

Notice of Changes to the English Language Examination for Doctoral Program Admissions

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Aomori University of Health and Welfare Graduate School will revise the English language examination for Doctoral Program admissions beginning with the 2028 admissions (entrance examinations conducted in 2027), as outlined below.

1. Changes

The University will use scores from designated external English language proficiency tests in place of its own English language examination.

In addition, the allocation of admission scores will be revised. Admission decisions will be based on a total score of **300 points**, consisting of:

- English Language: **100 points**
- Oral Examination: **200 points**

2. Accepted English Language Proficiency Tests

The following external English language proficiency tests will be accepted for the English language assessment:

- TOEFL iBT (including Home Edition)
- TOEIC Listening & Reading Test (Public Test)
- IELTS (Academic Module)

Scores obtained within approximately **three years** prior to the month of the entrance examination are planned to be accepted.

3. Score Conversion

Submitted scores will be converted to the University's English language examination score (maximum **100 points**) based on the correspondence with the **Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)** and the University's conversion criteria.

University Score Conversion Table

The following conversion table is based on the University's criteria and may be revised if necessary.

CEFR	TOEFL iBT		TOEIC L&R	IELTS	University Score
	Band Score	Previous Score (Reference)			
C2	6.0	114-120	990	8.5 or above	100
C1	5.0-5.5	95-113	945-989	7.0-8.0	
B2(Upper)	4.5	86-94	866-944	6.0-6.5	90
B2	4.0	72-85	785-865	5.5	80
B1(Upper)	3.5	58-71	500-784	4.5-5.0	70
B1	3.0	44-57	447-499	4.0	60
A2	2.0-2.5	24-43	370-446	3.5	50

4. Further Information

Detailed information will be provided in the **2028 Doctoral Program Application Guidelines**.

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