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To All Future Applicants

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
Office of International Admissions

**Major Changes to 2026 Admissions for International Undergraduate Applicants
to Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU)**

The following is a summary of the major changes to the APU admissions requirements and procedures for 2026 enrollment. **Please be sure to check the "2026 Application Handbook" scheduled to be published in April 2025 and our admissions website before applying.**

Major Changes from 2026 Admissions

1. Changes to Application Eligibility Requirements (English Language Proficiency)

The requirements for the English language proficiency scores needed to meet the application eligibility requirement will be changed as below. The Japanese language proficiency requirements are unchanged.

		Before Change	After Change
TOEIC®	First Year Enrollment	TOEIC® L & R 750 or above	<u>TOEIC® L & R/S & W 1600 or above*</u>
	Second and Third Year Transfer Enrollment	TOEIC® L & R 800 or above	<u>TOEIC® L & R/S & W 1730 or above *</u>
EIKEN	First Year Enrollment	Grade Pre-1 or above	<u>CSE score 2304 or above**</u>
	Second and Third Year Transfer Enrollment	Grade 1 or above	<u>CSE score 2630 or above**</u>
PTE Academic	First Year Enrollment	50 or above	<u>60 or above</u>
	Second and Third Year students transfer	58 or above	<u>65 or above</u>
No Changes to the Following			
IELTS	First Year Enrollment	6.0 or above	6.0 or above***
IELTS Online	Second and Third Year Transfer Enrollment	6.5 or above	6.5 or above***
TOEFL iBT® Test	First Year Enrollment	75 or above	75 or above
	Second and Third Year Transfer Enrollment	85 or above	85 or above
Duolingo	First Year Enrollment	110 or above	110 or above
	Second and Third Year Transfer Enrollment	120 or above	120 or above
Cambridge English Language Assessment Linguaskill	First Year Enrollment	169 or above	169 or above
	Second and Third Year Transfer Enrollment	176 or above	176 or above

* For TOEIC® (L & R/S & W), the score is a total of the TOEIC® L & R score and 2.5 times the TOEIC® S & W score.

**EIKEN includes both EIKEN S-CBT and EIKEN S-Interview. We will consider your EIKEN CSE 2.0 score regardless of whether you pass or fail the exam.

***For IELTS / IELTS Online, in addition to meeting the above total score requirement, the minimum score requirements for each section also need to be met. (First Year Enrollment: 5.5 or above, Second and Third Year Transfer Enrollment: 6.0 or above)

2. Elimination of the English/Japanese Proficiency Evaluation Form

We will no longer accept the "English/Japanese Proficiency Evaluation Form", which could be submitted when scores for designated language proficiency tests could not be submitted. Be sure to take one of the designated language proficiency tests and submit your scores.

3. Changes to the Evaluation of Extracurricular Activities

The categories for extracurricular activities that require proof of participation will be changed as below. For any other activity, please mention them in your essays or interview. (You do not need to submit proof of participation.)

Before Change	After Change
Student Council Participation Volunteer and Community Exchange Activities Arts, Culture, Academic, and Sports Competitions Model United Nations Participation Scholarship Awards Educational Program Participation Internship Experience Japanese Language Proficiency Experience Living or Studying Abroad (or in Japan) Other Qualifications and Certifications APU-Related Activities National Team	Student Council Activities Social Activities (e.g. Volunteer activities or community service) Culture, Arts, Academic or Sports Awards

4. Elimination of Online Assessment Testing

For the online assessment for English-basis applicants, the two tests (Core Abilities Assessment, Watson-Glaser III Critical Thinking Appraisal) will no longer be required. The recorded video interview will still be required.

For more information, please check the "2026 Application Handbook" and our admissions website after April.