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Notice of the English Language Proficiency Requirements for Applicants to the Master Program, Graduate School of Design

Kyushu University Graduate School of Design will require specific scores for application to its Master's Program starting with the entrance examinations conducted in 2026.

Additionally, the score of IELTS (Academic Module) will become acceptable as an English Language proficiency test.

1) Required Scores for Application

The required scores for application are any one of the following. If you do not meet any of these requirements, you are not eligible to apply. TOEFL My Best Score and IELTS One Skill Retake cannot be used.

- TOEFL-iBT Band Score 3 or higher (44 points or higher)
- IELTS Academic Module Band Score 4 or higher

2) Accepted English Language Proficiency Tests

- TOEFL-iBT (Test Center TOEFL-iBT Test) ※1
- IELTS (Academic Module) ※2

※1 TOEFL-iBT Home Edition and TOEFL-ITP tests are not accepted.

※2 IELTS Online is not accepted.

3) Score Validity Period:

Scores must have been obtained within 2 years prior to the date of the entrance examination.

4) Effective Date of Change

This change will take effect from the following entrance examinations.

- Admission by Personal Merit (October 2026 Admission) Scheduled for late June to early July 2026
- Admission by Personal Merit (April 2027 Admission) Scheduled for late June to early July 2026
- Admission by General Entrance Examination (April or October 2027 Admission) Scheduled for late August to early September 2026