

The Japanese-Language Proficiency Test in December 2019

Overall Pass Marks and Sectional Pass Marks for Examinees Exempted from Listening Section

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On the enclosed document “The Japanese-Language Proficiency Test, Understanding JLPT Certificates”, section “2. Pass/fail determination (overall pass marks and sectional pass marks)” should be read as follows with regard to those examinees who are exempted from the Listening section.

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2. Pass/fail determination (overall pass marks and sectional pass marks)

In the JLPT, pass/fail is determined by the examinees’ total score and also their score for each scoring section. In other words, the total score needs to be at or above the point required for passing (overall pass mark), and scores of individual scoring sections need to be at or above the minimum point required for passing (sectional pass marks). Overall pass marks and sectional pass marks exempting examinees from the Listening section are shown in the table below.

(All scores are scaled scores)

Level	Total Score		Scores by Scoring Section					
	Score Range	Overall Pass Marks	Language Knowledge (Vocabulary/Grammar)		Reading		Listening	
			Score Range	Sectional Pass Marks	Score Range	Sectional Pass Marks	Score Range	Sectional Pass Marks
N1	0~120 points	66 points	0~60 points	19 points	0~60 points	19 points	/	/
N2	0~120 points	60 points	0~60 points	19 points	0~60 points	19 points	/	/
N3	0~120 points	63 points	0~60 points	19 points	0~60 points	19 points	/	/
	Score Range	Overall Pass Marks	Language Knowledge (Vocabulary/Grammar)&Reading				Listening	
			Score Range	Sectional Pass Marks	Score Range	Sectional Pass Marks		
N4	0~120 points	60 points	0~120 points		38 points		/	/
N5	0~120 points	53 points	0~120 points		38 points		/	/

※The above standards were adopted beginning with July test in 2010 (December test in 2010 with N4 and N5).