For applicants to the Graduate School of Medicine, Tohoku University

About changes on the entrance examination

To prevent spreading COVID-19, Graduate School of Medicine decided NOT to hold a written exam in the entrance exam in August 2020.
Please check the details below and prepare for the examination carefully.

1. For Applicants to Doctoral programs of Medical Sciences, Disability Sciences, and Health Sciences.

- **Language Written Examination (English)**

  The written examination is canceled. Instead, we will evaluate it by the original score sheet of the English proficiency test.

  Applicants must take either the **Duolingo English Test** or **TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition online** and submit their original score sheets. Since more people use these tests because of the COVID-19, it may cause a longer time to return the scores. Please plan well to take those tests by referring to the official website.

  If you already have a score sheet of TOEIC, TOEFL iBT (including PBT), or IELTS (Academic Module) taken within the past two years from the date of the entrance examination, you can submit it instead of the online English proficiency test described above.

  The deadline for the English proficiency test score is extended to **Tuesday, 4 August 2020 [Must-arrive]**.

  (Note that the deadline of the other documents is still the same; Friday, 17 July 2020.)

[**TOEFL iBT ® Special Home Edition**](https://www.ets.org/s/cv/toefl/at-home/)
DI code of Graduate School of Medicine : 3332

[**Duolingo English Test**](https://englishtest.duolingo.com/)

※About the official score certificate of English proficiency test
- Upon taking the Duolingo English Test, please select “Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine” as the school to submit the result.
If you took TOEFL, submit the Examinee's Score Record or Official Score Report.

If it is difficult to submit us the original official score sheet by August 4, you can send a copy first (such as the webpage), and then submit the original score certificate later. We will not accept any updated/replaced results once you have sent it.

**Oral Examination**

The oral examination will be held online.

**2. For Applicants to Master's programs of Medical Sciences, Disability Sciences, Health Sciences, and School of Public Health.**

**Written Examination (short essay) and Interview**

The written examination and the interview will be held as the online oral examination.

**About the submission of the English proficiency test score (original).**

Besides the score sheet of TOEIC, TOEFL iBT (including PBT) or IELTS (Academic Module) taken within the past two years from the date of the entrance examination, you can submit the official score certificate of Duolingo English Test or TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition online.

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・Upon taking the Duolingo English Test, please select “Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine” as the school to submit the result.
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3. Guideline for Online Examination
To prevent the spread of the COVID-19, the examination location should be a private room like an examinee’s home. We strongly request you to prepare suitable equipment and the environment for the online examination by yourself.

If you can’t prepare the online examination settings due to unavoidable reason, you can take the examination at a designated place in the Graduate School of Medicine.

However, if you are diagnosed as COVID-19 or suspect having COVID-19 (symptoms such as fever, sore throat, fatigue, disorders of the sense of taste and smell, or any abnormalities in your physical condition) within the past two weeks, you are not allowed to take the exam at school*. You must take the online examination at home, etc.

In such a case, call the Graduate School Academic Affairs Office on August 17-19 (8:30-12:45 and 13:45-17:15), and tell us your situation. <Phone: 022-717-8010>
* This is applicable even if such symptoms are found upon the registration on campus.
* The University will not lend any equipment in such a case.

【Necessary equipment and environment】
① Upon the examination, you should display your face on a monitor. Please use a computer, tablet, smartphone, etc. which is equipped with a web camera and microphone. Please use a clear video/audio device as much as possible. Headsets, earphones, external microphones, etc. are allowed to use.
② We will use Zoom to communicate with you. Please make sure the latest version of Zoom (ver. 5.0.0 or later) is installed on your device and be familiar with operating the Zoom Meeting. Upon the examination, you should display your full name on the monitor, which is the same as the exam ticket (DO NOT use nicknames, initials, etc.). The Virtual background is not allowed.

③ Please prepare a quiet environment for the exam, such as at home, at the office or hotel room, where you will not be disturbed.

④ Please prepare a stable Wi-Fi or wired LAN connection. If you do not have a good online environment, consider using rental Wi-Fi. Note that you are not allowed to take the examination in open spaces such as restaurants, convenience stores, Internet cafes, and public facilities (except the laboratories on university campuses).

4. Flow of the online examination

(1) Take the examination at your prepared location:

① Please access to the exam room (Zoom Meeting room) through the designated URL (which will be sent to you later) at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time, then wait at the “waiting room” until the examiner allows. In case you are unable to join the Zoom Meeting, please call the Online Exam Emergency Support (the phone no. will be announced later) and follow the instructions.

② Once you enter the Zoom Meeting, turn on your video camera and microphone, then follow the instructions of the examiner.

③ If you lose the connection during the examination, please try to re-enter the Zoom Meeting using the same URL and continue your exam. If you are unable to continue, call Online Exam Emergency Support immediately and follow the instructions.

④ When the examiner announces the end of the test, exit from the Zoom meeting immediately. (The examiner may control to exit from the meeting.)

(2) Take the examination at the university:

① You must arrive at the designated location by the appointed time (information will be provided later). After the reception, follow the instructions of the staff and move to the room where you will take the online examination.
② Take your seat in front of the PC and wait until the next instructions.

③ Once you are allowed to enter the Zoom meeting, turn on your video camera and microphone, then follow the instructions of the examiner.

④ If you lose the connection during the examination, please try to re-enter the Zoom meeting using the same URL and continue your exam. If you are unable to continue, please follow the instruction of the staff.

⑤ When the examiner announces the end of the test, please exit from the Zoom meeting immediately. Follow the instruction of the staff to exit the room.

5. Notes

To prevent fraud, please cooperate with us in the following points. In case we find out that you have committed fraud, we will cancel your admission even after you have been enrolled.

① The test may be recorded for fraud verification purposes.

② Besides the examination ticket, the examiner may ask you to present extra ID with a photo (driver’s license, passport, my number card, student ID card, etc.) to confirm your identity upon the examination. Thus please prepare them as well.

③ Throughout the examination, your eyes and hands should be visible through the camera. Any unnatural gaze, facing, or finger motions or anything that hides your face from the camera screen will be considered fraudulent.

④ You are not allowed to record the exam in any way. If we find it out, we will consider it as a fraud. Also, you are not allowed to say anything about the exam afterward.

26 June 2020

Entrance Examination Committee, Graduate School of Medicine