

**Important Update from MEXT:
Application Eligibility for Undergraduate Degree Programs in Japan**

On January 31, 2019, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT) has announced some key changes to the requirements for students enrolling to undergraduate programs at Japanese universities. TIU is amending the application eligibility requirements for the English Track Undergraduate Degree Program in accordance to the “Amendment of University Entrance Eligibility toward Internationalization” announcement.

The main change is regarding the age restriction for certain applicants as well as recognizing some countries with 11-year systems as equivalent to a Japanese 12-year education. The requirement of being 18 years of age has been removed from all below mentioned cases, granting eligibility for university enrollment to students who:

- ① Have completed a standard 12-year education from a recognized education system.
- ② Have completed education in a country where the curriculum is 11 years, if the country and the curriculum are approved by MEXT.
 - * As of January 31, 2019, eligible 11-year countries are Uzbekistan, Sudan, Belarus, Peru, Myanmar, and Russia. (Details: http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/shikaku/1380756.htm (Japanese only))
- ③ Have obtained one of the following qualifications.
 - a. International Baccalaureate Diploma (issued by the International Baccalaureate Organization)
 - b. Abitur (issued by Federal Republic of Germany for college entrance)
 - c. Baccalaureate Diploma (issued by the French Republic for college entrance)
 - d. GCE A Level
- ④ Have completed their studies at a Japanese pre-university preparatory institution, a preparatory school outside of Japan for students planning to study in Japan, or a Japanese secondary school.
- ⑤ Have completed their 12-year education at an international school accredited by either WASC, CIS or ACSI, internationally-recognized educational accreditation body or associations.

Please note that the English proficiency requirements remain unchanged as shown on the Application Guideline (https://www.tiu.ac.jp/etrack/info/docs/application_guideline_2019.pdf).

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