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Along with the changes made to university admission requirements by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as of January 31, 2019, two passages in the Qualification of Applicants for Admissions for Overseas Students (GIGA Program) were altered.

Please see the below URL, http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/shikaku/index.htm (Japanese version only)

II.-(1) and will reach 18 years of age by September 21, 2019 [deleted]

II.-(4) and will reach 18 years of age [deleted]

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The page 7-8 of Application Guidebook for Admissions for Overseas Students (GIGA Program) for those seeking admission in September 2019

https://www.sfc.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/admissions_for_overseas.html

II. Detailed Description of the Application Process

1. Qualification of Applicants

I. Applicants must fulfill all of the requirements described in sections a), b), and c) below:

- a) Applicants must have spent at least TWO of the last three years in secondary education where the medium of instruction was OTHER THAN Japanese. This means the vast majority of courses must have been delivered in languages other than Japanese.
- b) Those who are eligible for admission into a university in accordance with the school education system of their native country.
- c) Those who **have completed**, or **are expected to complete**, 12 years or more of formal education in countries other than Japan by September 21, 2019.

NOTE: If the applicant has completed a 12-year (or more) school curriculum in less than 12 years outside Japan because of appropriate reasons (e.g. grade skipping or early graduation), he or she will be regarded as having met the above requirements. In order to prove his/her eligibility, he/she is required to submit an official document issued from his/her school explaining the reason(s) for the early completion, the details such as the skipped grade(s), and the dates that apply.

II. Those who fulfill requirements a) and b) but not c), may still be eligible to apply by fulfilling one of the below requirement in place of c).

- (1) Those who, by September 21, 2019, **have completed**, or **are expected to complete**, 12 years or more of formal education at schools for international students in Japan accredited by an international accrediting organization (WASC, CIS, or ACSI), or schools for foreign students in Japan accredited by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) as being equivalent to a high school outside Japan, ~~and will reach 18 years of age by September 21, 2019.~~

NOTE: Please check from the following links.

WASC: <http://www.acswasc.org/> ACSI: <https://www.acsi.org/> CIS: <http://www.cois.org/>

Schools for foreign students in Japan accredited by MEXT (我が国において、高等学校相当として指定した外国人学校): http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/koutou/shikaku/07111314/003.htm (Japanese version only)

- (2) Those who, by September 21, 2019, **have completed**, or **are expected to complete**, 12 years of formal education in Japanese schools accredited by MEXT, and will reach 18 years of age by September 21, 2019.

NOTE: Japanese High School graduates who have obtained or are expected to obtain a Dual Language International Baccalaureate Diploma in Japanese and English (日本語 DP) are **not eligible** to apply for Admissions for Overseas Students (GIGA Program)

(3) Those who **have passed (not only expected to pass)** an examination demonstrating academic ability equivalent to 12 years of formal education, such as the GED (General Educational Development) test or another high school equivalency exam (高等学校卒業程度認定試験), and will reach 18 years of age by September 21, 2019.

(4) Those who **have obtained, or are expected to obtain** an International Baccalaureate Diploma, Abitur, Baccalaureate Diploma or GCE A-level result ~~and will reach 18 years of age~~ by September 21, 2019.

NOTE: If you are an applicant whose status is "expected to obtain International Baccalaureate Diploma, Abitur, Baccalaureate Diploma or GCE A-level result" and cannot fulfill I c), II (1), (2), or (3), you are required to obtain one of the certificates above by September 21, 2019. If you fail to do so, your enrollment will be cancelled

(5) Those who have gone through an education system that is less than 12 years in length must be at least 18 years of age, and should have completed the requirements of Japanese pre-university preparatory institutions for students planning to study in Japan, which are defined by MEXT. Alternatively, the applicants must be at least 18 years of age and should have received sufficient university education so as to satisfy the 12-year school requirement for entering Japanese universities (for example, if the applicant's school education was 11 years, he or she should have completed at least one year of university education to be eligible to enroll in the GIGA program).

(6) Those who have been recognized individually by Keio University as having qualifications equivalent to **I c), II (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5)** above, and will reach 18 years of age by September 21, 2019.

NOTE: Those wishing to apply through requirement (6) should contact the Admissions Office at least one month before the application deadline to confirm details such as the required documents and application period for individual screening. Keio University will then determine whether the applicant is eligible to apply under item (6). The above mentioned eligibility requirements are based on the policy of MEXT.

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Applicants may not apply to both the Faculty of Policy Management and the Faculty of Environment and Information Studies through Admissions for Overseas Students (GIGA Program) in the same year.

If you are an applicant whose status is "expected to complete 12 years or more of formal education," you are required to complete it by September 21, 2019. If you fail to do so, your enrollment will be cancelled.