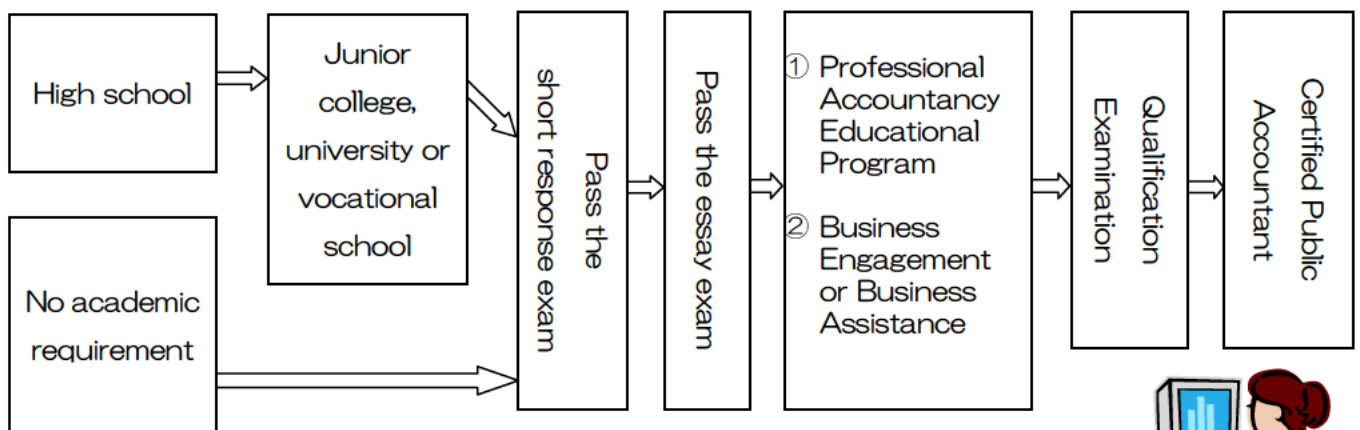


# 22 Certified Public Accountant

Accounting involves the calculation and management of income and expenditure. There are two types of accounting professions in Japan. The first is tax accounting which is a specialization in tax law. The second is public accounting, which involves auditing the financial statements of large companies. If you become a public accountant it is also possible to register as a tax accountant.

There are many foreign residents in Japan who would like to start their own business but struggle with the accounting procedures in Japanese. If you become an accountant, you could be of great help to these people.

Becoming a certified public accountant:



Note: There are no special eligibility requirements for the exam



Prepare now:

The national examination for certified public accountants is known as one of the “Big Three” national examinations (along with the national medical practitioners’ qualifying examination and the national bar examination). It is an extremely difficult exam to pass therefore it is necessary to familiarize yourself with your studies at school as soon as possible. Since a high level of mathematical ability is essential for accounting, this job is probably suitable for those who love mathematics. In addition, it would be advantageous to have an interest in law as a high level of legal knowledge is also required.

Job prospects:

If you become a public accountant, it is possible to work at an auditing firm (a company that reviews activities to identify inefficiencies, reduce costs or provide financial advice for a company). It is also possible to start your own public accountant’s office. The average annual income is approximately 8 million yen and depending on one’s ability an income upwards of 10 million yen is also possible.

Tuition:

The tuition fee to study at a public university for 4 years costs upwards of 2.4 million yen or 4 million yen to study for 4 years at a private university.