

Announcement from the Certification Committee

◆ 2023 JSTP Examination Overview and Schedule

Date of examination: Saturday, July 15, 2023

(A backup date, Saturday, July 29, has been set in case the examination cannot be held due to COVID19 infection, inclement weather, etc.)

Examination Venue: The examination site assignment may be adjusted depending on the situation at the time the applicants are confirmed.

1. Osaka: Osaka Public University (former Osaka City University) School of Medicine
(Examinees from Toyama, Gifu, Aichi, Shizuoka, and westward and from overseas)
2. Tokyo: Tokyo University of Agriculture, Setagaya Campus
(Examinees from Niigata, Nagano, Yamanashi, Kanagawa, and northward)

Examination fee: 40,000 yen

Deadline for application for the examination: April 7, 2023

(Please download the examination guideline, application forms, and other necessary documents from the website)

Examination eligibility assessment: Late April, 2023 (1st Certification Committee Meeting)

Mailing of examination voucher: Early June, 2023

Date of examination and pass-fail decision: July 15 2023 (2nd Certification Committee Meeting)

Approval of pass-fail by the Board of Directors, notification of pass-fail to examinees: September, 2023

Sending of Certificate: October, 2023 (after confirmation of payment of certification fee)

Please understand that the examination may be postponed or cancelled depending on the situation of COVID19 infection. Candidates will be notified promptly by posting on the website or sending an e-mail.

After confirming eligibility, candidates will be notified of the bank account for payment of the examination fee. For information on how to pay the examination fee from overseas, please contact the JSTP office separately.

◆ Schedule for Renewal of JSTP Certification in 2023

Those whose certification period ends on December 31, 2023 are eligible for renewal this year.

Members eligible for renewal will be notified that they are eligible and how to renew.: Early March, 2023

Deadline for submitting renewal applications: April 7, 2023

Assessment for renewal of qualification: Late April, 2023 (1st Qualification Committee Meeting)

Board of Directors approves renewals and notifies renewal applicants of the results: June, 2023

Sending of updated certificates: August, 2023 (after confirming payment of renewal fee)

Renewal fee: 30,000 yen

After confirming eligibility, applicants will be notified of the bank account for payment of the examination fee. For information on how to pay the examination fee from overseas, please contact the JSTP office separately.

◆ **Use of Virtual Slides (Whole Slide Images) in the microscopic evaluation examination (Micro Exam), part of 2023 Certification Examination**

Thirty virtual slides (whole slide images) of H&E stained specimens will be used. A laptop (PC) will be provided to each candidate.

Candidates who cannot use the virtual slides or a laptop (PC) will not be allowed to take the examination.

For non-Japanese examinees, English-language viewer software and laptop (PC) will be provided.

The Micro Exam will be conducted using virtual slides (whole slide images). Please download the following software and familiarize yourself with its use.

Software: OlyVIA V3.4.1 (Build 26606)

OS: Windows 10

This software cannot be used on a Mac. PCs with Windows 10 will be provided for the exam.

Software download site

<https://www.olympus-lifescience.com/en/support/downloads/#!dlOpen=%2Fen%2Fdownloads%2Fdetail-iframe%2F%3F0%5Bdownloads%5D%5Bid%5D%3D847252030>

The instruction manual is also available on the same site.