

NAILIST CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

Outline of exam

2018年 AUTUMN



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* Note that important details and changes from the previous version are printed in red letters.

Exam date
Level 1: October 20 (Saturday)
Level 2: October 21 (Sunday)
Level 3: October 28 (Sunday)

* Exam site, time, and date are subject to change; therefore, be sure to check the exam admission card.

Eligibility for the exam

Level 1 examinee Level 2 licensee only.
 * Please write certification number (printed on the certificate of passing) of Level 2 on the application.
 Level 2 examinee Level 3 licensee only.
 * Please write certification number (printed on the certificate of passing) of Level 3 on the application.
 Level 3 examinee Anyone is eligible if the person has completed compulsory education at the time of the exam.
 * Exams may only be taken 1 level at a time. * Models will be required for the skills exam on the day of the exam for all levels.

Written exam exemption

*Exemption for written exam will not be applicable if the examinee number is not written in the write-in column for the written exam exemption on the application form.

Level	Applicant	Write-in column for the written exam exemption on the application form
Level 1	Those who "passed only the written exam" in spring 2018 license exam	Enter examinee number from spring 2018
Level 2	Those who "passed only the written exam" in summer 2018 license exam	Enter examinee number from summer 2018
Level 3	Those who "passed only the written exam" in summer 2018 license exam	Enter examinee number from summer 2018

* In all levels, forgetting exam admission card, writing tool, or with no photo placed on their card will be subjected to a deduction of points.
 * ID photo must be placed on the card. A snap photo or copy etc. will be subjected to a deduction of points.

Time schedule

There will be no check-in for the exam; therefore, be seated with the model where your examinee number is and finish setting the table before the preliminary review starts. Attendance will be taken along with the preliminary review.

* Models shall leave after the skills review.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	AM 9:10 Door opens	AM 9:30 Door opens
	9:45-9:55 Confirm attendance/preliminary review (10 minutes)	10:05-10:15 Confirm attendance/preliminary review (10 minutes)
	9:55-10:30 Skills exam/the first half (35 minutes)	10:15-11:25 Skills exam (70 minutes)
	10:31-11:26 Skills exam/the second half (55 minutes)	
11:30 Door opens		11:25-11:55 Skill review (30 minutes)
	11:26-12:15 Skill review (49 minutes)	11:55-12:10 Written exam preparation (including time for cleaning up tools) (15 minutes)
12:15-12:25 Confirm attendance/preliminary review (10 minutes)	12:15-12:30 Written exam preparation (including time for cleaning up tools) (15 minutes)	12:10-12:40 Written exam (30 minutes)
12:25-14:55 Skills exam (150 minutes)	12:30-13:05 Written exam (35 minutes)	12:40 Finished
	13:05 Finished	
	PM 13:25 Door opens	PM 13:00 Door opens
	14:00-14:10 Confirm attendance/preliminary review (10 minutes)	13:35-13:45 Confirm attendance/preliminary review (10 minutes)
	14:10-14:45 Skills exam/ the first half (35 minutes)	13:45-14:55 Skills exam (70 minutes)
14:55-15:55 Skill review (60 minutes)	14:46-15:41 Skills exam/the second half (55 minutes)	14:55-15:25 Skill review (30 minutes)
		15:25-15:40 Written exam preparation (including time for cleaning up tools) (15 minutes)
15:55-16:10 Written exam preparation (including time for cleaning up tools) (15 minutes)	15:41-16:30 Skill review (49 minutes)	15:40-16:10 Written exam (30 minutes)
16:10-16:50 Written exam (40 minutes)	16:30-16:45 Written exam preparation (including time for cleaning up tools) (15 minutes)	16:10 Finished
16:50 Finished	16:45-17:20 Written exam (35 minutes)	
	17:20 Finished	

* The above schedule is an example. Actual schedule will be announced on the exam admission card (mailed by September 25 [Tuesday]). There are two time frames for Level 2 and Level 3 (AM and PM); however, examinee may not choose or change to a desired time frame.

Application period Application method

(i) Web application

August 1, 2018 (Wednesday) - August 28 (Tuesday) Refer to the website (<http://www.nail-kentei.or.jp>) for more information.

* Applications will be finally accepted after exam fee payment is completed. Applications will be invalidated if not paid.

* Application via smartphone is available.

* Exam fee may be paid either by credit card or at a convenience store (payment due within 3 days after completing registration).

* Refer to the website for group registration. (Group registration may be accepted if there are 10 or more applicants from 1 corporation.)

(ii) Application by postal payment slip

August 1, 2018 (Wednesday) - August 31 (Friday) <Postmarked on the deadline date is valid>

* Payment of the exam fee shall be done at a postal office using the postal payment slip on this exam guide after all items on the slip are filled out.

Exam fee

Level 1: 11,000 Yen

Level 2: 8,800 Yen

Level 3: 6,600 Yen

* Tax included

* No cancellation after application period or changing exam levels or sites etc. is acceptable under any circumstances.

* No refund of exam fee is acceptable under any circumstances other than cancellation of the exam.

* There will be no discounts nor refunds for examinee exempt from a written exam.

* Examinee is responsible for the transfer fee.

* Multiple applications are unavailable.

Exam site

<Level 1/Level 2/Level 3>

Sapporo, Morioka, Sendai, Tokyo, Nagoya, Niigata, Kanazawa, Osaka, Hiroshima, Takamatsu, Fukuoka, Okinawa

* Level 3 will be conducted in the above 12 cities and all over the country. See P.11-12 for more detail.

Exam detail

Basic skills and knowledge regarding nail care and nail art are required.
Pass margin: Pass margin is at least 38 out of 50 points for skills exam, and at least 80 out of 100 points for written exam.

Skills exam Preliminary review (10 minutes) Table setting & disinfection management, condition of model's nails
Required time (70 minutes) Nail care, coloring, nail art

Written exam Required time (30 minutes) Exam format: Multiple-choice questions/scantron
Exam detail: Hygiene and disinfection/nail structure (dermatology)/diseases and nail issues (physiological anatomy of the nail)/procedures for nail care, etc.


Details and notes on skills exam and rules

See the website for "skill rating criteria".

Model's nails Model must be at least 15 years old. (may be both men and women)

- Model is disqualified if there is a disease in the model's nails or skin around the nails.
- Model's nails shall be basically natural nails; extensions (including virtual) and repairs (including glue-on) are acceptable for up to 2 fingers. (However, proceed according to the color and shape of the natural nail)
- No treatment, such as filing or cuticle cleaning, shall be conducted within 1 week prior to the skills exam.
- Color polish is real red (pearl, metallic content, and art prohibited). Must be applied on both hands by day before the exam.

* You may not do anything to the model's nails until the exam starts, either inside or outside the exam site.
* Different models must be used for AM and PM.

Preliminary review (10 minutes)		<p><Table setting & disinfection management>... See P.6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Tools and materials setting and product labeling · Consideration in terms of hygiene (use sanitized tools and materials) · Condition of wet sterilizer <p><Model's nails></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Red polish application condition · Whether there are any extensions (including virtual) or repairs (including glue-on), and whether it is within 2 fingers as specified in the rules. (Declare if applicable) · Shapes of free edges, condition of cuticle care · Condition of the nail and skin around the nail
Skill (70 minutes)	Nail care	<p>Both hands 10 fingers</p> <p>Begin with disinfection of hands. Conduct up to polish-off, file, brush down, and cuticle cleaning.</p> <p>(i) Fingers disinfection shall be conducted thoroughly by rubbing and cleaning tips and in between the fingers *.</p> <p>(ii) Polish-off shall be conducted thoroughly up to the sideline.</p> <p>(iii) Cut style is round.</p> <p>(iv) Free edge shall be up to 5 mm at the longest.</p> <p>(v) Use emery board for the natural nail file.</p> <p>(vi) Finishing buffer may be used.</p> <p>(vii) Push back and push up of the cuticle shall be executed appropriately. Metal pusher may be used.</p> <p>(viii) Cuticle nipper must be used for nails of all 10 fingers.</p> <p>* Conduct water nail care (must use finger bowl) Dry nail care is prohibited.</p> <p>Prohibited tools and materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stone pusher - Ceramic pusher - Nail machine - Chamois (leather) buffer - Nail polishing sheet - Oil - Glycerin - Cooking utensils - General kitchen supplies - Other tools and materials outside the established rules <p>* A rub and clean disinfection is: to wipe off debris from and spread disinfectants on all surfaces of and between fingers and tip of the nails, using cotton or gauze soaked into disinfectants, such as ethanol. Direct spraying onto the hand is prohibited. However, if rub and clean disinfection cannot be performed, in the case of disinfecting dropped items, spraying may be allowed within the limited area of the exam site.</p>
	Coloring	<p>Both hands 10 fingers</p> <p>Must be finished up to base coat, color polish, and top coat. (The surface must be polished)</p> <p>(i) Ridge filler may be used.</p> <p>(ii) Color polish real red. (Pearl and metallic content prohibited)</p> <p>(iii) Apply color polish twice.</p> <p>(iv) Coloring shall be performed for the back side. Edge only acceptable.</p> <p>(v) Finishing shall be up to top coat. (The surface must be polished)</p> <p>Prohibited tools and materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oil - Glycerin - Cooking utensils - General kitchen supplies - Other tools and materials outside the established rules
	Nail art	<p>Right hand middle finger</p> <p>Theme is "flower" flat art (illustrations). Finish up to top coat with red as a base coloring. (The surface must be polished.)</p> <p>(i) Apply flat art which stands out from the red coloring.</p> <p>(ii) Use brushes only for illustrations.</p> <p>(iii) Glitter and rhinestones etc. may be used.</p> <p>(iv) Bringing in reference materials or designs is prohibited. (Deemed to be cheating)</p> <p>(v) Finishing shall be up to top coat. (The surface must be polished.)</p> <p>(vi) Use of electric power source is prohibited.</p> <p>Prohibited tools and materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tools and materials outside the established rules - Sticker for art (art sticker) - Dot pen (marble tools) - Glycerin - Cooking utensils - General kitchen supplies <div style="text-align: right;">  <p>Art sample</p> </div>

Level 2 exam cannot be taken without passing Level 3 exam.

Skills exam precautions

Preliminary review checkpoint

<Table setting & disinfection management>

- Tools and material setting and product labeling — Confirm tools and materials for which prior labeling is necessary, and label the products. (See the list below) Must be separately labeled even though the container has the product name in advance. Alphabet labeling is prohibited. Label must be easily visible.
- Hygiene considerations — Sanitized tools and materials (emery board, file, etc.) must be organized and placed.
- Condition of wet sterilizer — * Tray, finger bowl, and other containers must be plastic or metal, so they can be disinfected (wood, paper, and cloth are prohibited). Do not use a meshed tray on the bottom.
* Nail brush shall be placed on a tray, etc. (Do not place directly on the table.)

Table setting rules

Necessary tools and materials mentioned below shall be confirmed and brought, all in according to the exam level. (See the photo below. Sanitized tools and materials shall be organized and placed.)



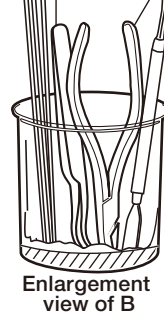
- A : Disinfectant ... Ethanol for disinfection, or other disinfectant solution
- B : Wet sterilizer (Container which can be altered by alcohol is prohibited)
... Pour disinfectant solution up to where the tip of the nipper will be covered, and soak wood stick, tweezers, nippers, and metal pusher, etc.
- C : File stand
- D : Cotton ... Use a container with a lid.
- E : Polish remover
- F : Liquid soap
- G : Cuticle cream or remover
- H : Polish
- I : Finger bowl ... Put a small amount of liquid soap into warm water with appropriate temperature. (may be placed directly)
- J : Tray ... Tools and materials shall be organized and placed.
- K : Container filled with water ... Used to moisten gauze. (may be placed directly)
- L : Water container for art (may be placed directly)
- M : Nail brush ... Use sterile brush designated for nail.
Set on tray, etc. (Do not place directly on the table.)
- N : Trash bag

Note - Hot water must be brought in a portable pot. Pot may be left on top of the table during the skills exam. (May be added into the finger bowl)
- Lighting equipment is prohibited.

- * Table setting shall be according to this photo.
- * Points will not be deducted if bath towels and mats are placed under the towel specified in the table setting rules to place tools and materials over them.
- * There are no color specifications for towels and paper towels.
- * Disqualification occurs if prohibited tools and materials are set.
- * Use nail products and cosmetic products.

[Tools/solvent in a wet sterilizer]

- Wood stick
- Tweezers
- Nippers
- Metal pusher



Tools to be placed in the wet sterilizer:

Wood stick, tweezers, nippers, metal pusher
(Scissors and chip cutter is optional. Other tools shall be added according to the exam level.)

Lay cotton or gauze and pour disinfectant solution up to where the tip of the nipper will be covered. If protection pad for the tip is used, place cotton or gauze over it.

- * These labels are in english for explanation but, when you actually set-up your work space you must use Japanese labels.
- * Product labeling is to clarify the content. Product labeling is optional except for the following items:
- * There is no designated manufacturer/brand for the tools and materials.

Items that product labeling is mandatory for:

Level 3	Wet sterilizer, cotton, disinfectant, polish remover, liquid soap, cuticle cream or cuticle remover, base coat, color polish, top coat (Note) Label the product when using pre-primer.
Level 2	Silk, fiberglass, glue, filler, resin, activator, pre-primer (Note) Materials listed above may be either selected or not selected. * Nail care products shall be described according to Level 3.
Level 1	Acrylic powder, acrylic liquid, pre-primer, primer, glue or resin (Note) Product labeling needed if other acetone and brush cleaner are used. * Nail care products shall be described according to Level 3.

Items for possible point deduction in the exam (skill, written)

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Items for possible point deduction
A	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	For all levels, if an exam admission card, photo placement, or writing tools has been forgotten (including when borrowing a writing tool due to breakage of writing tool or pencil lead)
B	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the ID photo for the exam admission card was a overly casual snap shot or copy, etc.
C	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the model was disqualified (if there is a disease in the model' s nails or skin around the nails, or if the model is 14 years old or younger)
D	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the tools and materials were not sanitized or organized
E	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If there is any inadequacy with table setting
F	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If tools and materials were not labeled as they should be, or labeled with alphabets
G	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the disinfection is deemed inappropriate (finger and tool disinfection) * Refer to the margin note
H	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If there was a lot of talking or bad manners (both examinee and model)
I	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If damage was caused to the fingers (redness caused by file, etc.) (both examinee and model)
J	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If trash was not taken home
K	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If a nail with extension or repair was not done according to the color and shape of the natural nail
L	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If coloring and decoration have been applied
M	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the wire was not covered by mixture in Level 1 art
N	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If preparation (sanding) of extension was conducted in advance
O	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If sanding of extension and Tip & wrap was not conducted
P	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the coloring was much lighter or darker than the specified color
Q	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the second half of the Level 2 exam started out without disinfection of fingers
R	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the same process during the first half of the exam was repeated during the second half of the Level 2 exam
S	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If a total of 3 extensions (including virtual) or repairs (including glue-on) were used
T	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the coloring and nail art was not finished with top coat applied or if not polished
U	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the model' s nails were obviously treated in advance
V	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the prior polish was rough or if the prior polishing in Level 2 was other than the specified color
W	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If a washable file was used for natural nails, other than extension or repair
X	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If a brush down was not conducted
Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If red polish was being applied only once during coloring

* If you have dropped a tool during the exam, tell the examiner by raising your hand, pick it up by yourself, disinfect the tool and fingers, then raise your hand and declare "disinfection complete" .(Disinfection of fingers must be conducted on the examinee him/herself first.(A point will be deducted if they started out with the model's hand.)

* Disinfection of fingers must be conducted by the examinee him/herself. (A point will be deducted if they started out with the model' s hand.) * Do not disinfect with cotton, etc. which had been soaked with disinfectant in advance.

Disqualification for the exam (skill, written)

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Items to be disqualified
A	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Late arrival (If not seated with the model by the time the preliminary review starts)
B	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Misconduct/prohibited conduct, such as cheating
C	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Touching the finished project or additional procedures being done after the preliminary review and skills exam (both examinee and model), running out of time during skills exam
D	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Forgot to bring tools and materials, borrowing from another person after the preliminary review has started, or leaving without permission of the examiner
E	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	if there was any damage to fingers resulting in blood(both examinee and model)
F	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If there was any damage to fingers causing to bleed (both examinee and model)
G	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If prohibited tools, materials, etc. were set
H	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the model helped or gave an advice to the examinee in the exam site or if the models of AM and PM were the same person
I	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the tools/solvent in wet sterilizer were not ready (Refer to P.6 "Table setting rules Enlargement view of B")
J	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If sticker for art (art sticker) or dot pen (marble tools) were used
K	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If nail art designs were brought in (including when the same art for the exam has been applied onto the examinee' s nail)
L	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Wrong finger
M	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Other violations
N	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If color and decoration were applied on press on tip for Level 1 art in advance
O	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If stationary was used to fix the nail form or if 3D parts were brought in
P	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If chip stand or jig were used to create mixed media art
Q	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If extension with glitter or white or color powder was used
R	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If color tip, clear tip, or white tip were used in Level 1
S	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the points deducted were too significant (if there were at least 3 items for points to be deducted, or a detail of 1 item is significantly unsatisfactory)
T	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the second half of the exam was conducted during the first half of the Level 2 exam
U	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	In case the polish was applied only once during coloring or a color other than the specified color was used
V	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If a metal pusher was not used for the nails of all 10 fingers or if push back and push up was not conducted for all 10 fingers
W	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If total of more than 4 extensions (including virtual) or repairs (including glue-on) were used
X	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If polish was not applied to the model' s nails in advance
Y	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the cuticle nipper was not used for the nails of all 10 fingers or water nail care is not conducted
Z	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If push back and push up were not conducted at all

(Note) mark corresponds to point deduction/disqualification

Precautions when coming to the site

1. Application for the exam on the day of the exam will not be accepted, no exceptions. Examinee and his/her model, who have completed certain application procedures, may enter the exam site. Examinee may not be substituted. Children or pets are not allowed to enter.
2. Maintenance of the environment may be difficult according to the weather/season. Please be dressed appropriately so you can adjust to the room temperature as sensory temperature varies among people.
3. License Exam Center will not answer any question regarding the exam under any circumstances.
4. **Examinees must take public transport to come to the exam site. No illegal parking, junk parking, pick-up car parking near the exam site, store parking lot, or open areas. (However, this excludes those who need assistance.) On the day of the exam, allow enough time for arrival to the exam site because there can be a delay in public transport due to weather.**

Points to consider at the exam site**● For examinee and model**

Exam shall be taken under good physical condition on the day of the exam.

Especially for models, the required time will be long, including skills exam and review, therefore,

pregnant women should be aware of their health and responsible for their own physical management.

* Restrooms may be used under permission of the examiner during the exam.

1. You cannot take the skills or written exam only. (Excluding examinee exempt from written exam.)
2. Exams may not be taken if not seated with the model by the time the preliminary review starts.
3. There will be no check-in for the exam; therefore, check where you will be seated at the site. Seating errors are your own responsibility.
4. Bring all things necessary for the exam.
 - ★Exam admission card (* Photo must be placed on the card)
 - ★A set of tools necessary for the skills exam
(Bring extra materials and tools at your own discretion)
 - ★Pencil or mechanical pencil (HB or B)
 - * Check whether the lead of a pencil or mechanical pencil is broken, or the mechanical pencil itself is broken.
 - ★Eraser (finely erasable)
 - * Tool may not be borrowed in any circumstances.
 - * Do not use ballpoint pen (including erasable pen) or felt-tip pens for the written exam.
5. Do not prepare in the space within or out of the site.
6. You will be disqualified if there is misconduct/prohibited conduct.
7. Follow the instructions given by the examiner at the exam site. Both examinee and model must follow the rules when taking the exam. Breach of manners will be subjected to a deduction of points.
8. Only a watch is acceptable as an accessory around the hands during the skills exam for both examinee and model.
9. **Examinee's nail may be of any coloring, though the overall impression of the nail should be appropriate as that of an examinee. Examinee shall be aware of how to dress appropriately. Additionally, for those whose bangs or hair falls in front of the face, their hair style should be maintained so it would not interfere with the exam.**
10. Do not take home the question and answer sheets from the exam site.
11. Always take home trash.
12. Do not drink, eat, or smoke in the site (including the waiting area). (However, bottled water or tea is permitted.)
13. Do not use multifunctional electronic devices such as mobile phones, tablets, PHS, or smartwatches at the site (including the waiting area).

Additionally, these may not be used as a watch.
14. For all levels, forgetting to bring the exam admission card or a writing tool or photo will be subjected to a deduction of points.
15. An ID photo must be placed on the card. A overly casual snap shot, a copy, etc. will be subjected to a deduction of points.

Cancellation of license exam due to unexpected contingency

License exams may be cancelled due to unexpected circumstances (typhoon, earthquakes, tsunami, and other natural disasters, strike, epidemic of a new strain of influenza, etc. or difficulties securing the exam site, power outage, or transport, communication, and logistics confusions.) Cancellation will be notified on our website, so please check from time to time.

Please note that in some cases, depending on the scale of the disaster, phones may not be connected. Follow-up after the cancellation of the license exam will be announced accordingly. We will not be responsible for the examinee's inconvenience, expenses (excluding exam fee), or any other personal damage caused by the cancellation of the exam.

- Application to pass/fail announcement -

Application period
Application method

(i) Web application

August 1, 2018 (Wednesday) - August 28 (Tuesday)

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* Application via smartphone is available.

* Exam fee may be paid either by credit card or at a convenience store (payment is due **3 days after** completing the registration).

* Payment slip number on a convenience store payment will be displayed on the registration complete screen and notified by an auto-response email after completion of the application.

Paperless payment only; a payment slip will not be mailed.

(Please note that convenience store payments and applications will be invalid after the payment due date.)

* Refer to the website for group registration. (* Group registration may be accepted if there are 10 applicants from 1 corporation)

(ii) Application by postal payment slip

August 1, 2018 (Wednesday) - August 31 (Friday) <Postmarked on the deadline date is valid>

* Payment of the exam fee shall be done at a postal office using the postal payment slip on this exam guide after all items on the slip are filled out.

* ATM application is accepted only if the payment slip can be read.

* Payment receipt shall be stored carefully until the receipt of an exam admission card.

Exam admission card sent

Around the end of September 2018 Exam admission card will be sent in a letter.

(* Domestic shipping only)

* In all levels, an ID photo must be placed on the exam admission card.

* Photo must be 3 cm × 2.4 cm, taken within the past 6 months.

* ID photo must be placed on the card. A overly casual snap shot or copy etc. will be subjected to a deduction of points.

Contact period
(in case of non-arrival of
exam admission card, etc.)

September 26, 2018 (Wednesday) - October 2 (Tuesday)

You must contact the License Exam Center between September 26 (Wednesday) -October 2 (Tuesday)

if the exam admission card does not arrive by September 25 (Tuesday), or if there is an error in the address or name.

* Pass/fail notification and certificate of passing exam will be issued according to the name printed on the admission card. Re-issuing of the certificate of passing will incur an extra charge, so please check whether the details are correct.

Day of the exam

Level 1 October 20 (Saturday) **Level 2** October 21 (Sunday) **Level 3** October 28 (Sunday)

You must bring the exam admission card on the day of the exam.

* Prior notification not required for absence.

* Any contact shall be made to the License Exam Center on the day of the exam. Contacting the site is not accepted.

Pass/fail announcement and
notification sent

Around the end of November 2018

Pass/fail notification will be sent in a letter. (* Domestic shipping only)

You must contact License Exam Center by November 30 (Friday) if you have not received a pass/fail notification by November 22 (Thursday).

* Pass/fail may be confirmed on the website.

* Pass/fail notification shall be stored carefully.

* Exam result will be sent to the examinee by mail (letter). Personal information will not be disclosed to the public without written consent of the examinee.

Certificate of passing sent

Mid-December 2018

A certificate of passing will be sent to those who passed. (* Domestic shipping only)

Certificate of passing will be created referring to the printed name on the exam admission card.

* Certificate of passing shall be stored carefully because you will need it when taking a test for the next level.