

Proposal

Acceptance of EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency) as an additional way to meet the English language mastery requirement for International Student Admission Purposes:

Completion of Grade Pre-1 for undergraduate international students AND

Completion of Grade 1 for graduate international students

Rationale

- The EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency – informally, EIKEN; often called STEP EIKEN or the STEP Test – is an English language test conducted by a Japanese non-profit organization, the Society for Testing English Proficiency (STEP), and backed by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).
- EIKEN is an internationally recognized as English language assessment of the highest quality and integrity readily available throughout the world.
- EIKEN is a highly dependable, practical and valid English language assessment primarily used by those seeking international education, professional recognition, bench-marking to international standards and global mobility.
- EIKEN is designed to assess the language ability of candidates who need to study or work where English is the language of communication.
- The use of EIKEN as a benchmarking tool for English language proficiency has grown substantially around the world. Education institutions, professional bodies, government departments and employers in approximately 45 countries now recognize the test as one of a suite of entry requirements.
- In 2006, the government of New South Wales, Australia, formalized recognition of EIKEN at all TAFE (Technical and Further Education) campuses and all state high schools – more than 400 locations statewide.
- EIKEN is administered at 15,000 test sites in 250 cities in Japan and in 45 countries, with public sites in London, Los Angeles, and New York.
- Currently, 250 colleges and universities in the United States accept the EIKEN test as a measure of English language proficiency. Over 100 colleges and universities in Australia, Canada, and United Kingdom accept EIKEN for admission purposes of Japanese applicants.
- EIKEN tests all four English language skills--speaking, reading, listening, and writing. [Speaking is a sub skill test not offered by the paper-based or computer-based TOEFL; however, the new internet-based TOEFL test does test all four skills.]

06/05/08