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What is SSW?

India and Japan signed a Memorandum of Cooperation for sending Specified Skilled Workers (SSW) from India to Japan.

Specified Skilled Worker (SSW) is a new status of residence created by Japan in 2019 under which skilled Indian nationals can obtain jobs and stay in Japan. The MoC covers 14 categories of specified skills under which skilled workers from India would be eligible for employment in Japan.

14 Skill Sectors Under Specified Skill Workers (SSW) scheme			
01	NURSING CARE,	02	JANITORIAL SERVICES,
03	MATERIAL PROCESSING,	04	INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY MANUFACTURING,
05	ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC INFORMATION.	06	CONSTRUCTION,
07	AUTOMOBILE MAINTENANCE	08	SHIPBUILDING SHIP-RELATED INDUSTRY
09	AVIATION,	10	FISHERIES
11	LODGING	12	FOOD AND BEVERAGES MANUFACTURING
13	AGRICULTURE	14	FOOD SERVICES

What are the eligibility requirements for SSW Status?

- Qualify Japanese Language skill test
- Qualify work skills test

The **Japanese-Language Proficiency Test** is a standardized criterion-referenced test to assess, verify, and confirm the ability of the Japanese language of non-native speakers and Japanese learners.

It covers Japanese language knowledge, reading comprehension, and listening skills. In Japan, It has been administered by the JEES (Japan Educational Exchanges and Services), while the J.F. (Japan Foundation) <https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/> administers overseas tests.

What are the global Testing organizations for the Japanese language -

1. Website of Japan Foundation Test for Basic Japanese
<https://www.jpf.go.jp/jft-basic/e/index.html>
2. Website of Prometric
<http://ac.prometric-jp.com/testlist/jfe/index.html>

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List of Test Site Cities and Local Host Institutions in India for Japanese Language Proficiency Test

1	New Delhi	Mombusho Scholars Association of India (MOSAI)	T : +91(11)2331-3524 E-mail: mosai.india@gmail.com website: www.mosai.org.in
2	Pune	<u>Japanese Language Teachers' Association, PUNE (JALTAP)</u>	T : +91(20)2426-6463 E-mail: jaltap123@gmail.com Website: http://altap.org.in
3	Kolkata	The Indo-Japan Welfare and Cultural Association	T : +91(33)2475-3773 E-mail: gbdnb2003@yahoo.co.in E-mail: iindojapanwca@gmail.com website: http://www.ijwca.org
4	Chennai	ABK-AOTS DOSOKAI, Tamilnadu Centre, Chennai	T : +91(44)2374-0318 F : +91(44)2374-3575 E-mail: Abkaots@gmail.com, Rangaots@gmail.com website: http://abkaotschennai.com/
5	Bengaluru	Bangalore Nihongo Kyooshi-kai (BNK)	T : +91-7338073002 Email: jlptbnk07@gmail.com, pr.bangalorenihongokyoushikai@gmail.com website: https://www.facebook.com/bangalorenihongokyoushikai.bnk Website: http://bnkindia.in
6	Mumbai	Teachers Association of Japanese (TAJ)	• T : +91(98)7000-5997 +91(75)0693-4758/4759 • F : +91(22)2577-1418 website: www.tajmumbai.com E-mail: taj.mumbai@gmail.com
7	Santiniketan	Visva-Bharati	T : +9194334-68569 F : +913463-262672 website: http://www.visvabharati.ac.in/ E-mail: info@visva-bharati.ac.in

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8	Karur	Japanese Language Teachers Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T : +91-9361851191 +91-9626642191 Email: jaltrast@gmail.com website: https://jaltra.org

When are the tests going to be held in 2021?

- Sunday, December 5 (To be confirmed)

Contact for Queries jlptinfo@jpf.go.jp

What are the Sector-wise Language Skill requirements –

1	Nursing care	Japan Foundation Test {JFT} for Basic Japanese or Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N4 or higher (In addition to the above Nursing care Japanese language evaluation test)	Content of Examination Sample questions (Japan Foundation website.) https://www.jpf.go.jp/jft-basic/sample/q01.html https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/12000000/000503364.pdf
2	Building cleaning management	Japan Foundation Test {JFT} for Basic Japanese or Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N4 or higher	Content of Examination Sample questions Japan Foundation website. https://www.jpf.go.jp/jft-basic/sample/q01.html
3	Machine parts & tooling industries		
4	Industrial machinery industry		
5	Electric, electronics, and information Industries		
6	Construction industry		
7	Shipbuilding and ship		

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	machinery industry		
8	Automobile repair and maintenance		
9	Aviation industry		
10	Accommodation industry		
11	Agriculture		
12	Fishery & Aquaculture		
13	Manufacture of food and beverages		
14	Foodservice industry		

What are Sector-wise Skill requirements?

	Sector	Testing Subcategories	
1	Nursing care	<p>Nursing care (assistance with bathing, feeding, and excretion responding to the physical and mental condition of the user),</p> <p>Other related support services (assistance with recreation and functional training, etc.)</p>	<p>Testing organization Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/newpage_000117702.html Website of Prometric http://ac.prometric-jp.com/testlist/nc/index.html Content of Examination Sample questions Nursing care skills evaluation test https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/12000000/000503363.pdf Nursing care Japanese language evaluation test https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/12000000/000503364.pdf</p>
2	Building cleaning management	<p>- Interior building cleaning (1 test category)</p>	<p>Japan Building Maintenance Association (Only Japanese) https://www.j-bma.or.jp/qualification-</p>

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3	Machine parts & tooling industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casting • Factory sheet metal work • Machinery inspection • Forging • Plating • Machine maintenance • Die casting • Aluminum anodizing treatment • Painting • Machining • Welding • Metal press • Finishing (13 test categories) 	<p>Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry https://www.sswm.go.jp/en/exam_f/ Content of Examination Sample questions</p>
4	Industrial machinery industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casting • Factory sheet metal work • Electronic equipment assembly • Forging • Plating • Electric equipment assembling • Die Casting • Finishing • Printed wiring board manufacturing • Machining • Machinery inspection • Plastic molding • Painting • Machinery maintenance • Metal press • Iron work • Industrial packaging • Welding (18 test categories) 	<p>Sample questions for each category are posted on the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry website, and for reference, the paper test and practical test of the casting are listed. Paper test (Sample) https://www.sswm-e.go.jp/pdf/01_gakka.pdf</p> <p>Practical skill test (Sample) https://www.sswm-e.go.jp/pdf/01_jitsugi.pdf</p>
5	Electric, electronics and informati	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Machining • Machinery maintenance • Painting • Metal press • Electronic 	

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	on Industries	equipment assembly · Welding · Factory sheet metal work · Electric equipment assembling · Industrial packaging · Plating · Printed wiring board manufacturing · Finishing · Plastic molding (13 test categories)	
6	Construction industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Formwork construction · Plastering · Concrete pumping · Tunnel Propulsion · Construction machinery and construction · Earthwork · Roofing · Telecommunications · Reinforcement construction · Reinforcing bar joints · Interior finishing/material mounting · Scaffolding · Carpentry · Plumbing · Building sheet metal work · Heat-retention and cool-retention · Spray urethane insulation · Offshore civil engineering (18 test categories) 	<p>Japan Association for Construction Human Resources https://jac-skill.or.jp/exam_en.html Content of Examination Sample questions for each category are posted on Japan Association for Construction Human Resources website, and for reference, the paper test and practical test of the formwork construction are listed. Paper test (Sample) http://www.nikkendaikyuu.or.jp/ssw/ka_sample.pdf Practical skill test (Sample) http://www.nikkendaikyuu.or.jp/ssw/ka_skilltest.pdf</p>
7	Shipbuilding and ship machinery industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Welding · Finishing · Plastering · Machining · Iron work · Electrical equipment assembling (6 test categories) 	<p>NIPPON KAIJI KYOKAI (ClassNK) https://www.classnk.or.jp/hp/en/authentication/evaluation/index.html Content of Examination Sample questions (Those posted on the website of Nippon KAIJI KYOKAI) Paper test (Welding) https://www.classnk.or.jp/hp/pdf/authentication/evaluation/guide/welding/sample_welding.pdf</p>
8	Automobile repair and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Automobile everyday inspection and maintenance, Regular inspection and 	<p>Japan Automobile Service Promotion Association (Partially available for English) https://www.jaspa.or.jp/mechanic/specific-skill</p>

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	mainten ance	maintenance, Disassembly (1 test category)	Website of Prometric (Available for English) http://ac.prometric-jp.com/testlist/automobile/index.html Content of Examination Sample questions (Those posted on the website of Japan Automobile Service Promotion Association) Paper test https://www.jaspa.or.jp/Portals/0/resources/jaspa hp/user/specific-skill/pdf/Theory test questions.pdf Practical skill test https://www.jaspa.or.jp/Portals/0/resources/jaspa hp/user/specific-skill/pdf/Practical testquestions_2.pdf
9	Aviation industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport ground handling (ground driving support services, baggage, and freight handling services) • Aircraft maintenance (maintenance of aircraft and equipment, etc.) (2 test categories) 	Japan Aeronautical Engineers Association (JAEA) https://www.jaea.or.jp/exam Content of Examination Sample questions (Those posted on the website of Japan Aeronautical Engineers' Association(JAEA)) Aircraft maintenance https://www.jaea.or.jp/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/samplequestions_maint_201221.pdf Airport ground handling https://www.jaea.or.jp/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/samplequestions_gh_201221.pdf
10	Accommodation industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing accommodation services, such as working at the front desk, planning/public relations, hospitality, restaurant services (1 test category] 	General Incorporated Association Center for Accommodation Industry Proficiency Test https://caipt.or.jp/tokuteiginou Content of Examination Sample questions (Those posted on the website of the General Incorporated Association Center for Accommodation Industry Proficiency Test) https://caipt.or.jp/download/20190414_kakomon.pdf
11	Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General crop farming (cultivation management, collection/shipping/sorting 	National Chamber of Agriculture https://asat-nca.jp/en/ Website of Prometric

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		of agricultural products, etc.) • General livestock farming (breed management, collection/shipping/sorting of livestock products, etc.) (2 test categories)	http://ac.prometric-jp.com/testlist/agriculture/index.html Content of Examination The National Chamber of Agriculture website does not contain sample questions, but it does contain learning textbooks. Learning textbooks https://asat-nca.jp/textbook/
12	Fishery & Aquaculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishery (production and repair of fishing gear, search for marine animals and plants, operation of fishing gear and machinery, the capture of marine animals and plants, processing and storage of catch, ensuring health and safety, etc.) • Aquaculture industry (production, repair and management of aquaculture materials, breed management, collection (harvesting) and processing of aquaculture animals and plants, ensuring health and safety, etc.) - (2 test categories) 	Japan Fisheries Association https://suisankai.or.jp/skill/ Website of Prometric http://ac.prometric-jp.com/testlist/aquaculture/index.html Content of Examination The Japan Fisheries Association website does not contain sample questions, but it does contain learning textbooks. Learning textbooks https://suisankai.or.jp/skill
13	Manufacture of food and beverages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General food and beverage manufacturing (manufacturing/processing and health and safety of food and beverages (excluding liquor) (1 test category) 	Organization for Technical skill Assessment of Foreign workers in Food industry (OTAFF) https://otaff.or.jp/ Website of Prometric (Available for English) http://ac.prometric-jp.com/testlist/food-and-beverages/index.html Content of Examination The Organization for Technical skill Assessment of Foreign workers in the Food industry (OTAFF) website does not contain sample questions, but Japan Food Industry Center does contain learning textbooks. Learning textbooks https://www.shokusan.or.jp/news/3199/
14	Foodservice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General restaurant industry (food and beverage 	Organization for Technical Skill Assessment of Foreign Workers in Food industry (OTAFF)

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	industry	processing, customer service, store management) (1 test category)	https://otaff.or.jp/ Website of Prometric http://ac.prometric-jp.com/testlist/food_service/index.html Content of Examination The Organization for Technical skill Assessment of Foreign workers in Food industry (OTAFF) website does not contain sample questions, but Japan Foodservice association does contain learning textbooks. https://www.jfnet.or.jp/contents/gaikokujinzai/
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What are the Projected Number of Vacancies –

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1	Nursing care	60,000 people
2	Building cleaning management	37,000 people
3	Machine parts & tooling industries	21,500 people
4	Industrial machinery industry	5,250 people
5	Electric, electronics and information Industries	4,700 people
6	Construction industry	40,000 people
7	Shipbuilding and ship machinery industry	13,000 people
8	Automobile repair and maintenance	7,000 people
9	Aviation industry	2,200 people
10	Accommodation industry	22,000 people
11	Agriculture	36,500 people
12	Fishery & Aquaculture	9,000 people
13	Manufacture of food and beverages	34,000 people
14	Food service industry	53,000 people
