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Cambridge IGCSE™ Japanese 0716 Introductory session Q&A, April 2025

Availability

- **When is the first assessment for Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716?**
The first assessment will be in June 2027.
- **What series is Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716 available in?**
The syllabuses is available in the June series only.
- **What administrative zones is Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716 available in?**
The syllabus is available in administrative zones 4 and 5.

Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716

- **Where can I find more information about Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716?**
The syllabus document contains all necessary information.
- **What age group is the syllabus suitable for?**
Cambridge IGCSEs are typically taught over one or two years to students who are between 14–16 years of age, although they can be taken by students of other ages. There is no prescribed duration for a course of study leading to assessment for Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716.
- **What level is Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716?**
Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716 is a foreign language qualification. It designed for learners with no previous experience of the Japanese language.
We have designed Listening and Reading components to target A2 (Basic User) and B1 (Independent User) of the CEFR.
We have designed Writing and Speaking components to elicit responses from candidates that demonstrate skills listed at A2 (Basic User) and B1 (Independent User) of the CEFR.
- **What is the assessment standard for Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716?**
UK ENIC (previously known as UK NARIC), the national agency in the UK for the recognition and comparison of international qualifications and skills, has carried out an independent benchmarking study of Cambridge IGCSE and found it to be comparable to the standard of the GCSE in the UK. This means students can be confident that their Cambridge IGCSE qualifications are accepted as equivalent to UK GCSEs by leading universities worldwide.
We will be publishing grade descriptions at grades A, C and E and Example Candidate Responses for Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716 showing different levels of performance (high, middle and low) after first assessment in June 2027.

- **Is Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716 accepted by education ministries and/or universities?**

Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716 is a full IGCSE qualification and will be recognised as such by education ministries and universities where Cambridge qualifications are accepted at this level.

In studying Cambridge IGCSE Japanese, candidates will gain the necessary skills to communicate at a basic or independent user level. They will also gain an appreciation of countries and cultures in which Japanese is spoken. It is anticipated that the skills and knowledge developed through a programme of study leading to assessment in Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716 will be viewed favourably by universities in Japan.

Please speak to your Cambridge country manager for further details on acceptance and recognition.

- **How many teaching hours are needed to prepare students for assessment in Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716?**

We design Cambridge IGCSE syllabuses to include about 130 guided learning hours. This is for guidance only. The number of hours a learner needs to achieve the qualification may vary according to each school and the learners' previous experience of the subject.

- **Can you advise on how to transfer our current students to Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716 in order to be ready to take the exam in 2027?**

Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716 is a skills-based syllabus. The aims and assessment objectives are designed to target skills common to foreign language learning, making switching between syllabuses or specifications simple with minimal impact on teaching and learning.

Resources

- **Can you provide the PowerPoint slides and recording from the webinar?**

The slides and recording of the information webinar are provided alongside this document on the Cambridge School Support Hub.

- **When will teaching and learning resources be available?**

Teaching and learning resources currently available on the [School Support Hub](#) include:

- Specimen Papers and Mark Schemes
- Scheme of Work
- Writing, listening and speaking skills support
- Introduction to the syllabus (webinar and Q&A)
- Lesson planning support
- Teaching tools

Coming soon in 2025:

- Specimen Paper Answers
- Learner Guide
- Vocabulary list

Past papers and Example Candidate Responses will be available after first assessment in June 2027.

- **Will there be specimen question papers? Can Cambridge provide more than one set of specimen question papers?**

Specimen question papers and mark schemes are available on the Cambridge website and the [School Support Hub](#).

Specimen Paper Answers, including model answers and examiner commentary, will be available on the [School Support Hub](#) in early 2025.

Past examination papers and example candidate responses will be available on the [School Support Hub](#) after first assessment in June 2027.

Cambridge will continue to review the published and planned resource provision for Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716 and will look to provide further resources as needed.

- **Will there be teacher training for Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716?**

Teacher training for Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716 will be available in 2025. Bookings will be available through the Cambridge [PD calendar online](#).

- **Is there an accompanying textbook to support Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716?**

No. We will continue to review the published and planned resource provision for Cambridge IGCSE Japanese 0716 and will look to provide further support as needed.

General questions

- **Can we write and mark our own mock question papers within schools?**

Yes. The specimen question papers, mark schemes and specimen paper answers are provided to show the types of questions that may be asked during the live assessment. Teachers can use these as models to write mock questions; specimen mark schemes and specimen paper answers can be used to internally mark candidates' work and practice assessments.

- **How do we contact our country manager?**

For details on how to contact your country manager, please visit this link: [Our regional teams](#)

- **How do I become an examiner or setter of question papers for Japanese?**

For the latest examiner vacancies, please visit our website: [Join us and become an Assessment Specialist](#)

You can sign up to receive updates and alerts for future vacancies as they become available.

- **Can we participate in any teacher groups to share our experience and expertise?**

We encourage Cambridge schools to build informal and formal connections to share expertise, resources and professional development. In many subjects, this is done through subject-based community forums on the [School Support Hub](#). We will review the interest and feasibility of a community forum specific to Japanese.

- **Is there a Japanese syllabus suitable for native speakers or students working at AS & A Level?**

No. We will continue to consult with teachers and schools and will review the demand for additional qualifications, such as First Language Japanese or AS & A Level, on a regular basis.

- **Is it possible to develop an introductory curriculum at an earlier education stage to prepare students for the study of Cambridge IGCSEs?**

Our Cambridge Pathway is for students aged 3 to 19. Its wide range of subjects and flexibility gives schools the chance to shape the curriculum so that it is exciting and relevant for their own students.

The five stages lead seamlessly from primary to secondary and pre-university years.

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[Cambridge Primary](#)

[Cambridge Lower Secondary](#)

[Cambridge Upper Secondary](#)

[Cambridge Advanced](#)

Each stage builds on the learners' development from the previous one but can also be offered separately.

We have recently launched a Primary and Lower Secondary Modern Foreign Language curriculum framework that is adaptable to target language and varying abilities.