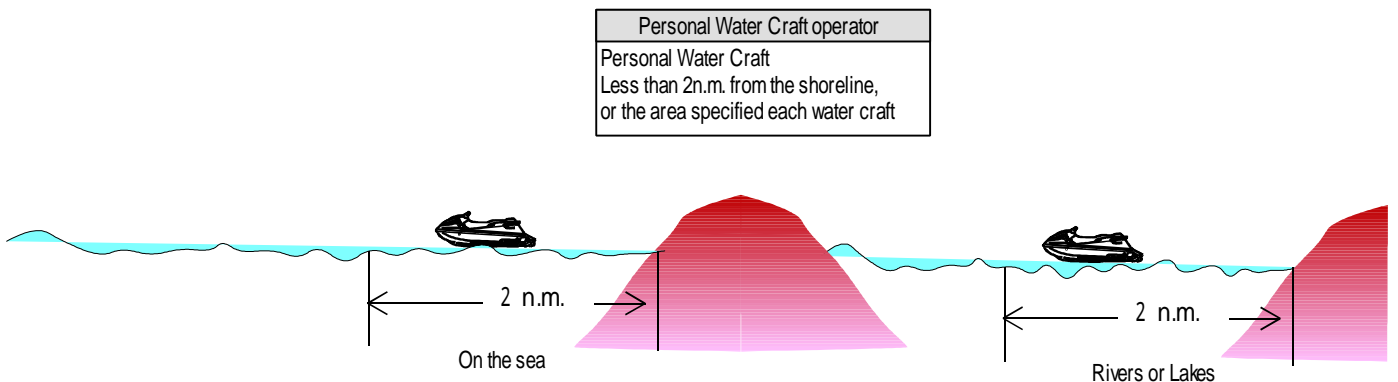
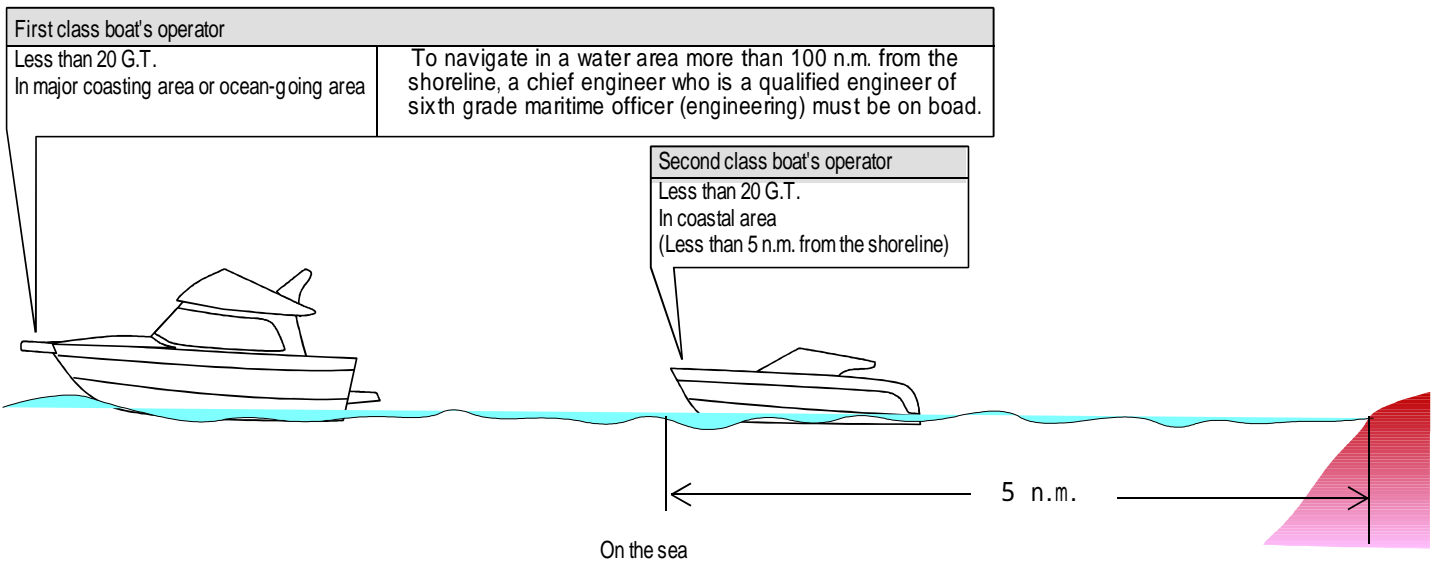


GUIDE TO EXAMINATION FOR BOAT'S OPERATOR

Boat's Operators Examination Agency
Japan Marine Recreation Association

Law for Boat's Operators is applied to the boat only Japanese registry which navigates the lakes, rivers, and ports in Japan.

(Excluding vessels which are propelled only by scull or oar, non power barges, and other specified vessels.)



(The license is not necessary to operate a boat which meets the following requirements: length is less than 3 meters / engine output is less than 1.5kw / equipped with legally required protective gear.)

All examinations for boat's operator include three parts, physical check, written examination and practical examination.

Requirement for Examination

The age requirement is below

- First and Second class boat's operator examination 17 years and 9 months
- PWC operator examination 15 years and 9 months

Application for Examination

The following documents are required for an examination.

- 1) Application form of Boat's Operator Examination (available from our regional office.)
- 2) Copy of passport, certificate on registered matters, or some other acceptable form of identifier.
- 3) Photograph: 4.5 cm × 3.5 cm (taken within six months, hatless, front-view, from the waist up, with name and date of birth on the back).
- 4) Optional document:
 - Certificate of preliminary physical examination attested by a Japanese doctor, excluding dentists. (pasted a photograph which is same as the above-mentioned)
 - Copy of other Permit of Boat's Operator, if you hold.

Physical check

The physical check includes the check for eyesight, hearing, color blindness, diseases and physical handicap. (In case of submitting the Certificate of preliminary physical check, the check becomes simply.)

If you do not pass the physical check, you will not be allowed to take the written examination and the practical examination.

Passing standards for the physical check are as follows:

Eyesight: Minimum 0.5 for each eye (Corrected eyesight by wearing glasses is allowed).

Color Blindness: It is required that you are able to distinguish ship's lights at night.

Hearing: To be able to hear normal conversation at a distance of 5m (Using a hearing aid is allowed).

Disease and Handicap: A minor symptom or minor handicap is permitted if you can operate the equipment without any problems.

Note: If you worry about the physical check, please consult with our regional office before applying an examination.

Written examination

	Examination period	Numbers of Question	Subject
First class	2h and 20min	64	General Knowledge and Rules Steering and Sailing Rules Operation Advanced Operation I Advanced Operation II
Second class	1h and 10min	50	General Knowledge and Rules
Personal Water Craft	50 min	40	Steering and Sailing Rules Operation

Practical examination

First and Second class examination uses a boat which gross tonnage is less than 5 tons.

Personal water craft examination uses a sitting style personal water craft with a capacity of 3 passengers.

Announcement of examination results

The results of the physical check are announced at the end of the check.

The results of the written and practical examination are announced at the regional office on the day that we announced beforehand.

We issues certificates of passing to the person who has passed all parts of the examination.

Application for License

The person who has passed all examinations must apply for a license within one year at District Transport Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism with certificate of passing and some other applications.

Examination fee

Type of Examination	Physical check	Written examination	Practical examination	Total
First class	4,250yen	10,000yen	21,200yen	35,450yen
Second class	4,250yen	4,850yen	21,200yen	30,300yen
Personal Water Craft	4,250yen	4,400yen	19,000yen	27,650yen

Physical check fee that the person who has submitted a Certificate of preliminary physical check 2,450yen

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