# GUIDE TO EXAMINATION FOR BOAT'S OPERATOR

Examination Organisation For Boat's Operator Incorporated foundation, Japan Marine Recreation Association

Law for Boat's Operators is applied to the boat not only Japanese registry but also Non Japanese registry which navigates the lakes, rivers, and ports in Japan.

(Excluding vessels which are propelled only by scull or oar, non power barges, and other specified vessels.)



(The license is not necessary to operate a boat which meets the following requirements: length is less than 3 meters / engine output is less than 1.5kw / equipped with legally required protective gear.)

All examinations for boat's operator include three parts, physical examination, written examination and practical examination.

## Requirement for Examination

The age requirement is below

# Application for Examination

The following documents are required for an examination.

- 1) Application form of Boat's Operator Examination (available from our regional office.)
- 2) Copy of passport, certificate on registered matters, or some other acceptable form of identifier.
- Photograph: 4.5 cm×3.5 cm (taken within six months, hatless, front-view, from the waist up, with name and date of birth on the back).
- 4) Optional document:
  - Certificate of preliminary physical examination attested by a Japanese doctor, excluding dentists. (pasted a photograph which is same as the above-mentioned)
  - Copy of other Permit of Boat's Operator, if you hold.

#### Physical examination

The physical examination includes the examination for eyesight, hearing, color blindness, diseases and physical handicap. (In case of submitting the Certificate of preliminary physical examination, the examination becomes simply.)

If you do not pass the physical examination, you will not be allowed to take the written examination and the practical examination.

Passing standards for the physical examination are as follows:

- Eyesight: Minimum 0.6 for each eye (Corrected eyesight by wearing glasses is allowed).
- ② Color Blindness: It is required that you are able to distinguish ship's lights at night.
- ③ Hearing: To be able to hear normal conversation at a 5m distance (Using a hearing aid is allowed).
- ④ Disease and Handicap: A minor symptom or minor handicap is permitted if you can operate the equipment without any problems.

Note: If you worry abut the physical examination, please consult with our regional office before applying an examination.

Written examination				
	Examination period	Numbers of Question	Subject	
First class	2h and 20min	64	General Knowledge and Rules Steering and Sailing Rules Operation Advanced Operation I Advanced Operation II	
Second class	1h and 10min	50	General Knowledge and Rules Steering and Sailing Rules Operation	
Personal Water Craft	50 min	40		

#### Practical examination

First and Second class examination uses a boat which gross tonnage is less than 5 tons.

Personal water craft examination uses a sitting style personal water craft with a capacity of 3 passengers.

# Announcement of examination results

The results of the physical examination are announced at the end of the examination.

The results of the written and practical examination are announced at the regional office on the day that we announced beforehand.

We issues certificates of passing to the person who has passed all parts of the examination.

## Application for License

The person who has passed all examinations must apply for a license within one year at Regional Ministry of Land and Transport Bureau with certificate of passing and some other applications.

### Examination fee

Type of Examination	Physical examination	Written examination	Practical examination	Total
First class	3,200yen ※	5,900yen	18,600yen	27,700yen
Second class	3,200yen ※	3,000yen	18,600yen	24,800yen
Personal Water Craft	3,200yen ※	2,600yen	16,000yen	21,800yen

Physical examination fee that the person who has submitted a Certificate of preliminary physical examination
1,200yen