

## FAQs : MEXT Scholarship (PGP) Application

### Eligibility :

**Q1:** I am now working in Japan. Am I eligible to apply?

**A1:** Yes, you are eligible as long as you will surely change the visa status to 'student' before the enrollment in GraSPP. Please note you will not be able to receive the scholarship when the enrollment period starts without changing the visa status.

**Q2:** I am graduating from the university in Japan in March, 2023. Am I eligible?

**A2:** Yes. However, if you graduate in March and do not belong to any other institution until September, you will need to go back to your home country to newly apply for student visa for entering Japan as a MEXT scholar.

Even in that case, please note that **flight ticket to fly to Japan will not be provided** to those who were residing in Japan at the time of application.

**Q3:** I am also applying for double degree/exchange program. Am I eligible?

**A3:** No. Students who are planning to go abroad for more than 90 days during the scholarship period are not eligible.

### Transcript :

**Q:** Should I include the transcript of the university I attended for exchange/double degree program during the enrollment period at my university?

**A:** Please do not add the transcript of other university as we cannot include it into calculation of academic grade point for this MEXT (PGP) recommendation unless those grades are written on the transcript of your original university.

### Language certificate :

**Q1:** As for 'certificate taken within two years', what is the exact valid date?

**A1:** To be valid, test date should be on/after December 15, 2020.

**Q1:** I passed Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) previously, however, lost the certificate. What should I do?

**A1:** In that case, you cannot refer to it in the application form.

You can only mention the one which you can submit valid certificate.

If you fulfill English language requirement, it is just fine for the application.

**Q3:** Do I need to request ETS to send TOEFL official score report directly to your school?

**A3:** No, it is not necessary. Please just include the copy of certificate in the pdf.

## **Recommendation letter from the Dean :**

**Q1:** I graduated from university many years ago and I am currently working. It is very difficult for me to obtain the recommendation letter from the Dean of the university I graduated.

Do I still need to submit this document?

**A1:** Recommendation letter from the Dean is essential for this PGP slot application.

Without this document, you are not eligible in principle.

**Q2:** Does it have to be from the Dean? Is the recommendation letter from the Program Director also acceptable?

**A2:** The recommendation letter should be from the Dean of the department (or above).

**Q3:** I am now enrolled in a university in Japan. Is the recommendation letter from the Dean of Japanese university acceptable?

**A3:** Yes, please submit the recommendation letter from the Dean of the current university

**Q4:** Is there any specific format for this recommendation letter?

**A4:** There is no specific format. It is fine as long as the Dean recommends you for this MEXT scholarship application. The letter also needs to be addressed:

**‘Dear President of the University of Tokyo’.**(‘To whom it may concern’ is NOT accepted.)

Please make sure that the letter has the **date (including year)** and **signature/official seal of the Dean** . It also should be written on the university’s letterhead.

## **Academic grades requirement (2.30) as a MEXT scholar:**

**Q:** Guideline says that the scholars will lose the right to be a recipient of MEXT scholarship when their grade point average for a year falls below 2.30 (maximum of 3.0). In this case, the scholar stops receiving the scholarship after one year?

**A:** Yes. We calculate the academic grades at the end of the second semester (at the end of the

first year) and the scholars who cannot reach the required level will not be able to receive the scholarship for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.