

Qualifications related to interior design, etc. in Japan

	Interior Coordinator Certification Examination	Interior Planner Certification Examination	Interior Designer Certification Examination	Kitchen Specialists	National Licenced Architect Grade 1	National Licenced Architect Grade 2	Space Designer Certification	Apartment Renovation Manager
Organizers	JAPAN INTERIOR INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION	The Japan Architectural Education and Information Center	Society of Japan Interior Technology	JAPAN INTERIOR INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION	The Japan Architectural Education and Information Center	The Japan Architectural Education and Information Center	Association for Computer Skills Promotion	Center for Housing Renovation and Dispute Settlement Support
Summary	Interior coordinators are professionals certified by the Association to provide appropriate recommendations and advice to create comfortable living spaces for residents. With extensive product knowledge of interiors (interiors, furniture, fabrics, lighting fixtures, housing equipment, etc.), they provide advice on interior planning and product selection from various perspective, such as housing and interior design manufacturers, construction companies, dealers and freelance. The interior coordinator certification examination is a competency test in the knowledge and skills required of interior coordinators. Private qualification	An interior planner (IP) is a specialist in interior planning, design, and construction supervision. The Japan Architectural Education and Information Center, under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, certifies interior planners. Currently, there are approximately 8,600 IPs in Japan working for interior design offices, architectural design offices, interior construction companies, and construction companies. Private qualification	Society of Japan Interior Technology conducts a certification examination for interior designers to foster engineers who have mastered planning, design, production, construction, and supervision skills related to interior design to enable people to live safely and comfortably. Private qualification	Kitchen specialists are responsible for proposing comfortable and easy-to-use kitchen spaces (functions, equipment, etc.) in response to the needs of homeowners in new construction and remodeling. They are now connecting them to architecture and construction. They are active in the construction, remodeling, interior design, and housing equipment industries. Private qualification	Architect grade 1 is an engineer licensed under the Architect Law by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism to design and supervise the construction of buildings. Architectural licenses are classified as architects grade 1, architects (grade2), and wooden architects according to the use, scale, and structure of the building for which the license is issued. Architects grade 1 are authorized to design and supervise the construction of buildings of all structures, sizes, and uses. National qualification	Architect grade 2 is an engineer licensed under the Architect Law by the Prefectural Governor to design and supervise the construction of buildings. Architectural licenses are classified as architects grade 1, architects grade 2, and wooden architects according to the use, scale, and structure of the building for which the license is issued. Architects grade 2 are allowed to design and supervise the construction of relatively small-scale buildings only. National qualification	Space Designer Certification is an examination system that evaluates and certifies personnel who can understand architectural drawings and use CAD, BIM and CG software to create realistic CG interior perspectives and compelling proposals. The home remodeling and renovation industry, a growth industry, is already expanding rapidly each year due to the entry of different industries as well as the construction industry, and there is an urgent need to secure excellent human resources. Successful candidates of this examination become space designers and are expected to make professional proposals using a CG perspective. Private qualification	This examination gives certification to plan and provide high value-added remodeling to residents, almost exclusively to the remodeling of condominiums, in cooperation and coordination with the management association and contractors, with professional knowledge to realize the residents' requests. Private qualification
Practical test content	Interior Planning presentation and paper Written test	Pre-announced plans for the facility. Floor plan and furniture layout, perspective drawing, sketches of furniture, design intent, etc. Written test	Preparing draft plans, concepts, and specifications for living space design Hand drawn interior blueprints, perspectives, sketches, etc. Written test	Kitchen Space Planning and Proposal Written test	Plan preannounced facilities Written test	Plan preannounced facilities Written test	Problems are provided on My Page on the dedicated official website. Creating perspective drawings and proposals in the order of Basic Assignment then Applied Assignment and uploading them by the deadline. Creating a CG perspective using CAD	Preparation of Design Documents for Renovation of Exclusive Use Areas of Condominiums Written test
Design object	Housing	Houses, stores, offices, public buildings, etc.	Living and working spaces	2019 Second House LDK Space Wooden Flat House	2021 Rental apartment complex with tenants RC 5F	2021 Residence with dental clinic RC 3 stories	Residential CAD CG Perspective Drawing	2021 Single corridor condominium RC 6 floors Dwelling unit
Test time	3 hours	6 hours	FY2022: 11 hours (Total hours of practical examination time in the two day test schedule)	2 hours 30 minutes	6 hours 30 minutes	5 hours	Basic: within 4 days of the examination start date Applied: from the examination start date to the last day of the examination For FY2021, 2/4 (Fri.) to 2/13 (Sun.)	3 hours
Number of successful candidates	FY 2021: Number tested: 3,951 Number passed: 2,334	Number tested: 548 Number passed: 141	FY 2021: Level 1 passed: 5 Level 2: 769 tested, 538 passed	FY 2021: Number tested: 542 Number passed: 200	FY 2021: Number tested: 10,499 Number passed: 3,765	FY 2021: Number tested: 11,450 Number qualified: 5,559	Undisclosed	FY 2021 Number tested: 302 Number qualified: 120
Pass rate (drafting)	59.10%	25.70%	Level 2: 70.0%, Level 1: about 50%	36.90%	35.90%	23.60%	Level 1: 34%, Level 2: 78.1% (FY2018)	39.70%
Number of registrants	FY 2023: 59,703	FY 2021 : 5,900	undisclosed	FY 2023: 7,666	FY 2022: 375,084	FY 2022: 785,017	undisclosed	FY 2022: 11,096
Drawings required	Interior plan, developments, etc.	Floor plan and furniture layout, perspective drawing, sketches of furniture, design intent, etc.	Floor plans (including furniture and equipment layouts and ceiling plans), perspectives, sketches, etc.	LDK floor plan, K development	1st floor plan and layout, 2nd floor plan, Standard floor plan, East-West cross section	1st floor plan and layout, 2nd floor plan, 3rd floor plan South elevation, cross section, partial cross section	Distributing finish charts, detailed plan drawings, development drawings, etc.	Ground plan
Answer Sheet	A3 horizontal variant 900 mm square, filled in frame and orientation	A2 2 sheets, filled in frame	A2 2 sheets blank	Variant 150mm square, with frame, street center, and azimuth filled in	A2 1000mm square, with site boundaries, road boundaries, and orientation filled in.	A2 500mm square, site boundary line, road boundary line, and orientation filled in.	Presentation Board: A3 (Question Paper: A3)	Variant, 300mm square, filled in frame and azimuth
Reduced scale	1/50	1/50	1/30	1/30	1/200	Floor plan, elevation and sectional drawing 1/100 Partial detailed drawing 1/20	Not specified (Issue: 1/50)	1/50
Requirements	Room Name Name and height of furniture Table represents a table being used by 4 people Some fittings Nesting tables are used individually Joints in flooring may or may not be required	Main Dimensions Name of space or room Arrangement of furniture, fixtures, etc. Floor, wall and ceiling finishes (finish list) Ceiling height and floor level	Grade 1 Arranging furniture (including built-ins), fixtures, and equipment and numbering each. Accurate representation using the third angle method Class 2 Furniture and equipment layout, also ceiling plans. Interior plans (furniture, light fixtures, window treatments, carpets and rugs, etc.) with symbols for each item (ceiling fixtures are represented by dashed lines). Using the cubic system for accurate representation.	Some fixtures, dining table and dimensions, refrigerator-freezer, food storage, dish storage, dishwasher and dryer, cooking appliance storage, and trash can Name and dimensions of wagons (W, D, total method) Designated workflow lines (2) Work triangle and sum How to address fire room interior restrictions Paint the walls and columns. Chairs should be drawn with the chair pulled out from the desk If furniture is placed against a wall, draw the wall and the furniture separately.	Main dimensions Room name, etc. Floor area Fire spread lines and fire protection equipment Location and type of fire protection equipment used in the fire compartment PS Cutting position of cross-sectional drawing Entrance/exit of each dwelling unit MB PS typical plan of dwelling unit Rooms, spaces, fixtures, etc. listed in the special notes for required rooms Slope and gradient Building entrances and exits Pathways, plantings, etc. Route and width of evacuation corridors on the site Location of walkway cutouts Walking routes from rooms to direct stairways, length of overlapping sections Roofs, eaves, etc., on lower floors	Main dimensions Room name, etc. Distance from the fire spread line to the adjacent property line Location of fire prevention equipment Location and direction of cutting on cross section and partial detail drawings Distance between the site boundary line and the building Distance from the G.L. in the entrance hall of the waiting room and the residential part Rooms, paces, fixtures, etc., as stated in the special notes for the required rooms Slope Building entrances and exits Aisles, plantings, etc. Roof, bottom, etc. of the lower floor	Basic: Perspective creation Accurate modeling Application: Interior coordination and its presentation board creation	Main dimensions Room name, etc. Floor height Ceiling height Wall insulation Fixtures Main furniture Equipment Equipment (floor heating panel, hot water supply, ventilation, heating/cooling) Ventilation duct route from bathroom Drainage duct route from kitchen Lowered ceilings
Feature	Depending on the year, the plan is colored with colored pencils.	Assignments are announced in advance.	Drawing office practice for architecture and building (General Rules) (JIS A 0150) Students are allowed to bring in their own drafts for the assignment.	Equipment and materials list comes with the test and the plan has to be made based on it.	Assignments are announced in advance	Assignments are announced in advance	Compliance with Drawing Office Practice for Interior Design (General Rules) Creation of perspective and presentation boards according to the drawings provided	Design and drafting exam assignments are announced at the same time as the distribution of exam application forms.