

BEO grade recalculations for graduates of Japanese institutions

Grading within some Japanese institutions is not standardised; therefore, one department's 70% may not be the same as another within the same institution. In some cases, this inconsistent approach to grading has resulted in final grades being skewed and not necessarily reflecting the true performance of an applicant when compared to a fellow applicant who has studied at a Japanese institution where grading has been standardised.

As a result of this, the agents BEO and SI-UK have performed analysis of Japanese institutions and have developed a process to recalculate final grades – this process is to be used for applicants who are borderline for meeting the entry requirement and who have studied at one of the Japanese institutions known to not have a standard grading approach. As most of our applicants from Japanese institutions apply through the agents BEO and SI-UK, they will provide recalculation documentation where appropriate, and this recalculated grade is the grade that the University will use to determine whether an applicant has met the course entry requirements. This was formally approved by the University's International Qualifications Group (IQG) in 2015.

For applicants who have not applied through these agents, the University will apply a grade recalculation consistent with the approved approach developed by BEO. Institutions where a recalculation may be required are listed in [Table One](#) below.

The Process

Upon receiving final results from applicants who have studied at a Japanese institution listed in [Table One](#) below:

- 1) Determine whether the applicant has applied through the agent BEO – this will be evident in CRM on the application and contact record.
- 2) If the applicant has applied through the agent BEO then a grade recalculation may have been provided along with the final degree documents, if deemed a borderline case by BEO.
- 3) If the applicant has not applied through the agent BEO, please identify/calculate the applicant's final grade from their institution transcript.
- 4) If the applicant's final grade is below the required 2:1 or 2:2 equivalency for the course, a grade recalculation will be required if the applicant has attained 70% or above or a GPA of 2.0 and above from any institution listed in [Table One](#). Please flag these applications to your Admissions Operations Manager and the Pathways and Qualifications Manager (Carrie van der Zee) for further guidance on how to determine required grade recalculation.

Table One

Institution	Grading Scale/system	Notes
Aoyama Gakuin University	AA/S (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	No GPA shown on transcript
Chiba University	S (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	For 2008
Chuo University	A (100-90), B (89-80), C (79-70), D (69-60)	Individual GPA is shown on transcript - thus

		irregular. GPA is shown on transcript.
Dokkyo University	AA (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	
Doshisha University	A=4.0 B=3.0 C=2.0 D=1.0 F=0 *BEO assume this to be: A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (60-69)	No recorded percentage. Even after contacting the university several times, they would not release the results.
Ferris University	S (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	
Fukuoka University	A (100-90), B (89-80), C (79-70), D (69-60)	
Hiroshima Shudo University	AA (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	
Hitotsubashi University	A=Excellent, B=Good, C=Satisfactory, D=Poor, Lowest pass mark *BEO calculate this as A (100-90), B (89-80), C (79-70), D (69-60)	No recorded percentage. This system was adopted in 2013. Grades prior to that use standard calculation methods.
Hokkaido University	AA (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	
Hosei University	A+ (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	There are three grading systems. The data here refers to the third. It is shown on the transcript which method of grading was used.
International Christian University	A (100-90), B (89-80), C (79-70), D (69-60)	
J. F. Oberlin University	A (4/Excellent), B (3/Good), C (2/Fair), D (1/Minimal Pass), F (0/Fail)	GPA is shown on transcript. A percentage is not recorded. F grades are shown.
Japan Women's University	A+ (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	
Kansai University	S=90-100, A=80-89, B=70-79, C=60-69	Individual GPA displayed in grades is calculated by the method S=4, A=3, B=2, C=1

Keio University	A (100-80), B (79-60), C (59-40)	This system reflects performance more positively in many cases - which makes it lucrative. A point of consideration: different faculties use different
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		calculation methods in some cases.
Keio University: Faculty of Business and Commerce	A: Excellent (100-80), B: Good (79-60), C Fair (59-40)	Rank in class is not available at Keio University
Keio University: Faculty of Policy Management	Excellent (The Top 20% of Any class), B (Good), C (Fair), D (Failure: No record on the transcript)	Rank in class is not available at Keio University
Konan Women's University	UG: AA (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60), Pass (~59)	Standard grading system applies to PG.
Kwansei Gakuin University	Outstanding (100-90), Excellent (89-80), Good (79-7), Satisfactory (69-60)	For 2014
Kyoto Institute of Technology	S (100-90), A+ (89-85), A (84-80), B+ (79-75), B (74-70), C+ (69-65), C (64-60)	For 2014
Kyoto Sangyo University	Outstanding (100-90), Excellent (89-80), Good (79-7), Satisfactory (69-60)	For 2008
Kyushu University: School of Letters	A (90% and above), B (80% and above), C (70% and above), D (60% and above)	No GPA shown on transcript
Meiji Gakuin University	S (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	For 2012
Meiji University	S Excellent (100-90, GP 4), A Good (89-80, GP 3), B Satisfactory (79-70 GP 2), C Satisfactory but inferior performance (69-60, GP 1)	Credits including F grades/GPA shown on transcript
Nihon University	S (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	Individual GPA is shown on transcript - thus irregular.
Nihon University: Law	S Excellent (100-90, GP 4), A Good (89-80, GP 3), B Satisfactory (79-70 GP 2), C Satisfactory but inferior performance (69-60, GP 1)	Credits including F grades/GPA shown on transcript
Osaka University	S (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	
Osaka University	S (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	For 2013
Rikkyo University	AA/S (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	No GPA shown on transcript

Ritsumeikan University	A+ (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	This method of calculation shown on transcripts since 2002. No GPA shown on transcript
Seikei University	S (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	For 2014
Sōka University	A+ (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	For 2011
Sophia University	A (100-90), B (89-80), C (79-70), D (69-60)	Calculation criteria can vary by year of graduation. The information on the left is true of 2003-2009 graduates. Individual GPA is shown on transcript - thus irregular.
Tokai University	S (90~), A (80~), B (70~), C (60~), F (Pass)	
Tokyo University	A (100-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	No GPA shown on transcript
Tokyo University of Agriculture: Forest Science	S Excellent (100-90, GP 4), A Good (89-80, GP 3), B Satisfactory (79-70 GP 2), C Satisfactory but inferior performance (69-60, GP 1)	Credits including F grades/GPA shown on transcript
Tokyo University of Foreign Studies	A (100-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	No GPA shown on transcript
Tokyo Woman's Christian University	S, A, B, C	For grades after 2003. Most grade percentages unclear.
Tsuda College	A (100-90), B (89-80), C (79-70), D (69-60)	
University of Hyogo	A+ (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	For 2015
University of Tokyo	Junior Division A (100-80), B (79-65), C (64-50) Senior Division A+ (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	Separate calculation method used for 1 st /2 nd year versus 3 rd /4 th year.
University of Tsukuba	A+ (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	Policy adopted from 2013. Before this, grades were standard
Waseda University	A+ (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	
Waseda University: School of Law	A+ (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	No GPA shown on transcript

Waseda University: School of Political Science and Economics	A (100-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	No GPA shown on transcript
Yamagata University	S (100-90), A (89-80), B (79-70), C (69-60)	