

Welding skill evaluation test regarding “Shipbuilding and Ship Machinery Industries”
for the status of residence of “Specified Skilled Worker”

Guide for the Test in Japan

ClassNK

1. The purpose of the test

The purpose of the test is to check a certain level of expertise, skill and Japanese language proficiency to engage in Welding regarding “Shipbuilding and Ship Machinery Industries” in Japan for those who enter Japan with the status of residence of “Specified Skilled Worker”.

2. Eligibility requirement for the test

A person who is entitled to take a test in Japan for specified skills in the food service industry must be a person who fulfills the conditions set forth in (a) and (b) below on the test day:

- (a) the person shall be 17 years of age or older on the test day; and
- (b) the person must be a medium-to-long-term resident (Note 1) or a person who has lived in Japan as a medium-to-long-term resident in the past.

However, the following persons shall be excluded (Note 2):

- (i) overseas students who have been expelled from school or whose names have been removed from the school register (including leaving school);
- (ii) missing technical intern trainees;
- (iii) persons who maintain a status of residence in “Designated Activities (application for refugee)”;
- (iv) persons who are carrying out the activities concerned under a status of residence that requires the drawing up of a plan for carrying out activities, including technical intern training, (hereinafter referred to as “Plan of Action”) (whose status of residence is not to be changed for reasons of the nature of the Plan of Action or whose status of residence is to be changed to a specific one or whose period of stay is to be renewed after the end of the activity according to the Plan); specifically, persons who are carrying out activities according to a Plan of Action connected with the following statuses of residence:
 - “Technical Intern Training”;
 - “Trainee”;
 - “Designated Activities (Human resource cultivation program to spread Japanese food culture overseas)”;
 - “Designated Activities (Program to spread specified traditional cuisine overseas)”;
 - “Designated Activities (Program to promote foreign employee acceptance in the manufacturing industry)”;

-“Designated Activities (Internship)”;

-“Designated Activities (Program to encourage foreign entrepreneurs to start a business)”;

-“Business Management (Program to promote acceptance of foreigners to start a business)”;

(v) Nationals of a country or region that does not cooperate in executing a written deportation order smoothly (Note 3).

Note 1: Such a resident means a person as prescribed in Article 19-3 of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, and the following persons shall be excluded:

(i) persons for whom it has been decided that their period of stay is three months or less;

(ii) persons to whom the status of residence as “Temporary Visitor,” “Diplomat” or “Official” has been granted; and

(iii) persons who are special permanent residents or have no status of residence, and other persons.

Note 2: Please note that, even if a person falling within the above items has taken and passed the test in Japan, the person will not be considered as a “Successful Candidate” in the examination of status of residence by the Immigration Services Agency of Japan.

Note 3: Currently the Islamic Republic of Iran falls into the category of those countries or regions.

3. Test site and test date

ClassNK carry out evaluation test at the place where the applicant wants to take by sending our supervisor. The applicant has to prepare test site, welding equipment and materials, test assembly, etc. The applicant also has to make test specimens and execute bend test.

Test date will be determined after negotiation.

4. The outline of the test

(1) Test language: Japanese

(2) Paper test

1) The outline of paper test

➤ Type of question: selection of truth or falsehood

➤ Number of questions: 30

➤ Test time: 60 minutes

➤ Range of question: Industrial safety and health (10 questions), knowledge and skill of welding(question by sentence: 10 questions, question by figure: 10 questions)

2) Acceptance criteria

Correct answers are 60% or more.

(3) Welding practical test

1) The outline of welding practical test

- Welding Process applied for test assembly: Manual welding, Semi-automatic welding or TIG welding
- Product used for test assembly: Plate
- Type of welded joint applied for test assembly: Butt welding
- Detail of welded joint applied for test assembly: Single side with backing
- Welding position: Flat
- Base metal used for test assembly: Carbon steel, Stainless steel or Aluminum alloy
- Base metal thickness: 9mm or over

2) Acceptance criteria

a) Visual inspections

There is no serious crack, blow hole, under cut and other defect.

b) Bend tests

There is no serious crack, poor penetration, lack of fusion and other defect.

3) Exemption from welding practical test

The Examinee, who has valid welder qualification certificate of ClassNK which covers this welding practical test, is exempted from welding practical test.

5. Application procedure

(1) Application period

In principle application must be done 50 days before the date the applicant wants to take the test. If the applicant wants to use the test site which has not been used for welder qualification certificate of ClassNK, please contact us before application. We will explain welding equipment and materials, test assembly, etc.

(2) Application procedure

Please download application form at the web page of ClassNK, fill in items and send it by e-mail with photograph of face.

Home page: <http://www.classnk.or.jp/hp/en/authentication/evaluation/index.html>

e-mail address for application: ssw_et@classnk.or.jp

Note for application

a) The number of identification card

Please fill in application form one of the number of ID card listing below

- Passport

- Residence card

b) Photograph of face

Attach a photograph in JPEG format (1MB or less) that meets the following requirements.

- Size: 400pixel long 300pixel wide
- Taken within the last six months
- Taken from the front without the subject wearing headwear
- With a solid background
- Clear

(3) Payment of test fee, etc.

After acceptance of application, the bill will be sent by ClassNK to the applicant. Please transfer the fee to the specified account by the specified date.

a) Test fee

- 1) Paper test and practical test: JPY 19,800
- 2) Paper test only (exemption from practical test): JPY 6,100

If the amount of the test fee is less than below, we ask the applicant the sum below as minimum test fee.

- 1') Paper test and practical test: JPY 99,000
- 2') Paper test only (exemption from practical test): JPY 30,500

b) Supervisor's travel expenses, etc.

6. Notice of the test

After the confirmation of test fee transfer, notice of the test will be sent by e-mail.

Notice of the test contains number of examinee, name of examinee, date of the test, test site, etc.

7. Things to bring on test-day

- (1) Notice of the test by e-mail (printed out or displayed by smart phone)
- (2) Identification card written same number, which was used when filling in the application form
 - Passport
 - Residence card

(3) Pencil or sharp pencil and eraser

(4) Work clothes

For practical test, examinee must bring work clothes, cap or helmet, working shoes, leather gloves, protection mask for welding and dust protection mask.

8. Test-day instructions

- (1) If you will not enter the test room until the starting time of the test, you cannot basically take the

test.

- (2) Smoking is not permitted in the paper test room. Eating and drinking is not permitted during paper test.
- (3) Use of communication devices such as mobile phones, smart phones, tablet devices, smart watches etc., is not permitted in the test room and during the test hours.
- (4) During the test, put watch, calculator and communication devices in your bag and put your bag at your feet.
- (5) Those who have taken or attempted to take the test by dishonest means or cheating may be prohibited from taking the test and their passes may be revoked.
- (6) You cannot take the question sheet. It will be collected after the test completed.
- (7) You can leave the test room for 15 minutes after the start of the test. In that case, you must hand over the question sheet and answer sheet to the supervisor.
- (8) If you do not follow the supervisor's instruction, you may be prohibited from taking the test.

9. Notice of acceptance

After finishing bend test and within 2 weeks after the decision of the test result, the certificate of the test result will be sent to the applicant.

10. Handling of personal information

- Personal information and photograph of the successful examinee of this test may be offered to Immigration Service Agency of Japan for the purpose of identification at the application of residence permit.
- Personal information, which is obtained by test and test application, is used for implementation of this test, and may also be used for making materials for the study of this test scheme.
- ClassNK manage personal information properly and safely based on Policy for the Protection of Personal Information.
- Personal information of the examinee may be offered to the authorities of Japan or the state of birth of examinee in case these authorities request personal information of the examinee from us.

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