

APPLICATION GUIDE FOR ADMISSIONS 2027

NUCB INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

IB BOARDING SCHOOL • JAPAN

Mission Statement

We aim to develop caring, innovative, and ethical leaders with a frontier spirit who can create a peaceful and sustainable society. Our graduates will have the ability to bridge the gap between international cultures.

Educational Philosophy

We believe...

- ❖ in the capacity of all to develop and improve
- ❖ in valuing and respecting all
- ❖ in supporting and encouraging all those in our community
- ❖ in the IB and Case Method approaches to learning
- ❖ success comes from endeavour and innovative thinking

We collaborate...

- ❖ to get the best results for all
- ❖ by inclusive practices
- ❖ by seeking diverse perspectives
- ❖ to improve the global society and environment
- ❖ to be effective leaders and team members

We achieve...

- ❖ by trying new ideas and approaches
- ❖ by utilising and acknowledging current research
- ❖ by building identity and character
- ❖ by developing people and learning skills
- ❖ by performing to the best of our ability and reflecting upon our mistakes

Admission Philosophy

NIC welcomes students from all backgrounds who have a strong belief in their capacity to learn and grow and are motivated to reach their highest academic and individual potential. Ideal candidates will be highly inquisitive and positively inclined towards learning from and working with a diverse cohort of students and teachers. They will demonstrate a growth mentality in which innovative and critical thinking can thrive and collaborative and leadership skills can develop freely. They will be focused on using their knowledge and real-life skills, developed via the programme, to make a positive difference in the environment and society in which they live. They will be equally inspired by the journey of discovery and the outcomes via their studies and will demonstrate a deep caring and respect for those around them. Their presence will complement the educational values of the school and embrace diversity without discrimination.

1. Admission Pathways

- 1.1. NUCB International College is a 3-year boarding high school with an August enrolment system. Successful applicants have the option of either entering through the Bridging Programme (BP) from April to June or directly entering the College Programme commencing in September. In some cases, participation in the BP may be a requirement for enrolment.
- 1.2. NIC offers the Bridging Programme to enable the most effective use of students' gap time following their graduation from middle school and to prepare them for September admission. For Japanese students, the BP assists in raising students' English up to a suitable starting level for the College Programme, and in bridging some of the learning approaches and knowledge gaps that exist between the Japanese and IB educational systems.

Applicant Type	BP Application Periods
Japanese visa or passport holders	October 1 – February 28
Non-Japanese visa or passport holders*	October 1 – January 15

* Non-Japanese passport or visa-holding applicants are required to obtain a suitable visa prior to entering Japan.

- 1.3. In addition to the above, we also offer year-round advice on transfer admission, so please contact us individually for more information. The entire application process, from application to entrance examination, is conducted online, and students can take the entrance examination from overseas.

2. General Admission Guidelines

- 2.1. Language requirements (at the time of admission): Non-native English speakers are recommended to have a minimum language proficiency level according to their entry point, as indicated in the internationally recognized standardized tests table below:

Test name	Bridging Programme	College Programme (from G10 September)	College Programme (from G11 September)
CEFR	B1	B2	C1
Cambridge English	B1 Preliminary for Schools 140-159	B2 First for Schools 160-	C1 Advanced for Schools 180~
IELTS	4.0~5.0	5.5~	6.5~
TOEFL iBT	42-71	72-	95-
EIKEN	2 or equivalent	Pre-1 or equivalent	1 or equivalent

- 2.2. Background disclosure: Applicants are required to fully disclose all academic and personal background information, including any previous and current physical and/or mental conditions that may require added levels of support upon application. Following the submission of application information, further information may be required outside of the usual application documentation in order for the School to ascertain the capacity to suitably support the student. Failure to disclose this information may result in the revocation of admission or require withdrawal from the School.

3. Application Guidelines

Year Level Entry	Grade 10
Eligibility Requirements for Grade 10	The Applicant must meet the following entry requirements: • Be in the third year of junior high school in Japan (or the equivalent of U.S. Grade 9 or U.K. Year 10) at the time of application and be scheduled to complete this grade by August 2027 • Been born between January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2012 • Has completed at least 9 years of formal education at the primary and secondary levels by August 2027 • Meets other high school entrance requirements set by the Japanese Ministry of Education
Capacity	75 (Applications processed on a rolling basis, closed when full capacity is reached)
Application Fee	JPY 20,000 *Non-refundable, but Academic Programme participants will receive a refund of the above fee after completing the enrolment process.
Test Outline	Application documents, Cognitive Ability Test (CAT4), and Interview. The schedule for the CAT4 test and Interview will be provided on an individual basis.
Acceptance Status Notification	Within 14 days after the final interview

4. Application Stages

- 4.1. Applicants should commence applications according to their applicant type status and refer to the application stages in the table below. Important note: Stage 2 and Stage 3 may not open if the full capacity is reached before the start of each respective stage.

Stage 1: October 1 – December 15
Stage 2: January 7 – March 31
Stage 3: April 1 – May 31

5. Application Process

5.1. Entry / Application fee payment

Applicant completes the Application Form on NIC's website and pays the application fee, after which the Applicant is given access to the Online Application Portal, "My PAGE".



5.2. Online Test (CAT4) / Application documents

Access information for the CAT4 online test is sent via email to the Applicant. The test is undergone via one of the following options:

- From home, invigilated online by a NIC teacher
- At the Applicant's current school, invigilated by a teacher of the Applicant's school. In this case, the designated teacher will need to submit the "CAT4 Integrity Confirmation Form" confirming the integrity of the conduct of the test. (template downloadable [here](#)).

Applicant submits the following documents on My PAGE:

- Personal Information & Declaration form
- Application Form
- English essay: 500 words on *"What motivates you to join NIC, and what values and leadership can you bring to our learning community?"*.
- Academic transcript and attendance record for Grades 7 to 9 (And Grade 10 if joining from Grade 11)
- References x2: Both references should be from a teacher/educator who can evaluate the Applicant from an academic perspective. References must be from a non-family member. (Template downloadable [here](#))
- Photo:
 - Applicant's photo: colour, portrait-style photo from the waist up, taken within the last 3 months, facing front with no hat
 - Family photo: colour, horizontal photo taken within the last 3 months* File format: JPEG/PNG
- Evidence of English proficiency (**optional**)
- Annual tax statements from parents/guardians (**optional** - needed to determine eligibility for Academic scholarships)

For non-Japanese passport or Visa holders only:

- Passport photocopy (face, name, passport number displayed)
- Japan residence card photocopy (for non-Japanese passport holders currently residing in Japan)



5.3. Interview

Applicant and parent/guardian take an interview (online or on-campus).

Only applicants who pass the document screening and Cognitive Ability Test (CAT4) will be interviewed.



5.4. Application Results

Application outcome will be communicated within 14 days after the interview. The decision is final, and inquiries regarding the results will not be responded to.

6. Admission Process

- 6.1. Applicant pays the admission fee, tuition, boarding, and facilities fees in full for the first semester of the College Programme (JPY 2,700,000) within 14 days. Extraordinary circumstances notwithstanding, the admission offer from the School will lapse if the payment is not made by the due date.
- 6.2. Applicant sends the original or certified documents submitted during the application process to NIC. If the documents submitted after acceptance differ from the digital copies uploaded with the online application, or if enrolling students are not able to submit original or certified documents, acceptance to NIC will be revoked.
- 6.3. Non-Japanese visa and passport holders commence the visa application process in April (earlier for BP or transfer students).

7. School fees payment

	For New Entry Into Grade 10 or 11		
	At the time of admission	2nd semester	Total
Admission	JPY 500,000	—	JPY 500,000
Tuition	JPY 1,050,000	JPY 1,050,000	JPY 2,100,000
Boarding	JPY 925,000	JPY 925,000	JPY 1,855,000
Educational Enhancement	JPY 225,000	JPY 225,000	JPY 450,000
Total	JPY 2,700,000	JPY 2,200,000	JPY 4,900,000

*Please note that NIC reserves the right to revise fee levels each year based on external factors, including the inflation rate, improvements in educational conditions, and the current economic situation.

8. Other expenses

- 8.1. Bridging Programme participation fee: JPY 1,250,000
*includes accommodation, tuition, meals, use of facilities, off-campus activities, and other related costs. The same fee applies to late participants.
- 8.2. Uniforms, study materials, CAS, medical examinations, group insurance, student projects, and extracurricular activities will incur additional costs.
- 8.3. Japanese National Health Insurance: First-time residents in Japan under a student Visa will be automatically enrolled in the programme as per Japanese laws and must pay Health Insurance fees.
- 8.4. An Apple laptop computer is loaned to all new students upon enrolment and is transferred free of charge upon completion of the three-year education course and graduation.

9. Scholarship Guidelines

9.1. Scholarships are awarded to students for outstanding performance in the entrance examination process and post-entry examinations.

9.2. Academic Scholarship

- Eligibility:
 - Applicant receiving a high evaluation in the entrance examination
 - Must apply within the application's time frame. Applicants enrolling from a grade 11 point of entry are not eligible.
 - Income: the household budget supporter (parent/guardian) shall not be earning an employment income over JPY 8,410,000. If non-employed, incomes should not be over JPY 3,550,000 annually. (A yearly tax statement must be submitted upon application)
- Conditions: Tuition fee reduction: (a) 90% (b) 60% (c) 30%. Scholarship is ongoing, provided the student finishes within the top 20% of the year level in the end-of-year results
- Number: Maximum of 3 students per year

9.3. Housing Scholarship

- Eligibility: Students receiving the highest grade point average of the year level in the end-of-year results
- Conditions: The dormitory fee will be reduced by 30,000 yen per month for a continuous twelve-month period to the value of 360,000 yen
- Number: Maximum of 3 students a year

9.4. Affiliation Scholarship

- Eligibility: Students continuing from the affiliated middle school, Nagoya International Junior and Senior High School (NIHS), and the children or grandchildren of NUCB graduates
- Conditions: 50% admission fee waiver

9.5. Sibling Discount on Tuition Fees

- Eligibility: Siblings of current or former students of the School.
- Conditions: 10% tuition fee waiver.

9.6. All students must pay the total full fees up front by the relevant aforementioned deadlines. Upon confirmation of a scholarship, NIC will then reimburse the scholarship amount provided.

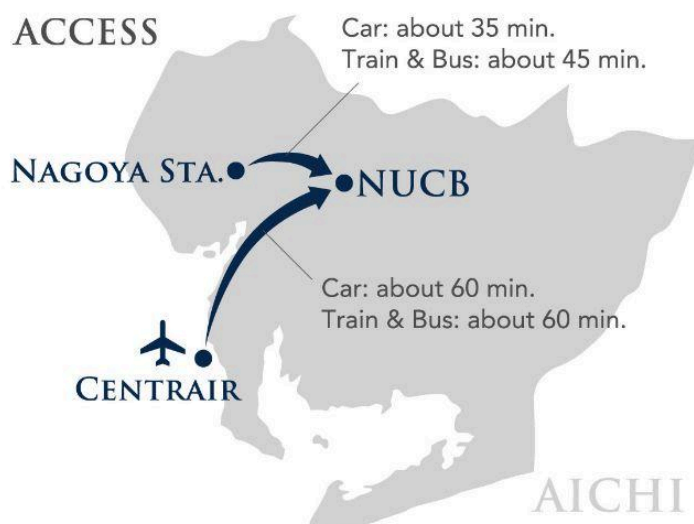
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