

## 2024 EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency Fee Revision Announcement 「EIKEN」・「EIKEN S-CBT」・「EIKEN S-Interview」

The Eiken Foundation of Japan announces a revision in the test fees for the 2024 EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency, including EIKEN, EIKEN S-CBT, and EIKEN S-Interview. Due to the increased costs of administering the tests, these changes will be effective from the first test session of the 2024-25 Academic Year. The reasons for these changes and the specific fees for each test are outlined below.

### Reasons for Fee Revision

#### Increase in Costs Due to Inflation

With the rise in inflation, the costs associated with conducting the tests have increased, necessitating an increase in the test fees. The increase primarily covers higher expenses in external contracts, including labor costs, paper and printing, logistics, and other test-operation expenses.

#### Investment in Quality Improvement and Research & Development

The Eiken Foundation is dedicated to continuously updating and enhancing the EIKEN tests to meet evolving English education standards. This involves increased costs for question development, grading, and research. In 2024, the test format will be revised to include additional writing tasks from Grade 1 to Grade 3, further aligning with educational guidelines and integrating key skills.

Test Fees: 2024-25 Academic Year				Fees are given in Japanese yen (tax inclusive).					
Application type	Test site		1	Pre-1	2	Pre-2	3	4 *1	5 *1
	Stage 1	Stage 2							
EIKEN	Public sites	Public sites	12,500 (2023: 11,800)	10,500 (2023: 9,800)	9,100 (2023: 8,400)	8,500 (2023: 7,900)	6,900 (2023: 6,400)	4,700 (2023: 4,500)	4,100 (2023: 3,900)
	Group sites	Group sites	—	—	6,900 (2023: 6,400)	6,100 (2023: 5,700)	5,000 (2023: 4,700)	2,900 (2023: 2,900)	2,500 (2023: 2,500)
EIKEN S-CBT *2	Test Center		—	10,600 (2023: 9,900)	9,700 (2023: 9,000)	9,100 (2023: 8,500)	7,800 (2023: 7,200)	—	—
EIKEN S-Interview	Accommodations for persons with disabilities		12,600 (2023: 11,900)	10,600 (2023: 9,900)	9,700 (2023: 9,000)	9,100 (2023: 8,500)	7,800 (2023: 7,200)	—	—

Note 1: For Grades 4 and 5, only the first-stage test is applicable.

Note 2: The test fee for EIKEN S-CBT will be revised for the tests conducted from May 2024. (For the tests conducted until April 2024, the fees from the 2023-24 academic year will apply.)

※The fees for test sites abroad (both Public Test Sites and Group Test Sites) will be separately determined and announced on the EIKEN website as soon as they are finalized.

Eiken, operating as a public interest incorporated foundation, adheres to the principle of balancing income and expenditure. For the 2024-25 academic year, the costs involved in conducting and administering the tests have been calculated, resulting in the fee structure as detailed in the table above. Information regarding the 2024-25 EIKEN test schedule will be announced on the EIKEN website by the end of this month.

Eiken is working to support the improvement of English proficiency among learners and expand the opportunities to take the test at Group Test Sites.

### **Support for English Learners**

- ✓ The **Grades 4 and 5 Challenge Campaign** allows students taking the Grade 4 and Grade 5 tests at Group Test Sites to retake the test for free at the same venue if they do not pass.
- ✓ The **EIKEN ESG Festival** offers free trials of the "EIKEN ESG Confirmation Package" for elementary school students at registered learning centers, allowing them to experience the practical use of English.
- ✓ Supporting local governments and boards of education across Japan in their English proficiency and teaching skills enhancement projects with the **English Proficiency Improvement Project**.

### **Expansion of Group Test Sites**

Efforts are ongoing to increase the number of Group Test Sites, facilitating easier test access for candidates. Currently, approximately 16,000 sites are operational for each test session. This arrangement enables candidates to take the test at a lower fee compared to Public Test Sites and offers them the flexibility to choose from additional test dates at more conveniently located venues. [Click here for more information](#) (requires Japanese).