



The Japanese National Examination for Veterinarians

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Veterinarians in Japan

- ❖ Clinicians: 19,522 (49.9%)
 - Farm animals: 4,317 (11%)
 - Small animals: 15,205 (38.9%)
- ❖ Public officials: 9,456 (24.2%)
 - Agriculture and forestry field: 3,433 (8.8%)
 - Public health field: 5,518 (14.1%)
 - Education and other fields: 505 (1.3%)
- ❖ Private organizations and corporations: 5,570 (14.2%)
- ❖ Others: 4,550 (11.6%)



TOTAL: 39,098

Veterinarians' Act (excerpt)

■ Chapter I - Article 1 (General Provisions)

Veterinarians shall contribute to the improvement and promotion of animals' hygiene and health, and public health through the administration of medical care and health guidance of rearing animals.

■ Chapter II - Article 3 (Licensing)

A person who wishes to become a veterinarian shall **pass the National Examination for Veterinarians and receive a license** from the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

■ Chapter IV - Article 17 (Administrative Affairs)

No person except a veterinarian shall engage in veterinary practice for rearing animals (cattle, horse, sheep, goat, pig, dog, cat, chicken...).

The Japanese National Examination for Veterinarians

- once a year
- at 3 sites (Tokyo, Sapporo and Fukuoka)
- for two days in mid to late February
- by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

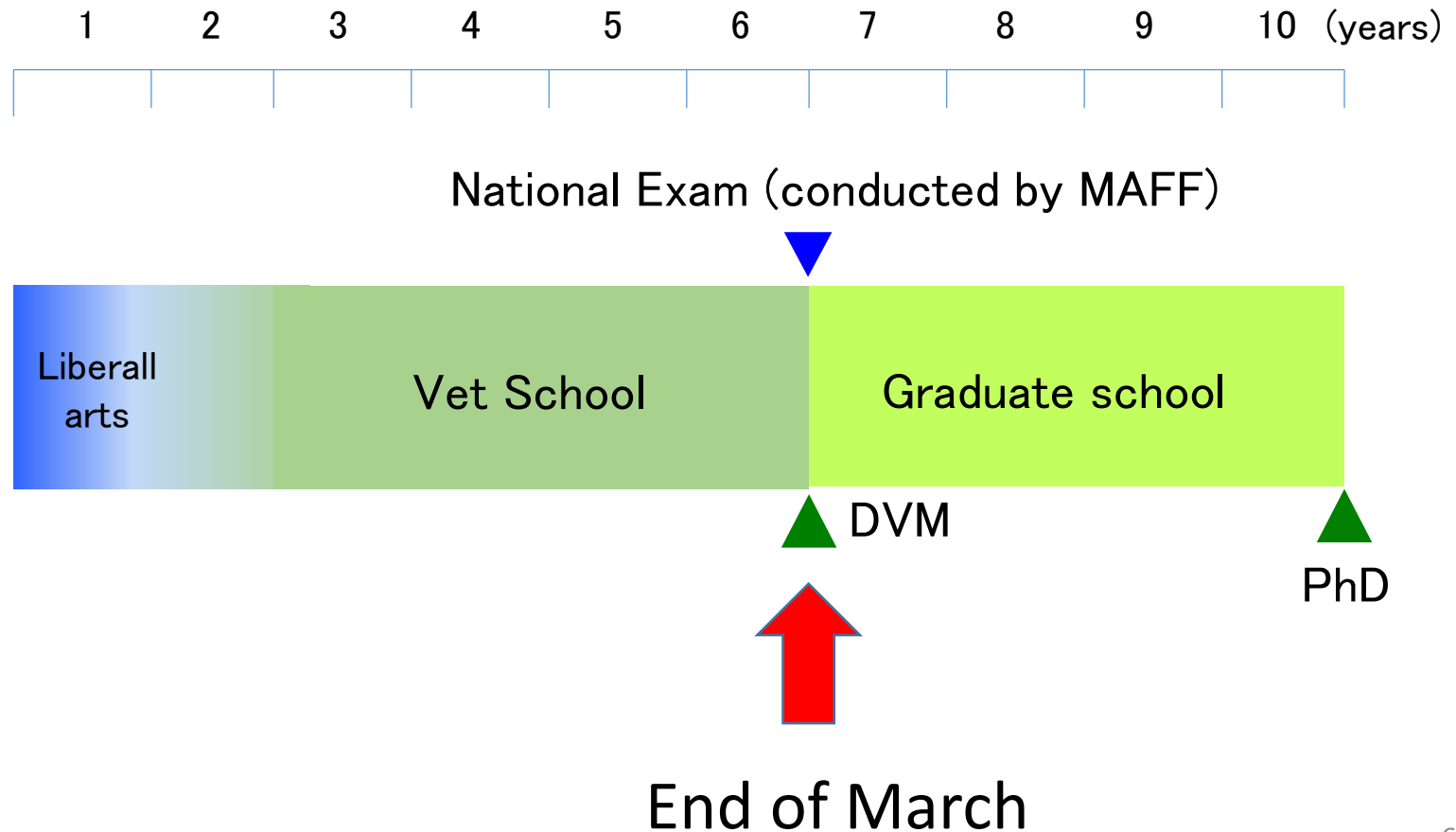


Exam Eligibility Requirements

■ Chapter 2 - Article 11

- (i) a person who has studied in and graduated from a formal program in veterinary science at a university under the School Education Act (Act No. 26 of 1947).
- (ii) a person who has graduated from a veterinary school in a foreign state, or who has acquired a veterinary practitioner's license in a foreign state, who possesses at least the same level of knowledge and skills as the persons described in the one items above and whom the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has approved as eligible to take the National Examination for Veterinary Practitioners.

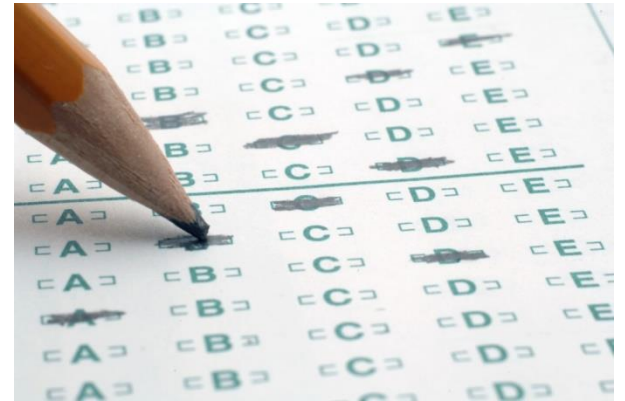
Veterinary Education System in Japan



Students graduate the university in late March

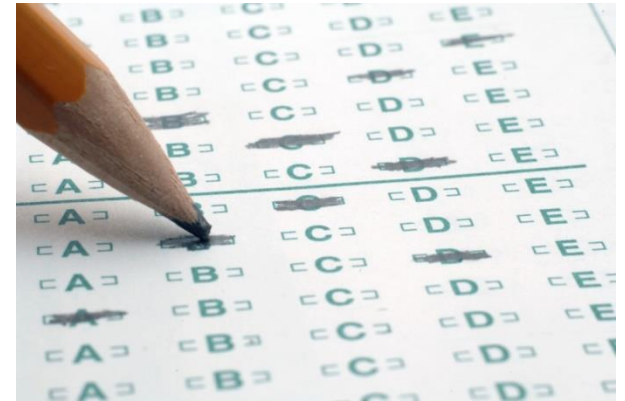
- The National Examination is conducted in mid to late February
- All students eligible to graduate from the university with a formal program in veterinary science in Japan on March 31 of the same year may sit for the examination.
- For a person who has graduated from a veterinary school in a foreign country, or who has acquired a veterinarian's license in a foreign country, JLPT (Japanese-Language Proficiency Test) N1 certification is necessary to take the National Examination.

The National Examination



- A paper-based test with 330 multiple-choice questions
- Covering basic medicine, clinical medicine and hygienics
 - 50 essential questions covering essential veterinary medical knowledge, ethics and animal welfare
 - 140 questions for basic medicine
 - 140 questions for clinical medicine

The passing level



- A paper-based test with 330 multiple-choice questions

- Covering basic medicine, clinical medicine and animal hygiene

70% or more correct answers

- 50 essential questions covering essential veterinary medical knowledge, ethics and animal welfare

- 140 questions for basic medicine

- 140 questions for clinical medicine

60% or more correct answers

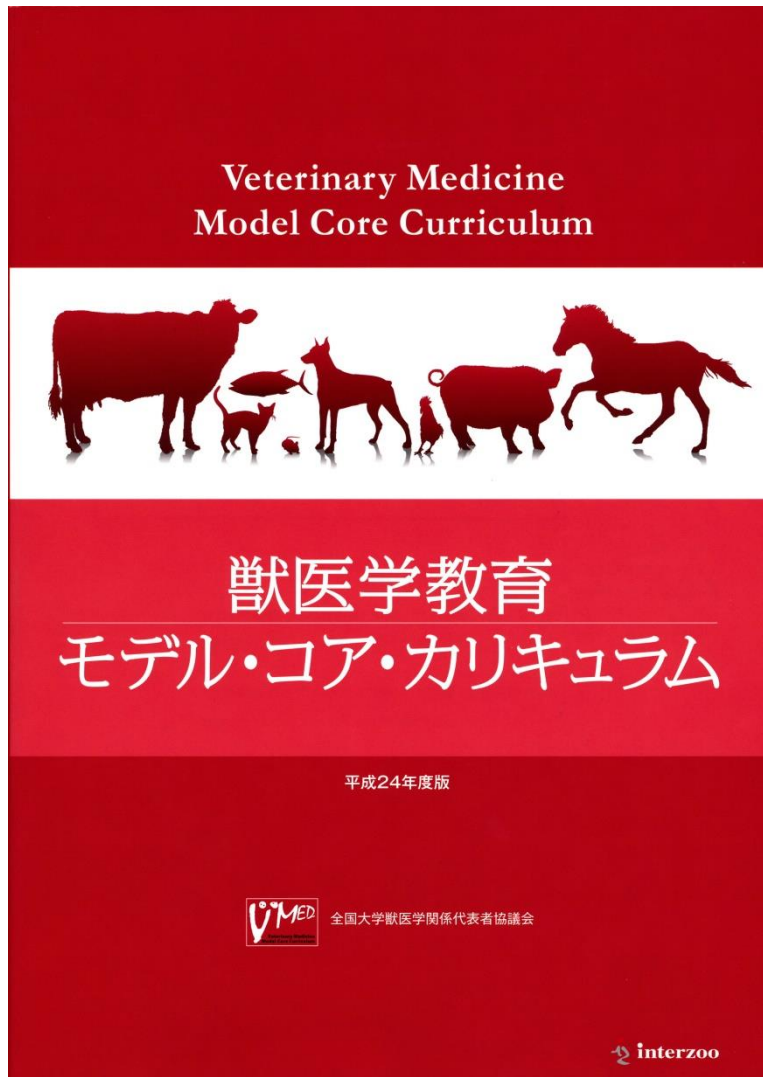
The standard of national examination

- is published and available for all candidates to view before taking the examination
- Includes 51 subjects
 - anatomy, physiology, pathology, surgery, gastroenterology...

獣医師国家試験
出題基準
(平成26年改正)

平成26年 9 月 4 日
獣医事審議会

Model Core Curriculum



獣医学概論、獣医倫理・動物福祉学、獣医事法規、解剖学、組織学、発生学、生理学、生化学、薬理学、動物遺伝育種学、動物行動学、実験動物学、放射線生物学、病理学、免疫学、微生物学、家禽疾病学、魚病学、動物感染症学、寄生虫病学、動物衛生学、公衆衛生学総論、食品衛生学、環境衛生学、毒性学、人獣共通感染症学、疫学、野生動物学、内科学総論、臨床病理学、臨床薬理学、呼吸循環器病学、消化器病学、泌尿生殖器病学、内分泌代謝病学、臨床栄養学、神経病学、血液免疫病学、皮膚病学、臨床行動学、外科学総論、手術学総論、麻酔学、軟部組織外科学、運動器病学、臨床腫瘍学、眼科学、画像診断学、産業動物臨床学、馬臨床学、臨床繁殖学

- ❖ Completed in 2012
- ❖ Started in 2013 at UTokyo first, and sequentially at other vet schools

The Model Core Curriculum Consists of “Total aims”, “General aims”, and “Attainment aims”

講義科目2-1

病理学モデル・コア・カリキュラム

全体目標

獣医学が対象とする動物疾病の病理学的特徴を理解するために、対象疾患の原因と病理発生、病理学的特徴、病理学的分類、類症鑑別に関する基礎知識を修得し、それらに応用する基本的技能を身につける。

(1) 病理学の歴史・概念

一般目標：

獣医病理学の概要、役割を理解する。

到達目標：

- 1) 健康と病気の違いを説明でき、病気の原因、内因・外因を列挙し、説明できる。
- 2) 獣医学・医学分野での獣医病理学の役割、歴史、病理学の区分、手法を説明できる。

(2) 細胞の傷害と細胞死、細胞・組織の適応

一般目標：

ストレス、刺激に対する細胞傷害、細胞死と壊死、細胞の適応、老化を理解する。

到達目標：

- 1) 細胞傷害の原因、メカニズムおよび細胞死と壊死の分類を説明できる。
- 2) 細胞損傷または物質代謝異常で起こる細胞・組織の変化を説明できる。
- 3) ストレス、刺激に対する細胞、組織の適応〔萎縮、肥大、増生（過形成）、化生、異形成〕を説明できる。
- 4) 老化による病変と細胞老化のメカニズムを説明できる。

(3) 組織の再生と修復

一般目標：

細胞や組織の増殖を制御する因子、細胞増殖のメカニズム、組織・器官の再生メカニズム、細胞外マトリックスと細胞の相互作用、組織修復・瘢痕・線維化による治癒過程を理解する。

到達目標：

- 1) 細胞増殖メカニズムを説明できる。
- 2) 幹細胞、細胞の再生能および骨、末梢神経の再生、創傷治癒過程と線維化を説明できる。
- 3) 細胞外マトリックスの役割を説明できる。

(4) 循環障害

一般目標：

循環障害の原因と病態を理解する。

到達目標：

- 1) 水腫、充血、うっ血、虚血、血行静止の原因と病態を説明できる。
- 2) 出血の種類と止血の機構を理解し、出血（出血性素質、出血性素因）の原因、病態を説明できる。
- 3) 血栓症の種類、成因、転帰を説明できる。
- 4) 播種性血管内凝固症候群（DIC）の基礎疾患、病態、診断基準を説明できる。
- 5) 塞栓の種類と塞栓症の病態を説明できる。
- 6) 梗塞の種類と病態を説明できる。
- 7) ショックの病態および病理学的異常を説明できる。

2-1 Pathology : Model core curriculum

Total aim:*****

- (1) Concept and history of pathology
- (2) Cell injury, cell death and cell adaptation
- (3) Regeneration and repair

General aim: To understand factors which *****

Attainment aims:

Students can explain

- 1) Cell proliferation mechanism
- 2) Roles of extracellular matrices
- 3) *****

Exam preparer's

- Exam questions are created by the members of the examination committee
 - 51 members
 - Faculty of veterinary schools and teaching hospitals
 - Researchers in veterinary science related institutes
 - Veterinary clinicians
- Used questions will not be publicized

Exam questions creation schedule

- 18 to 23 questions by each member ~mid-August
(about 3 times of 330 questions used in the exam)
- Selection and correction of the questions created by
other 7 committee members ~mid-January
(22 whole day committee meetings)
- Printing
- National exam mid-February

Time schedule of the national exam

1st day

9:30 – 11:30 category A

13:00 – 13:50 essential Q

14:50 – 16:50 category B

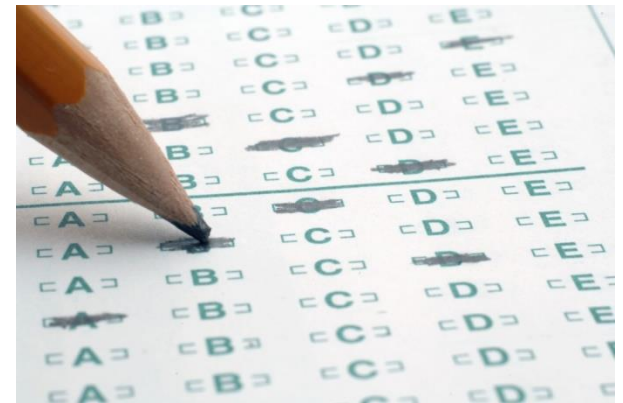
2nd day

9:30 – 11:30 category C

13:00 – 15:00 category D

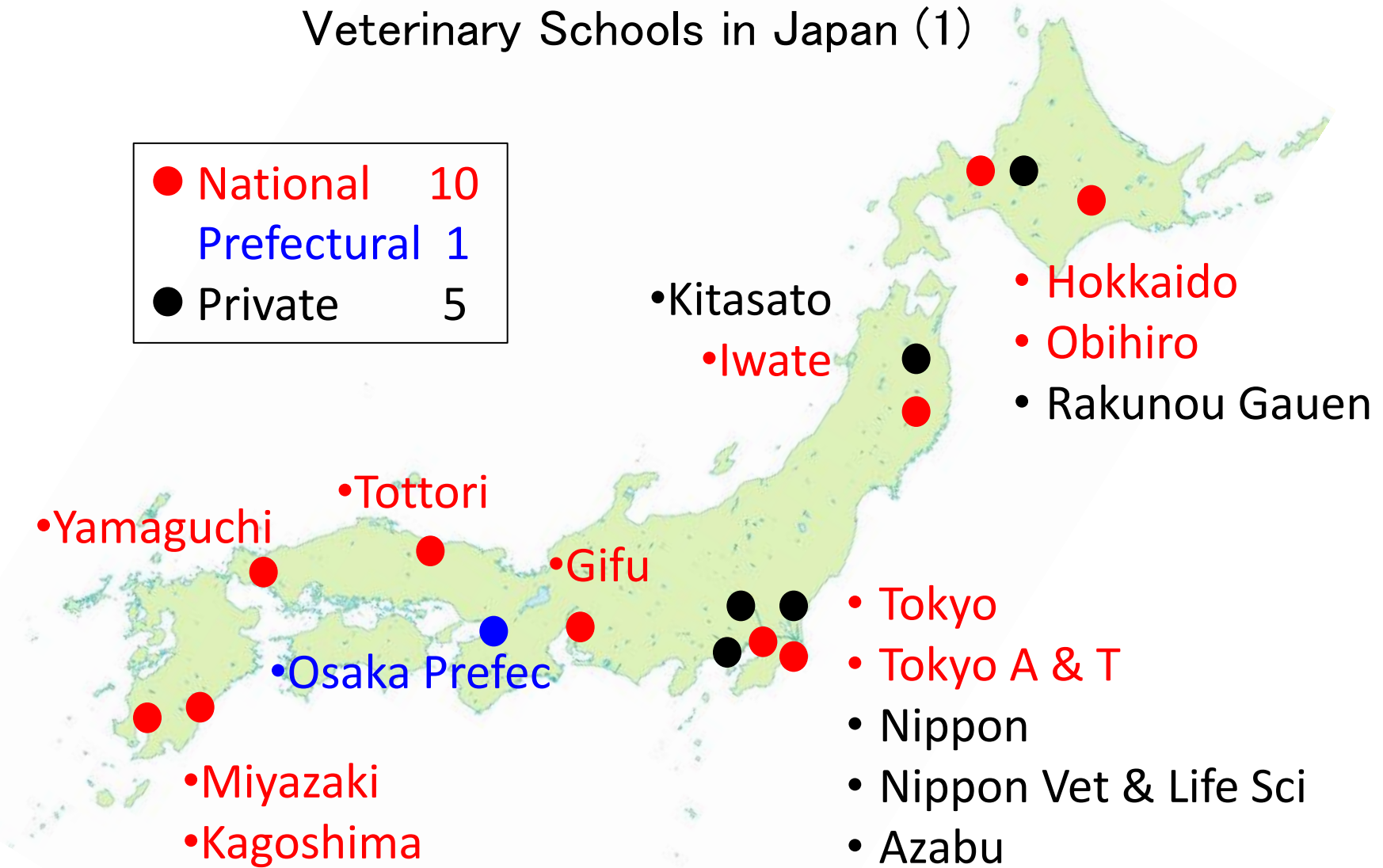
Category A, B: theory test
(general, particulars)

Category C, D: practical test
(pictures, figures, tables)



Veterinary Schools in Japan (1)

● National	10
● Prefectural	1
● Private	5



Applicants, successful candidates and pass rate

	Applicants			Successful candidates			Pass rate (%)		
year	new	former	total	new	former	total	new	former	total
2012	1064	197	1266	968	91	1060	91	46.2	83.7
2013	1058	188	1250	956	64	1023	90.4	34	81.8
2014	1022	208	1237	922	84	1011	90.2	40.5	81.7
2015	1009	220	1241	856	77	938	84.8	35	75.6
2016	1009	282	1299	888	135	1024	88	47.9	78.8
2017	1028	256	1296	889	98	1000	87.5	38	77.2
Ave.	1032	225	1265	913	92	1009	88.7	40.3	79.8

Thank you for your attention!



The background image shows a traditional Japanese pagoda with multiple tiers and a spire, silhouetted against a bright sunset sky. A jagged lightning bolt is visible in the sky behind the pagoda. The foreground shows the dark silhouette of a building's roof and some foliage on the left.

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Veterinary Schools in Japan

University	Faculty and Department	# of Students
Hokkaido	Fac Vet Med	40
Obihiro	Dept Vet Med, Fac Agriculture	40
Iwate	Dept Vet Med, Fac Agriculture	30
Tokyo	Dept Vet Med Sci, Fac Agriculture	30
Tokyo Agriculture & Technology	Dept Vet Med, Fac Agriculture	35
Gifu	Dept Vet Med, Fac Appl Biol Sci	30
Tottiri	Dept Vet Med, Fac Agriculture	35
Yamaguchi	Dept Vet Med, Fac Agriculture	30
Mitazaki	Dept Vet Sci, Fac Agriculture	30
Kagoshima	Dept Vet Med, Fac Agriculture	30
Osaka Prefectuel	Dept Vet Sci, Fac Life &Environ Sci	40
Rakuno Gakuen	Dept Vet Med, School Vet Med	120
Kitasato	Fac Vet Med, School Vet Med	120
Nippon Veterinary & Life Sci.	School Vet Med, Fac Vet Sci	80
Azabu	Dept Vet Med, School Vet Med	120
Nippon	Dept Vet Med, College Biores Sci	120
Total		930

獣医師国家試験 合格率

