

3. Application Procedures

Period for Online Registration and Examination Fee Payment: December 23, 2024 –12:00pm, January 10, 2025

- The examination fee payment must be completed within four days (*) from the day of registration. If a payment is not made within the period, the application registration will be automatically cancelled. (Please re-register if your registration is cancelled)
- *If the payment deadline is in less than four days, the payment deadline will be prioritized.
- Registration and examination fee payment with the online application system alone does not complete the application procedures (See below).

Application Period: January 6 – 4:00pm, January 10, 2025

(Submission to the Office: 9:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00pm, Registered mail: by 4:00pm, January 10)

- The TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS original score sheet can be submitted separately to the Office of Student Affairs by 4:00pm, January 31, 2025 (Friday)
- The application procedure will be completed by submitting the necessary application documents in person or by registered mail within the application period after completing registration and examination fee payment with the online application system.
- When submitting application documents from within Japan, please print out the "Address Sheet" in color via the online application system, attach it to a Kaku 2 envelope, and send it so it arrives by the application deadline.
- When you are sending a set of application documents from overseas or an English score sheet separately from the application documents, send it by (express) registered mail or tracked post (EMS etc.) addressed to "9. Contact information". It is not necessary to affix the on-line issued "Address Sheet".
- All application documents shall be filled out in either Japanese or English.
- For details, also see "STEP 6 (Send Required Documents)" on page26.

Payment of Examination fee

Examination fee 30,000 Japanese Yen

- In addition to the examination fee, a service charge (about 500 yen) will be required.
- MEXT scholarship recipients are exempt from the examination fee. Please check "Exemptions from the examination fee" when applying.
- If you select "Exempt from the examination fee" by mistake and submit your application documents without paying the examination fee, the documents will not be accepted.

Examination Fee Refund Policy

- The paid examination fee will not be refunded under any circumstances except in the following two cases. Because the process for the refund will require a large reduction in the amount due to remittance charge and a long time, please make the payment

with special caution.

- (1) If the applicant does not complete the application procedures after paying the examination fee, or your application has not been accepted.
- (2) If the applicant paid the examination fee in duplicate.

If you have any questions about the application procedures, please contact us at env@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

- (1) *Nagoya University Graduate School Application Form
- (2) *Photograph Card (affix a photograph taken within the last 3 months)
The applicant must prepare and upload a portrait photo (up to 2MB), that is front facing, includes the upper body, no hats or backgrounds, and has been taken within 3 months of the application.

*(1)(2) The application form and photograph card must be printed in color on a single-sided sheet of A4 sized paper from the online application system.

- (3) Graduate School of Environmental Studies Application form /Curriculum Vitae/Resume
If the address to where the notification of acceptance will be sent is different from the address registered on the online application, the contact information must be provided in the "Graduate School of Environmental Studies Application form".

- (4) Reason for Application

- (5) *Official Transcript (or Academic Record) from the university above (originals only; photocopies are not acceptable. English version is required if the transcript is written neither in Japanese nor in English). Be sure to also submit the grade assessment standards.

- (6) *Diploma or Certificate of Graduation or Expected Graduation from the university where the applicant pursued undergraduate studies (originals only; photocopies are not acceptable. An English version is required if the certificate is written neither in Japanese nor in English).

*(5)(6) Note: For applicants who have graduated from a university in the People's Republic of China: We reserve the right to investigate applicants' credentials, for example the Degree Certificate or Expected Graduation Certificate, or the academic transcript submitted by an applicant through the China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC).

- (7) TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS original score sheet

Applicants must submit an original score sheet of the "Test Taker Score Report" of TOEFL iBT (including Home Edition and not accepting *MyBest* scores), the "Official Score Certificate" of TOEIC (Listening & Reading test), or the "Test Report Form" of IELTS (Academic Module). Only scores of the examinations taken on or after February 1, 2023, will be acceptable. A copy, PDF Score Report or a score sheet submitted directly from the institution shall not be accepted. The original score sheet will not be returned. For more details, please refer to the "4. Examination Method".

In case of applicants for self-recommendation admission to the Department of Social and Human Environment, however, graduates and soon-to-be graduates from an institution of higher education whose language of instruction is English do not need to submit a TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS original score sheet.

- (8) Declaration of applicable specific categories for "deemed exports" under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act
With the clarification of the scope of control for "deemed exports" under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act ("FEFTA"), a part of provision of sensitive technology to faculty members and students at universities and research institutions has become subject to control under the FEFTA. Consistently with this change, when applying for Nagoya University, it is required to submit a "Declaration of applicable specific categories" based on the "Flowchart for determining applicable specific categories." some applicants will also be required to submit a "Letter of confirmation" at

the time of their admission.

- (9) Self-Recommendation Letter (Required only for applicants for self-recommendation admission to the Department of Social and Human Environment)

Applicants for self-recommendation admission to the Department of Social and Human Environment must write a self-recommendation letter. (Form 9: A4 size single-sided printing)

- (10) Research Proposal (required only for applicants applying to the Department of Social and Human Environment)

The research proposal should include the following: 1) background of the problem and objectives of the research, 2) a review of the existing literature, and 3) methodology and methods of the research. The proposal should refer to the relevant literature where appropriate. It shall be written in either Japanese or English. (printing on A4 size)

- (11) Graduation thesis (required only for applicants applying to the Department of Social and Human Environment).

- (12) A photocopy of your residence card or passport

Applicants who are currently residing in Japan must submit a photocopy of their residence card (both sides). Overseas residents must submit a passport page with the ID photo.

- (13) Applicants receiving a scholarship from the Japanese Government (MEXT) must provide a Certificate of Status issued by the university where they are currently enrolled. However, the applicant who is presently enrolled in Nagoya University does not need to do it.

4. Examination Method

(1) Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences

The Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences consists of the Division of Earth and Planetary Sciences and the Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences. The Division of Earth and Planetary Sciences consists of the following seven laboratories: Earth Environmental Systems, Geology and Geobiology, Geochemistry and Cosmochemistry, Earth and Planetary Physics, Ecology, Earth and Planetary Dynamics, and Chronology and Natural History. The Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences consists of the following four laboratories: Global Environmental Variation, Climate Science, Global Geochemistry, and Global Water Cycle.

The examinees are required to contact their prospective supervisor(s) prior to application, so that the supervisor(s) can prepare for the examination, taking the applicants' language ability and academic background into consideration.

Please refer to the "DOCUMENTS REQUIRED (7)" regarding the "English Test". The original TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS score sheet taken on or after February 1, 2023, will be converted into the score for the test subject "English". Documents other than those listed above (e.g. TOEIC-IP test) will not be accepted. The original score sheet must be enclosed with the application form. If the original score sheet cannot be enclosed with the application, it must be sent separately to the address indicated in Section "9, Contact information" no later than January 31, 2025 using registered mail that marked as "Score Sheet enclosed" in red. If a valid score sheet is not submitted, the score for the examination subject "English" will be zero.

< Division of Earth and Planetary Sciences >

The examination will be carried out through an oral examination at lecture room on the 3rd floor of the building of Graduate School of Environmental Studies (GSES). The following table shows the examination schedule.

Date	Time	Examinations
Thursday, February 6, 2025	9:00 - 12:00	Oral Examination*1

*1: English and/or Japanese language will be used in the oral examination. The applicants should make a 5-minute presentation on the research for the Bachelor's degree and the research plan in Master's degree Program. The oral examination will be conducted to evaluate the English proficiency of the applicants if oral presentation is conducted in Japanese. The oral examination consists of questions about the applicants' motivation for applying and the research plans after enrollment. Please prepare the powerpoint or pdf file for presentation and bring it stored in an USB memory.

Gathering place: Seminar room 3 on the 3rd floor of the building of GSES

Gathering time: 8:50

< Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Science >

Oral examinations will be carried out in the Environmental Studies Building. Applicants should arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of the examination and wait until called. The following table shows the examination schedule.

Date	Time *1	Examinations
Thursday, February 6, 2025	9:00 - 12:00	Oral Examination*2 and Interview*3

*1: In case of a change in the examination time, each candidate will be notified by e-mail.

*2: Oral examination is conducted in person at the Nagoya University. However, if it is difficult to come to Nagoya University, the option for the online examination may be selected. Applicants must fill out and submit the “Graduate School of Environmental Studies Application form”. English and/or Japanese language will be used in the Oral Examination. The applicants should make a 5-minute presentation on their research for the Bachelor's degree and their research plan in Master's degree Program. Please prepare the power point or pdf file for presentation and bring it stored in an USB memory.

*3: This interview will be conducted to evaluate the English proficiency of the applicants if oral presentation is conducted in Japanese. The interview consists of questions about the applicants’ motivation for applying and their research plans after enrollment.

Gathering place: Room 111 (Meeting room No. 1), Environmental Studies Building, 1st floor

Gathering time: 8:50

(2) Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture

[Important Notice on the submission of the TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS score sheet]

(Only for applicants to the Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture):

- As described in the “DOCUMENTS REQUIRED” section, submission of the score sheet with application documents is recommended. However, suppose you do not have a valid score at the deadline for application. In that case, you may submit the score sheet separately, sealed in an envelope to the address shown in “9. Contact information” by the deadline for the score sheet with the rubrication “Score Sheet enclosed” on the envelope. Please note that replacement of the score sheets after submission will not be permitted.

(2.1) Sustainable Development Course

[Important Notice]

- Applicants should contact their prospective supervisor before application. The questions in the examination are likely to take the applicants’ language ability and academic background into consideration.

[Examinations and schedule]

The schedule of examinations for international students is shown in the following table. Examinations will be conducted in English and/or Japanese.

Date	Time	Exam. (Method)	Location
Friday, February 7, 2025	9:30 – 11:30	Specialization Subject (Written Examination) *1 *3	Lecture Room 1, Environmental Studies Building, 3 rd floor
	13:00 – 14:00	Essay (Written Examination) *2 *3	Same as above
	16:30 –	Interview *4	To be announced during the Written Examinations

*1 Applicants must select three problems to answer from among the following categories:

(1) Environmental Engineering and Policy: three problems, and (2) Environmental Chemistry: two problems. (3) Structural Engineering: two problems, (4) Infrastructure Planning: two problems. Refer to the Appendix 1 for the scope of questions.

*2 Applicants must write one short essay. Refer to the Appendix 1 for the scope of questions.

*3 Only black pencils (or black mechanical pencils), erasers, a pencil sharpener and a watch are allowed to be used during the written examinations.

*4 Applicants are required to answer questions mainly related to their reason for application as well as their research plan after joining the program and related topics. Interviews are conducted in the presence of all faculty members of the Sustainable Development Course.

(2.2) Architecture Course

Architecture Course accepts application for Master’s Degree program only in July.

Sustainable Development Studies Course, Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture,
Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Nagoya University
AY2025 **Master's Program** Entrance Examination (2nd calling)

Subjects for the Examination and the Scope of the Questions

【English】 Score will be given based on the submitted TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS scoresheet.

【Specialization subject】 Choose and answer 3 questions from the following 9 questions.

- Environmental Engineering and Policy (Three questions)

Scope of the questions: Global warming and climate change issues; decarbonized society; sound material-cycle society; environment and economy; environmental issues related to land, cities, and transportations; environmental assessment; biodiversity and conservation; disaster prevention and mitigation; water supply and sewage; waste treatment and disposal; urban air quality and thermal environment; housing and the built environment, etc.

- Environmental Chemistry (Two questions)

Scope of the questions: Energy and material resources; chemical thermodynamics; electrochemistry; materials production, recycling and disposal; green sustainable chemistry; air, water, and soil pollutants; chemical substances related to global warming, ozone depletion, and acid rain; chemical substances affecting urban life; environmental analytical chemistry, etc.

- Structural Engineering (Two questions)

Scope of the questions: Stress and strain in structural materials; design and structural analysis of frames; wind and earthquake resistant design; steel and concrete structures, etc.

- Infrastructure Planning (Two questions)

Scope of the questions: Statistical and mathematical programming methods in infrastructure planning and management; cost-benefit analysis; regional and urban planning; land use planning; transportation engineering, etc.

【Essay】 Write an essay on a topic related to environmental, social, economic, or related issues.

Logical argumentation skills will be primarily evaluated.

(3) Department of Social and Human Environment

- Special Application for International Students

The entrance examination is scheduled as below. **Be sure to consult your prospective supervisor(s) prior to application,** because examination questions may be prepared according to your language skills and academic background. Consideration will be given to applicants who have significant difficulty in coming to Japan to take the examination, so **be sure to consult your prospective supervisor(s) prior to application.**

The written and oral examinations will be conducted face-to-face at an examination site prepared by Nagoya University.

Date	Time	Examinations
Wednesday, February 12, 2025	9:30 - 11:30	Specialization Subject (Written Examination) *1
	14:00 -	Oral Examination*2
Thursday, February 13, 2025	9:00 -	Oral Examination*2

*1 As for the Written Examination, you are required to answer the questions in your chosen academic field. Dictionaries and calculators are prohibited. See below for the range of questions in each academic field.

Academic Fields	Range of Questions
Environmental Policies	Applicants are required to answer one question related to Environmental Policies, and answer another from different academic fields: Economic Environment, Environmental Law and Politics, Sociology, and Geography
Economic Environment	Applicants are required to answer two questions from the following subjects. Environmental Economics, Economic Theory, Statistics, Business Administration, Management Organization Theory.
Environmental Law and Politics	Applicants are required to answer two questions from the following subjects. Environmental Law, International Law, Environmental Politics, Environmental Governance.
Sociology	Applicants are required to answer two questions related to Sociological Theory and Social Research Methods. Questions are in part given in English.
Geography	There are total of two questions. Questions are in part given in English. Topics to be covered are those that are crucial to Human Geography, Physical Geography and/or research methods in Geography. Additionally, your writing skills are also evaluated.

*2 After applying, each applicant will be notified of the designated date and time and other details of the oral examination.

- General application (Self-recommendation admission) *1

The following table shows the examination schedule. The oral examinations will be conducted face-to-face at an examination site prepared by Nagoya University.

Date	Time	Examinations
Wednesday, February 12, 2025	14:00-	Oral Examination*2
Thursday, February 13, 2025	9:00 -	Oral Examination*2

*1 International applicants can also apply for “General application” the same as domestic applicants (please see the Japanese version of the application guideline for details). Applicants who wish to take the “self-recommendation admission” must get prior approval from their prospective supervisor.

Accordingly, applicants must consult with their prospective supervisor well before the date.

(Please note that applications are approved only in limited circumstances for those with high academic potential and achievement. Dual application to “special application for international students” and “general application”, including “self-recommendation admission”, is not allowed.) Applicants must mention the name of their prospective supervisor who approved their application on the application form.

*2 After applying, each applicant will be notified of the designated date and time and other details of the oral examination. When

self-recommendation admission applicants have extreme difficulty to come and take the oral examination at Nagoya University, the applicant's prospective supervisor may allow the applicant to take an online video interview. Applicants who wish to take this must have their prospective supervisor's approval and mention it on the application form. Online video interviews are held during the same time period as the oral examinations as written above. It is the applicant's responsibility to have access to a webcam and a good internet connection; if you fail to do so, the applicant may be considered as absent.

5. Notification of Results

Notification Date & Time: 13:00pm, Friday, February 21, 2025 (Scheduled)

Successful applicants' examination numbers will be posted on the website of the Graduate School of Environmental Studies.

Letter of Acceptance/Rejection of Application will be sent by post to each applicant at a later date.

6. Enrollment Procedures

Successful applicants will be notified of enrollment procedures by post in the beginning of March 2025.

Registration Date: Friday, March 21, 2025 (Scheduled)

7. Admission and Tuition Fees

(1) **Admission Fee:** JPY 282,000 (estimated)

*To be paid by the date of registration stated.

(2) **Tuition Fees:** JPY 267,900 (estimated) per semester

*To be paid on a per semester basis. Tuition fees for the Spring Semester are to be paid in May, and those for the Fall Semester in November. In the event of a revision in the tuition fees, the new fees will be applied as effective from the date of revision.

Note: Admission and tuition fees are exempted for students receiving the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship.

8. Important Notice

Under no circumstances will the school allow changes to the applicants' documents or refund the application fee.

Before application, applicants are strongly recommended to contact their prospective supervisor. Please refer to the following website (go to "Faculty Members") for more information of our faculty members:

<https://www.env.nagoya-u.ac.jp/english/index.html>

9. Contact information

The Office of Student Affairs, Graduate School of Environmental Studies Nagoya University

D2-1(510), Furo-cho, Chikusa-ku, Nagoya, JAPAN 464-8601

E-mail: env@t.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp

Web Application Flow

The web application flow is as follows.



STEP

1

Preparation

Prepare a computer and printer connected to internet (smartphone and tablet are not recommended).

Prepare *required documents well in advance before application since it may take time to obtain them.

*Required documents: ID photo data, certificates etc.
For details, please check [the application guidelines](#) for the graduate schools you wish to enter.

(Photo data)

STEP

2

Access the Application Site

From the application site ▶ <https://e-apply.jp/ds/nagoya-gs/>

STEP

3

MyPage Registration

Follow the instructions on the screen to enter the required information and register for MyPage. If you have already registered MyPage, please proceed to STEP4.

① If you register MyPage for the first time, please login from [My Page registration](#).

② Register your email address and click [Submit a temporary registration e-mail](#).

③ Click [Go to Login](#).

④ The initial password and URL for main registration will be sent to the e-mail address.

* Please check your e-mail settings as well to ensure that you are able to receive e-mails from @e-apply.jp domain.

⑤ On the login screen, enter the registered e-mail address and the "initial password" you received in ④, and click [Login](#).

⑥ Change from the initial password to new password.

⑦ Enter the required personal information and click [Next](#).

⑧ Confirm the personal information you entered and click [To register in this content](#).

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STEP

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Pay the examination fee

MEXT scholarship recipients, as well as those who are expected to graduate from a master's program at Nagoya University are exempt from the application fee. Please check "Exemptions from the application fee" when applying.

1 Paying with a credit card

You can select and pay during the Web application.

[Credit cards available for the payment]

VISA, Master, JCB, AMERICAN EXPRESS, MUFG, DC, UFJ, NICOS



The payment can be completed during the Web application.

2 Paying by internet banking

(Only in Japan)

After your Web application is registered, the page will shift to the site of the bank you chose. Make the payment as instructed on the screen.

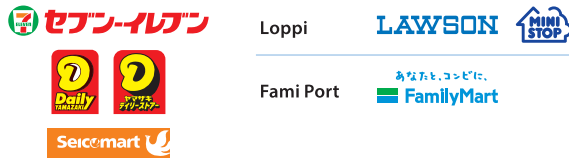
*Required your bank account is registered for internet banking.

The payment can be completed online.

3 Paying at convenience stores (Only in Japan)

Write down the number displayed after your Web application is registered, and pay at any one of the following convenience stores.

- Pay at the cashier
- Pay using the terminal



4 Paying at ATMs with Pay-easy option

(Only in Japan)

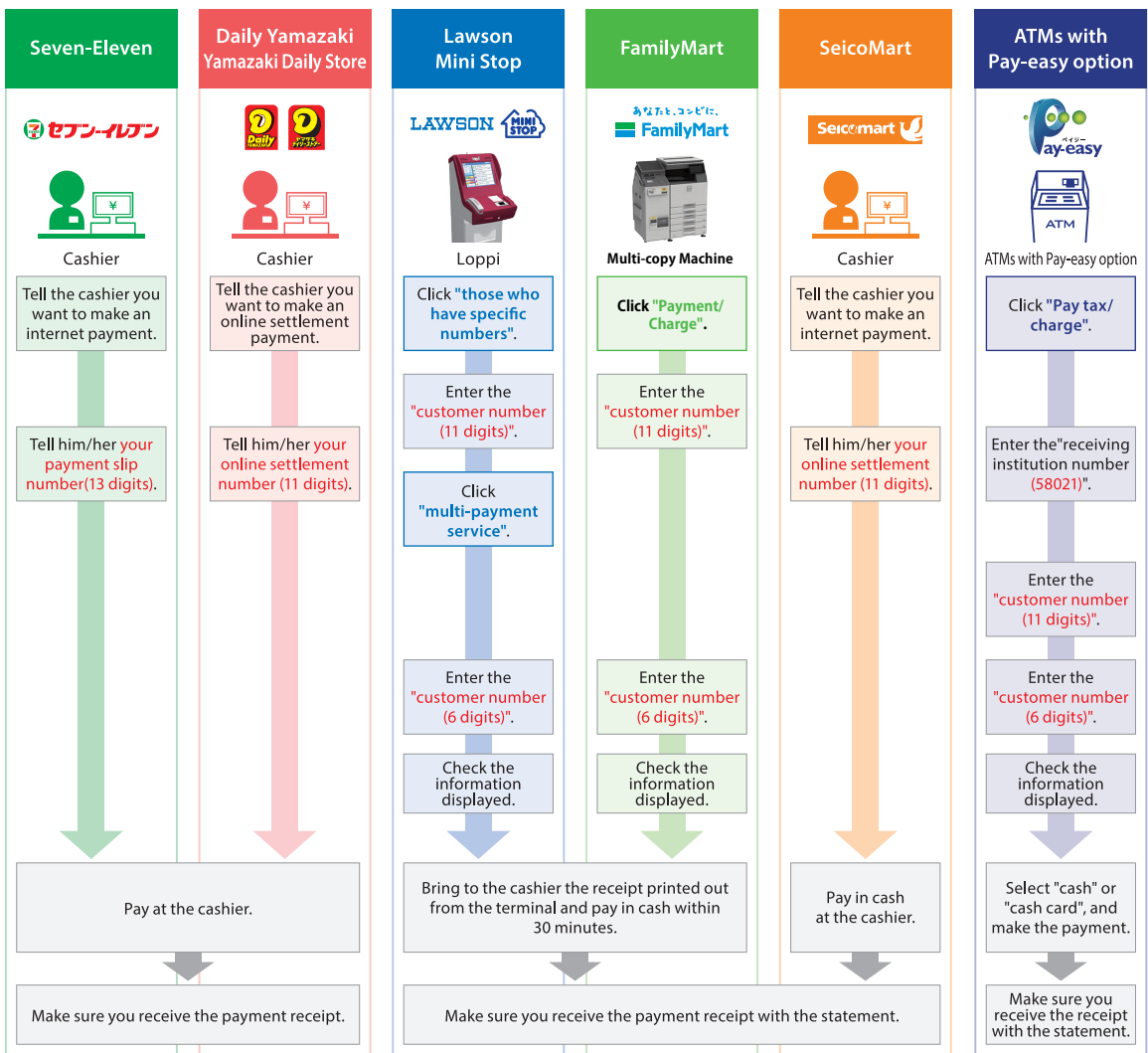
Write down the number displayed after your Web application is registered, and pay at any one of the ATMs with Pay-easy option as instructed on the screen.



*Banks with Pay-easy option can be checked on the [Selection of Payment Method] page.

Enter necessary information as instructed on the screen of the terminal or ATM, check the information displayed, and make the payment.

3 Convenience stores



STEP

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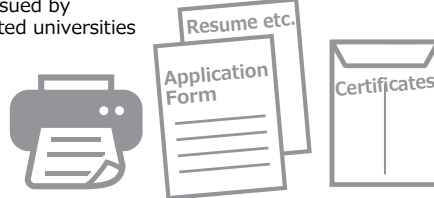


Send Required Documents by Post

Print the documents downloadable in color after the completing and paid your application and send them from post office by simple registered express mail (簡易書留・速達郵便) along with other required documents. If you are from outside Japan, send them by tracked post (EMS etc.) within the application period.

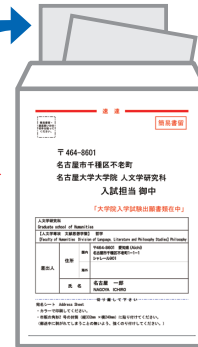
Required documents

- Documents to be printed from the web application
- Documents to be downloaded from the Graduate School WEB site and prepaed
- Certificated issued by your graduated universities



One copy is required for each application registration. Please refer to **the application guidelines** for the required documents.

The mailing address of your application will be automatically printed on the Address Sheet. When sending from overseas, do not use this sheet.



Address sheet for submitting your application

Attach the sheet to a commercially available Kaku 2 envelope (24cm x 33.2cm).



If the application guideline specify other submission methods, please follow it.

*The examination fee and necessary documents that have been received will not be returned in any way except for those specified it in **the application guidelines**.

< Application Completion >

Note for Application

Your application will be completed only after you complete the web application, pay the examination fee, and send by post the required documents by the deadline. Please make sure to check the deadline in **the application guidelines**.

STEP

7



Print the Examinee's Registration Card

When the application is accepted and the examinee's registration card is able to be printed, you will be notified it through the e-mail address you have registered. If you do not receive the e-mail, please login to the Web application site by the day before the examination, print the card out on an A4 paper, single-sided in color, and bring this with you on the day of the examination.

