

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

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(STARTING FROM APRIL 2024)
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
NAGOYA UNIVERSITY

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[Important] Advance Procedures on the Internet Application Site

The Graduate School of Environmental Studies requires 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 page24-27).

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 register 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 the “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, 2024 from an undergraduate school or university in Japan.
- (2) Completion, or expected completion by March 31, 2024, 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, 2024, a degree equivalent to a bachelor’s degree through attending an overseas university or another 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, 2024. The applicant should also have earned all credits in good academic standing. All mentioned above should be recognized by the 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 June 9, 2023.

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

3. Application Procedures

Period for Online Registration and Examination Fee Payment: June 19 – July 6, 2023

Application Period: July 3 – 4:00pm, July 7, 2023 (Only applications submitted by registered mail are acceptable.)

The application procedure will be completed by submitting the necessary application documents within the application period after completing registration and examination fee payment with the online application system.

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Registration and examination fee payment with the online application system alone does not complete the application procedures.

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.

When submitting application documents by mail, 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" but necessary to indicate the name of the enclosed document on the envelope.

For details, see "STEP 6 (Send Required Documents)" on page27.

All application documents shall be filled out in either Japanese or English.

Payment of Examination fee

Examination fee 30,000 Japanese Yen

MEXT scholarship recipients are exempt from the examination fee. Please check "Exemptions from the examination fee" when applying.

Please note that 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.

*In addition to the examination fee, a service charge (about 500 yen) will be required.

*Examination Fee Refund Policy

The paid examination fee will not be refunded under any circumstances except in the following two cases.

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

If you have any questions about the application procedures, please contact us at env@adm.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 August 1, 2021, will be accepted. 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 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 Earth and Environmental Sciences, the Architecture Course at the Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture and the Department of Social and Human Environment)
Only applicants for the Self-Recommendation Entrance Examination in the General Application must write a self-recommendation letter.
- (10) Additional Application Form
Applicants to the Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences must fill out this form.
- (11) Research Proposal (applicants to the Department of Social and Human Environment only)
There is no specific format or page requirement. Print the document on A4 paper. It must include the following: 1) background of the problem and research objectives, 2) a review of existing literature, and 3) research methodology and methods. The proposal should refer to the relevant literature where appropriate. It should be written in either Japanese or English.
- (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). Oversea resident 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, applicants who are presently enrolled in Nagoya University do 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.

Applicants are required to contact their prospective supervisor(s) prior to application. This ensures that the supervisor(s) can prepare for the examination by taking the applicants' language ability and academic background into consideration.

Please refer to the "DOCUMENTS REQUIRED" regarding the "English Test". The original TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS score sheet taken on or after August 1, 2021, 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. 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 applicant's academic abilities will be assessed at a regular entrance examination (English, specialized subjects, and oral examination). The score for the English portion will be calculated by converting the score listed on the TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS score sheet submitted by the applicant. Applicants to the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences may take both the regular entrance examination and the self-recommendation entrance examination. Those applying for the self-recommendation entrance examination must submit a Self-recommendation Form (prescribed by the Graduate School).

The written and oral examinations will be conducted face-to-face at an examination site prepared by Nagoya University. Please contact your perspective supervisor prior to application.

The following table shows the examination schedule.

Date	Time	Examination (Method)	Location *4
Monday, August 21, 2023	14:00 – 17:00	Specialization subject (Written Examination) *1	Lecture room No. 1 and No. 3 Environmental Studies building, 3 rd floor
Tuesday, August 22, 2023	9:00 – 12:00	Oral Examination *2 and Interview *3	Seminar room No. 1 and No. 2 Environmental Studies building, 3 rd floor

*1: Applicants will be questioned on fundamental aspects of their academic field, taking the applicants' language ability and academic background into consideration. The examination will be conducted either in Japanese or English as appropriate for the applicants' language ability.

*2: Applicants will be asked to answer questions about their undergraduate research and general research interests in English and/or Japanese.

*3: This interview will be conducted to evaluate the English proficiency of the applicants if the oral examination is conducted in Japanese. The interview consists of questions about the applicants' motivation for applying and

their research plans after enrollment.

*4: Gathering time: 20 minutes before the start time of the examination

[How to submit score sheets]

The score sheet must be submitted to the Office of Student Affairs in the same manner as described in "3. Application Procedures", and must arrive no later than August 4, 16:00 2023 (Friday). If the score sheet is ready at the time of application, it may be enclosed in the envelope containing the necessary documents, and submitted to the Office.

【Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences】

The scholastic ability test is conducted by the regular entrance examination (English, specialized subjects, and oral examination) or the Self-Recommendation entrance examination (English and oral examination) for students who are not from science-related departments. Regarding the “English Test”, please refer to the “3. Application Procedures, DOCUMENTS REQUIRED”. Applicants taking the regular entrance examination must select two specialized subjects on the Additional Application Form (Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Science). Applicants who take the Self-Recommendation entrance examination must submit the Self-Recommendation Form (a form of the Graduate School). It is strongly recommended to contact your prospective advisor in advance regarding your desired research theme.

The following table shows the examination schedule and location. Oral examinations will be conducted in the Environmental Studies Hall. Applicants should arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of the examination and wait until called. The online examinations may be held at times other than those listed below.

Date	Time	Examination (Method)	Location
Monday, August 21, 2023	13:00 –	Specialization Subject (Oral Examination) *1	Room 111 (Meeting room No. 1), Environmental Studies Building, 1 st floor
Tuesday, August 22, 2023	9:00 –, 13:00 –	Oral Examination and Interview *2	Room 111 (Meeting room No. 1), Environmental Studies Building, 1 st floor

*1: An oral examination (30 minutes for each subject) in any two of the seven basic fields of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences (geoenvironmental science, geophysics, geochemistry, physics, chemistry, biology, and mathematics). Applicants must submit the "Additional Application Form (Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences)" indicating the two Specialization Subject in which you wish to take the examination. No changes will be allowed to the Specialization Subject declared at the time of application. Applicants will be questioned on fundamental aspects of their academic field, taking the applicants' language ability and academic background into consideration. The examination will be conducted either in English and/or Japanese. Applicants should arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of the examination and wait until called.

*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 “Additional Application Form (Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences)”. The designated time for the oral examination will be notified by e-mail by July 28. Applicants should arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of the examination and wait until called. Applicants will be asked to answer questions in English and/or Japanese about their undergraduate research, their motivation for applying, and their research plans after enrollment.

Submission for score sheet of English test: As described in the “DOCUMENTS REQUIRED” section, submission of the TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS score sheet with the other documents is strongly recommended at the time of application. However, if you do not have a valid score sheet at the time of application, you may submit the score sheet separately to the address shown in “9. Contact information”, arriving no later than August 4, 16:00 2023, using registered mail that marked as "Score Sheet enclosed" in red. Applicants should check the appropriate box in the Score sheet section of the “Additional Application Form (Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences)” and submit with the application documents.

(2) Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture

Examinations for international students will be held according to the following schedule.

Course	Date
Sustainable Development Course	August 23 – 24, 2023
Architecture Course	August 24 – 25, 2023

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 at the time of application is strongly recommended, but if you do not have a valid score at the time of application, or if you wish to replace it with a new score, you may submit the score sheet separately to the address shown in “9. Contact information”, arriving no later than August 4, 16:00 using registered mail that marked as "Score Sheet enclosed" in red.

(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	Examination (Method)	Location
Wednesday, August 23, 2023	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
Thursday, August 24, 2023	9:00 – 12:00	Interview *4	To be announced during 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. Refer to the 受験案内 (Entrance Exam Guide in the Japanese version) in the separate file for the range of questions or contact your prospective supervisor.

*2: Applicants must write one short essay.

*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

[Important Notice]

Applicants should contact their prospective supervisor before application, as the examination may take into account the applicants' language skills.

[Examinations and schedule]

The schedule of examinations for international students is shown in the following table. Japanese language should be used in the examinations.

Date	Time	Examination (Method)	Location
Thursday, August 24, 2023	13:30 – 18:40	Specialization I: Planning Theory and Design (Written Examination) *1	Drafting Room, ES Building, 4 th floor *2
	13:30 – 17:30	Specialization I: Environmental Engineering, and Structural Engineering (Written Examination) *1	Lecture Hall, Environmental Studies Building, 1 st floor
Friday, August 25, 2023	13:30 –	Interview *3	Lecture Room 2 and 3, Environmental Studies Building, 3 rd floor *4

*1: Applicants must select one subject area from (1) Planning Theory (Urban planning, Architecture planning, Architectural history and theory) and Design, (2) Environmental Engineering (Building equipment engineering, Building environmental engineering), and (3) Structural Engineering (Structural engineering, Building material engineering). The subject area must be selected and written in the application form. In this examination, answers are requested to be written in Japanese. In (1) Planning Theory and Design, applicants are requested to answer the questions on the planning field by writing in the first one hour, and to draw architectural design proposal in the next four hours after the interval of ten minutes. The scoring ratio of "Planning Theory" and "Design" is 30% to 70%.

*2: An applicant who will take the examination of "Planning Theory and Design" should come to 1st floor, ES Building at 13:00.

*3: Applicants are requested to answer questions mainly relating to their motivations, learning and research plans after admission, and related topics (in Japanese). The schedule for the "Interview" may be altered due to the number of applicants. If it is changed, details will be announced before the "Interview".

*4: The waiting room will be Lecture Hall available after 13:00 or will be announced on the first examination day.

(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 applicants' 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
Monday, August 21, 2023	9:30 – 11:30	Written Examination *1
	14:00 –	Oral Examination *2
Tuesday, August 22, 2023	9:30 –	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, Public Law (mainly Administrative 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 a 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
Monday, August 21, 2023	14:00 –	Oral Examination *2
Tuesday, August 22, 2023	9:30 –	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 Selection Results

Notification Date: 13:00pm, Tuesday, September 5, 2023 (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 also 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 middle of March 2024.

7. Admission and Tuition Fees

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

*To be paid by the date of registration stated above.

(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 examination 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 on 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@adm.nagoya-u.ac.jp

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II. DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM

1. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet one of the requirements listed below:

- (1) Completion, or expected completion by March 31, 2024 of a Master’s Degree from a graduate school in Japan.
- (2) Completion, or expected completion by March 31, 2024 of graduate study at a graduate school in his/her home country or other countries. The qualification awarded must be recognized as the equivalent of a Master’s Degree in Japan.
- (3) Approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT) (1989 Ministry Bulletin, Vol. 118).
- (4) Completion of a program of study recognized by the Graduate School of Environmental Studies as equivalent to the completion of a Master’s Degree program from a Japanese university.

Note: Applicants wishing to apply based on the requirement (3) or (4) 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 June 9, 2023.

2. Departments Offering Doctoral Degree Programs

Departments offering Doctoral Programs 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

3. Application Procedures

Period for Online Registration and Examination Fee Payment: June 19 – July 6, 2023

Application Period: July 3 – 4:00pm, July 7, 2023 (Only applications submitted by registered mail are acceptable.)

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For details, see "STEP 6 (Send Required Documents)" on page27.

All application documents shall be filled out either in Japanese or English.

Payment of Examination fee

Examination fee 30,000 Japanese Yen

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

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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) *Diploma or Certificate of Graduation or Expected Graduation from the university where the applicant pursued graduate studies (originals only; photocopies are not acceptable. An English version is required if the certificate is written neither in Japanese nor in English).
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- * (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) 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 by 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.
- (8) TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS original score sheet (required only for applicants to the Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture and applicants for self-recommendation to the Department of Social and Human Environment)
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 August 1, 2021, will be accepted. 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 the Architecture course in the Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture, however, applicants whose first language is English are exempted from submitting the original score sheets of TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS.

In case of applicants for self-recommendation admission to the Department of Social and Human Environment, 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.

- (9) Master's Thesis/Research (required only for applicants to the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and the Department of Social and Human Environment)

Applicants to the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences can submit any one from among (i) Master's thesis or its abstract, (ii) reprints of paper published in an academic journal or abstracts of conference presentations, and (iii) if the applicant has not submitted a master's thesis, a summary of the applicant's research in any format on a single side sheet of A4 paper.

Applicants for the Department of Social and Human Environment can submit the Master's thesis. If it has not been submitted, a summary of the research will be accepted (about 4000 words in A4 size).

- (10) Additional Application Form (required only for applicants to the Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences)

- (11) Research Proposal (required only for applicants 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.

- (12) Self-recommendation letter (Applicants for self-recommendation admission to the Department of Social and Human Environment)

Applicants for self-recommendation admission in the General application to the Department of Social and Human Environment must write a self-recommendation letter. (Form 12, A4 size single-sided printing)

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

Those applicants who are currently residing in Japan must submit a photocopy of their residence card (both sides). Oversea resident must submit a passport page with the ID photo.

- (14) 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, and Ecology. The Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences consists of the following four laboratories: Global Environmental Variation, Climate Science, Global Geochemistry, and Global Water Cycle.

Applicants 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. Online examinations may be held at times other than those listed below.

【Division of Earth and Planetary Sciences】

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

The following table shows the examination schedule.

Date	Time	Examination	Location *2
Monday, August 21, 2023	9:00 – 12:00	Oral Examination *1	Seminar room No. 1 and No. 2 Environmental Studies building, 3 rd floor

*1 English and/or Japanese language will be used in the Oral Examination.

1) Applicants who are enrolled in the Master's Course of the Division of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Nagoya University will be asked to give a 15-minute presentation on their Master's program research and their Doctoral program research plan. This will be followed by a 15-minute interview to evaluate research ability.

2) Other applicants will be asked to give a 15-minute presentation on their Master's program research and their Doctoral program research plan. This will be followed by a 15-minute interview to evaluate both research ability and English proficiency.

*2 Gathering time; 20min before the start of the examination

【Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences】

It is strongly recommended to contact your prospective advisor in advance regarding your desired research theme. The following table shows venue and time of the oral examination schedule. Oral examinations will be conducted in the Environmental Studies Hall.

Date	Time	Examination	Location
Monday, August 21, 2023	9:00 –	Oral Examination	Room 111 (Meeting room No. 1), Environmental Studies Building, 1 st floor
Tuesday, August 22, 2023	9:00 – 13:00 –	Oral Examination	Room 111 (Meeting room No. 1), Environmental Studies Building, 1 st floor

Note

- 1) Applicants should arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of the examination and wait until called.
- 2) A whiteboard and a PC projector can be used for the presentation. Microsoft Power Point (2016, Japanese version) installed on a Windows PC is available.
- 3) The oral examination will be conducted in English and/or Japanese.
- 4) Applicants who are enrolled in the Master's program of the Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Nagoya University and wish to enter the spring semester in April 2024 will be required to give a 10-minute presentation on their master's thesis currently being prepared and a 5-minute presentation on the research plan (total 15 minutes or less). This will be followed by an interview based on the presentation. Other applicants will be asked to give a 30-minute presentation on their Master's program research (20 minutes) and their Doctoral program research plan (10 minutes). This will be followed by an interview based on the presentation.
- 5) Applicants are required to take an exam at the Environmental Studies Hall, Nagoya University. If it is difficult to come to Nagoya University, a remote (online) examination can be selected. Applicants who wish to take the online examination should fill out and submit the Additional Application Form (Division of Hydrospheric-Atmospheric Sciences). The examination schedule and other details will be notified by e-mail by July 28.

(2) Department of Environmental Engineering and Architecture

Examinations for international students will be held according to the following schedule.

Course	Date
Sustainable Development Course	August 23 – 24, 2023
Architecture Course	August 24 – 25, 2023

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 at the time of application is strongly recommended, but if you do not have a valid score at the time of application, or if you wish to replace it with a new score, you may submit the score sheet separately to the address shown in “9. Contact information”, arriving no later than August 4, 16:00 using registered mail that marked as "Score Sheet enclosed" in red.

(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. English and/or Japanese language will be used in the examinations.

Date	Time	Examination (Method)	Location
Wednesday, August 23, 2023	9:30 – 11:30	Specialization Subject (Written Examination) *1 *2	Lecture Room 1, Environmental Studies Building, 3 rd floor
	13:00 – 18:00	Oral Examination (Oral Examination) *3	To be announced during Written Examinations
Thursday, August 24, 2023	9:00 – 12:00	Interview *4	To be announced during Written Examinations

*1: Prior to application applicants are required to contact the prospective supervisor to determine the examination subjects (three fields).

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

*3: Questions in the Oral Examination will be mainly related to the examination subjects.

*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

[Important Notice]

Applicants should contact their prospective supervisor before application, as the examination may take into account the applicants' language skills. Applicants whose first language is English are exempted from submitting the original score sheets of TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS, and the score of "English Test" is given based on the results of "Oral Examination" and "Interview". For the exemption, the applicants should contact their prospective supervisor in advance by June 30, 2023, Friday.

[Examinations and schedule]

The schedule of examinations for international students is shown in the following table.

Date	Time	Examination (Method)	Location
Thursday, August 24, 2023	10:00 – 12:00	Oral Examination *1	To be announced
	13:30 – 16:30	Specialization (Written Examination) *2	Drafting Room, ES Building, 4 th floor / Lecture Hall, Environmental Studies Building, 1 st floor *3
Friday, August 25, 2023	9 :00 – 12:00	Oral Examination *1	To be announced
	13:30 – *4	Interview *5	Lecture Room 2 and 3, Environmental Studies Building, 3 rd floor *3 *6

- *1: "Oral Examination" will be held on either August 24th or 25th. Applicants should contact the prospective supervisor. The schedule is determined by the prospective supervisor.
- *2: "Specialization" is an examination of the area of specialization which the applicant is intending to enter.
- *3: The place of examination can be changed if the number of applicants exceeds the capacity of the room. The exact place will be announced before the examination.
- *4: The schedule for the "Interview" may be altered, depending on the number of applicants. If the schedule is changed, the exact time will be announced before the "Interview".
- *5: Applicants are requested to answer questions mainly relating to their motivations, learning and research plans after admission, and related topics. The schedule will be announced just before the beginning of the "Interview".
- *6: The waiting room will be Lecture Hall available after 13:00 or will be announced on the first examination day.

(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 applicants' 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
Monday, August 21, 2023	9:30 – 11:30	Written Examination *1
	14:00 –	Oral Examination *2
Tuesday, August 22, 2023	9:30 –	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 questions related to Environmental Policy. In some cases, questions will be in part given in English.
Economic Environment	Questions are provided about your research topic in your master's program.
Environmental Law and Politics	Applicants are required to answer questions given in English related to the study of Law and Politics.
Sociology	Applicants are required to answer questions related to Sociology. Questions are in part given in English.
Geography	Topics to be covered in the examination are those that are discussed in all fields of Geography. Articles in languages other than Japanese are included.

- 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
Monday, August 21, 2023	14:00 –	Oral Examination *2
Tuesday, August 22, 2023	9:30 –	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 Selection Results

Notification Date: 13:00pm, Tuesday, September 5, 2023 (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 also 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 middle of March 2024.

7. Admission and Tuition Fees

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

*To be paid by the date of registration stated above.

(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 examination 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 on the research interests 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@adm.nagoya-u.ac.jp

Online Application Flow

The online 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.

STEP

2

Access the Application Site

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

OR

University website ▶ <https://www.nagoya-u.ac.jp/>

STEP

3

MyPage Registration

Follow the instructions on the screen to enter the required information and register 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](#).



⑨ Registration is completed. Click [To My Page](#).



⑩ When the above is displayed, MyPage registration is complete.

⑪ During the application period, click [Carry out the application procedure](#) to continue the application procedure. Outside of specified periods, you cannot proceed any further, so click [Log out](#) to logout.

STEP

4

Register the Application forms

Make sure to confirm the procedures and notes on the screen page, and enter required information.



① Login to MyPage and click [Carry out the application procedure](#), then go to the registration screen.



② Select your graduate school.



③ Select the entrance exam to take and read the important notes.



④ Choose which major to apply for.



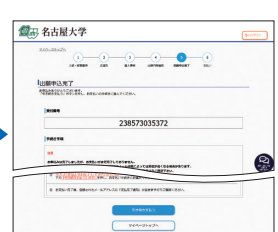
⑤ Upload ID photo data and click [To choose photo](#) to select a photo.



⑥ Enter the required personal information.



⑦ Confirm application form. You can check the application form by clicking [Application Form \(sample\)](#).



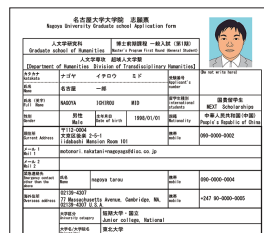
⑧ Application registration is completed. Click [Continue to pay](#) to proceed the examination fee payment screen.



Payment is due within 4 days including the date of application. However, if the Web application deadline falls earlier than that, the payment deadline will be the Web application deadline.

⑨ How to pay the examination fee

- Convenience stores*
 - ATMs with Pay easy*
 - Internet banking*
 - Credit card
- *Only available in Japan



⑩ PDF documents Required for application (image).

*Printing will be available after payment of the examination fee. These are required to submit as well as required documents.

If you choose to pay the examination fee at a convenience store or a bank ATM that supports Pay-easy, please make sure to write down the necessary payment number displayed after selecting the payment method, and pay the fee at a convenience store or bank ATM within the notified payment deadline.

At Seven Eleven

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At Daily Yamazaki, SeicoMart

Online settlement number (11 digits)												
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At Lawson, Mini Stop, FamilyMart, ATMs with Pay-easy

Customer number (11 digits)												
Confirmation number (6 digits)												
receiving institute number (5 digits)	5	8	0	2	1							

At ATMs with Pay-easy

A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you after you have completed the registration of your application. If you have set restrictions on receiving e-mails, please allow the sender (@e-apply.jp).

*Please note that the confirmation email may be sent to your junk folder.



After the examination fee has been paid, you will not be able to correct your application contents. Please check your application contents before paying the examination fee. If there are any errors, please register again from Step 3.

*Please note that if you select credit card in "⑨How to pay the examination fee", the payment will be completed at the same time as registration.

STEP

5



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.

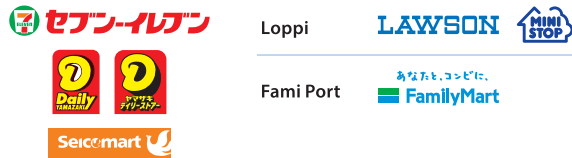
*Required your bank account is registered for internet banking.

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)

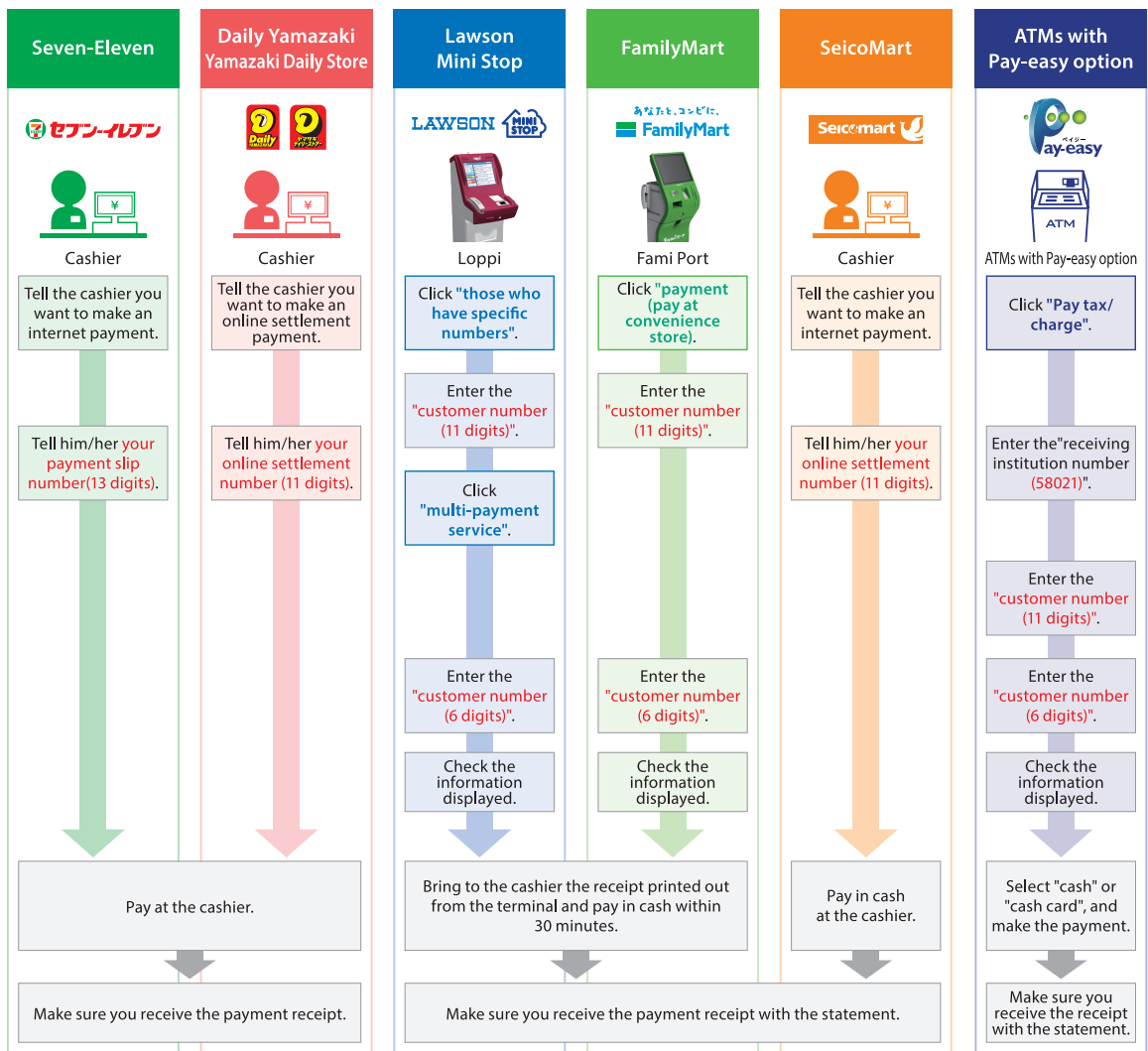
Write down the number displayed after your Web application is registered, and pay at any one of the ATMs with Pay-easy option as instructed on the screen.



*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

6

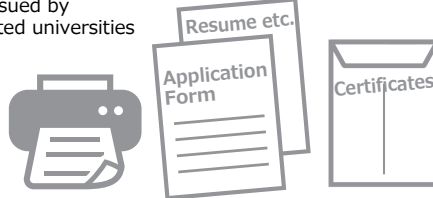


Send Required Documents

Print the documents downloadable in color after the completing and paid your application and send them from post office by registered express mail (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.

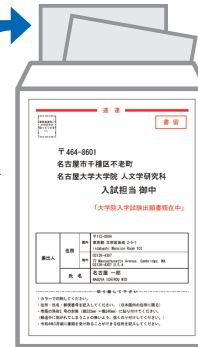
Required documents

- 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 specifies 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**. Please also note that the deadline for online registration and Examination fee payment is a day before the application deadline.

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.

