

Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Application Instructions PART 2 [WA Project Special Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language]

For Fiscal 2026-27 [NC-WA 2026]



1. Objectives

This program is designed to provide teachers of the Japanese language primarily at schools accepting NIHONGO Partners project in the target countries with an opportunity to improve their Japanese-language skills and deepen their knowledge of Japan. The training course will be conducted for approximately four weeks.

2. Program Outline

(1) Duration

September 22, 2026 to October 22, 2026 (tentative)

(2) Description of the Program

a. Japanese Language

Participants will take classes that aim, through various language activities, to improve their proficiency in using the Japanese language.

b. Japanese Culture / Japanese Society

Participants will have exposure to Japanese culture and society in real situations that will deepen their understanding of the Japanese language and culture. (Field trips and cultural programs are also planned). Participants will obtain cross-cultural understanding ability through interaction with their classmates..

3. Eligibility

Educational organizations that offer Japanese-language education in Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, the Philippines, Brunei, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, India. Applications from individuals will not be accepted.

Participants must satisfy the following conditions, in addition to those conditions described in "Application Instructions PART 1 [Common]".

- (1) Nationality: Individuals who are nationals of Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, the Philippines, Brunei, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, and India
- (2) Japanese-language teaching experience: Individuals with more than one year of experience in teaching the Japanese language as of December 1, 2025 (private lessons and teaching practice not included).
- (3) Japanese-language proficiency: Individuals who have a proficiency in Japanese of either of the

following at the time of application:

- a. Level B1 or A2 in the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JFS), or the equivalent
- b. Level N3 or N4 in the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), Level 3 or 2 of the old JLPT, or their equivalent (*)

* Candidates who have never taken the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test or the new Japanese-Language Proficiency Test are requested to answer the questions in the Japanese Proficiency Self-Check Test attached and write down the score in the designated column on the page 1 of the Form 2 "Candidate's Japanese-Language Proficiency, Japanese Language Teaching Experience, etc.". Please note that applications without the test score filled in may not be accepted. Attaching the answer sheet itself is not required.

4. Selection Policy

- (1) Selection will be made in line with the following criteria: track record and future potential of the acceptance of the NIHONGO Partners, need for Japanese-language teaching programs in candidate's institution and country/area, teaching experience, teaching position (full-time or part-time) and influence in and out of the institution, etc.
- (2) Higher priority will be given to individuals aged 55 or under as of December 1, 2025.
- (3) Higher priority will be given to individuals who have not visited Japan as of December 1, 2025

5. Number of Approved Applications

None (To be started in FY2026)