

Thank you for your interest in the JLPT, as well as your continued efforts in Japanese language learning and support for Japanese language education.

Unfortunately, the current COVID-19 outbreak has forced the host institutions to change the way the JLPT is provisioned and administered this year. Each city has been planning the December 2021 test in accordance with the strict COVID regulations and restrictions imposed by their state as well as by the test venues. As a result, the number of test places available this year is extremely limited. This is why we have had to set a limit on the application accepted in this intake, as well as implement rules regarding interstate applications. As organiser of the test, The Japan Foundation, Sydney is extremely grateful to the host institutions for their time and perseverance in continuing to administer the JLPT this December despite the challenges of COVID, rather than cancelling the test altogether.

We wish we were in a position to accept all applications from those wishing to take the test in December, as was the case in pre-COVID times. We are aware of the inconveniences that many people may be experiencing in registering for the upcoming test. For us, this is a truly regrettable situation given we have previously opened the JLPT to all, and we want to further encourage Japanese language learning. However, the limited capacity in which the test is being held this year is our only option to ensure the test is administered in a safe and sustainable way during these challenging times.

The Japan Foundation, Sydney is committed to working cooperatively with the host institutions and other related parties in order to continue to hold the JLPT in Australia in the future. Your understanding and support at this time is much appreciated. In the meantime, The Japan Foundation, Sydney offers various opportunities for Japanese language learners to participate in a variety of projects, including the “Japan in a Minute” online video contest (<https://jpf.org.au/japaninaminute/>), as well as a number of Japanese language learning resources and self-learning tools. Please take a look at our website to explore the many resources available at your convenience or subscribe to our J-Learner newsletter to receive the latest information (<https://jpf.org.au/subscribe/>). While we understand this offering doesn't replace the JLPT, we hope they provide another way for you to continue to enjoy and remain motivated to learn about Japanese language and culture.

We continue to wish you well in your Japanese studies, and look forward to the opportunity to hold the JLPT in a wider capacity as soon as the COVID situation improves.

The Japan Foundation, Sydney