

Changes to the Entrance Examination Administrated after the 2025 Academic Year

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Below, we have outlined three changes that will apply to the Graduate School of Medicine entrance examinations conducted from the 2025 academic year onwards. Please be sure to check the Application Guidebook for the academic year you plan to apply for more information.

1. Name of the Entrance Examination

The name of the examination will change from being distinguished by the admission year to being distinguished by the year the examination is conducted.

Before change: Entrance Examination for the Graduate School of Medicine, AY XX

After change: Entrance Examination for the Graduate School of Medicine, Conducted AY XX

2. Entrance Examination Schedule

For the entrance examinations to be conducted from the 2025 academic year, the first application period; Period I, for the entrance examination will start approximately three months earlier.

There will be no significant changes to the schedule of the second application period; Period II,.

Entrance examinations to be conducted in the 2025 academic year are scheduled as follows. Please be sure to check the Application Guidebook for the academic year you plan to apply for more information on application periods and examination schedules.

Application Period I		
2025	April 28 (Mon) – May 9 (Fri)	Online Registration Begins
	April 28 (Mon) – May 9 (Fri)	Application Period (Applications within Japan must be postmarked by the deadline, and applications from abroad must arrive by the deadline to be accepted.)
	June 26 (Thu)	Examination Slips Issued
	July 2 (Wed) July 3 (Thu)	Written Examination for Master's Programs Written Examination for Doctoral Programs
	July 4 (Fri)	Interview Examination
	July 11 (Fri)	Announcement of Final Results
	Mid- to late-July	Enrollment Procedure Period for Doctoral Programs (September Enrollment)
2026	Mid-February	Enrollment Procedure Period (April Enrollment)

Application Period II		
2025	November 10 (Mon) – November 21 (Fri)	Online Registration Begins
	November 10 (Mon) – November 21 (Fri)	Application Period (Applications within Japan must be postmarked by the deadline, and applications from abroad must arrive by the deadline to be accepted.)
	December 18 (Thu)	Examination Slips Issued
2026	January 14 (Wed)	Written Examination for Master's Programs
	January 15 (Thu)	Written Examination for Doctoral Programs
	January 16 (Fri)	Interview Examination
	January 23 (Fri)	Announcement of Final Results
	Mid-February	Enrollment Procedure Period (April Enrollment)

3. Applications for September Enrollment in Doctoral Programs

(Open to students whose latest degree is from a university or graduate school outside of Japan and who wish to enroll in a doctoral program with September enrollment)

There will be changes to the application period for those wishing to enroll in a doctoral program starting in September.

Before change: Apply during the second application period; Period II, and enroll in September of the following academic year after taking the entrance examination.

After change: Apply during the first application period; Period I, and enroll in September of the same academic year after taking the entrance examination

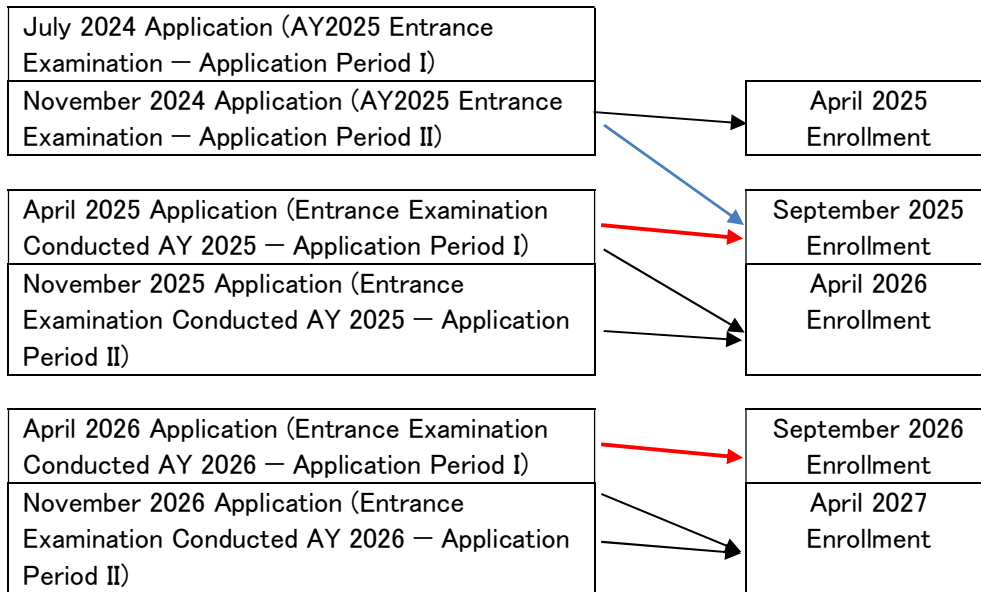
(For instance, applying in April 2025 for enrollment in September 2025)

This change will apply to the entrance examinations conducted from April 2025 onwards.

The previous system of applying during the second application period; Period II, and enrolling in September of the following academic year after taking the entrance examination will be abolished with the last examination conducted in the 2024 academic year (applying in November 2024 for enrollment in September 2025).

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Application and Enrollment Procedure Flow Chart



Red arrows: Applicable from the entrance examinations conducted in the 2025 academic year
 Blue arrows: Abolished with the last entrance examination conducted in the 2024 academic year
 Black arrows: No change