

April 1, 2026

Notice regarding renewing your chiropractor registration

To JCR registered chiropractors

We sincerely thank you for your continued support and cooperation with the JCR's activities.

The Japan Chiropractic Register (JCR) was established to register chiropractors in Japan who meet certain educational standards voluntarily. With the cooperation of the International Board of Chiropractic Examiners (IBCE), we conduct registration exam and submit the resulting registry to Medical Professions Division of Health Policy Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

Regarding your current JCR full registration, the next renewal period is from **April 1 to May 31, 2026**. For details on the renewal process, please check our website and complete the procedure within the specified period using the online form below or by mailing the PDF form.

Please note that if you have not yet earned the required 6 credits for last year's compulsory subjects, you must take "**Medical-Related Laws and Regulations**" and "**Advertising Law and Ethics**" once each this year to fulfill the last year's credit requirements. Therefore, even those who have not yet earned the required credits for the compulsory subjects are eligible to apply for renewal.

[Application Forms]

- Online Form (for PC) ① <https://www.secure-cloud.jp/sf/1715667825HZxzVCAi>
- Online Form (for smartphones) ② <https://www.secure-cloud.jp/sf/sp/1715667825HZxzVCAi>
- Type 2 PDF https://chiroreg.jp/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/jcrform_t2renewal_eng.pdf

[Attached Documents]

- (1) Guidance on Renewal Procedures
- (2) Process after renewal

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our secretariat via email.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely

Japan Chiropractic Register (JCR)

Special Provisions

[Special Provisions for Overseas Residents]

Registrants who reside overseas for the majority of the renewal period are not required to renew. However, their registration status will be displayed as “Limited Registration.” If you wish to maintain “Full Registration,” please earn the required credits and complete the renewal process.

[Special Provision for Non-Japanese Speakers]

Registered practitioners whose native language is not Japanese and who have difficulty conversing in Japanese may complete the renewal process by proving that their legally recognized overseas chiropractor license is currently active and valid for clinical practice. In such cases, please obtain English-language materials for the compulsory subjects.

[Special Provision for Those Who Have Not Earned Credits]

Registered practitioners who have not earned the required 6 credits as of April 30, 2026, may still apply for renewal without having earned the credits. However, we ask that you earn the 6 credits of compulsory subjects within this year.

Guidance on Renewal Procedures

Renewal applications will be accepted starting one month prior to the expiration date of your certification (April 30, 2026). The application period runs from April 1 to May 31. If your renewal expires, your registration status in our organization's registry will change from "Certified Registration" to "Limited Registration." If you wish to renew, please complete the process well in advance.

[Procedure Flow]

- 1. Submit the renewal application form**
- 2. Review by the CR** (verification of application details and credits earned)
- 3 Notification of review results**
- 4. Payment of renewal fee; renewal process complete**
- 5. Issuance of the Certification** (full registration)

*Note: Review results will be communicated within three weeks of application.

[Types of Renewal Application Forms]

- Online Form
- PDF Form (Submission via email or mail)

[Certificate of Completion] 1 compulsory subject session each

- Medical-Related Laws and Regulations
- Advertising Law and Ethics

Q1. Please list the documents required for the renewal application for Certified Registered Chiropractors.

A1. The documents required for the application are as follows.

Common to Type 1 and Type 2 Certified Full Registered Chiropractors

- (1) Renewal Application Form**
- (2) Certificate of Course Completion (Compulsory Subjects)**

- Online Form (for PC) ① <https://www.secure-cloud.jp/sf/1715667825HZxzVCAi>
- Online Form (for smartphones) ② <https://www.secure-cloud.jp/sf/sp/1715667825HZxzVCAi>
- Type 2 PDF https://chiroreg.jp/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/jcrform_t2renewal_eng.pdf

Q2. I would like to mail the renewal application form for a Certified Full Registered Chiropractor. Could you please provide the mailing address?

A2. If you wish to mail your application, please send it to the address below.

Japan Chiropractic Register,
#503, 3-24-5 Nishi-Shimbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0003

Q3. I have not earned the credits required for renewal of my certified full registration (6 credits in compulsory subjects). Is renewal still possible?

A3. As a special exception, you may apply for renewal even if you have not earned the required credits. However, please ensure you earn the 6 credits in compulsory subjects by the end of this year to meet the renewal requirements.

Q4. My Certified Registered Chiropractor status has expired, and my certification has lapsed. Please tell me the procedures required for re-registration.

A4. The required procedures vary depending on how long the validity period has expired.

■ **Within one month of the expiration date (by May 31) Normal Procedure**

- You can proceed with the standard renewal process.
- Your registration status will remain as "Certified Full Registered."
- Renewal fee: 10,000 yen

■ **Within 6 months of the expiration date (by October 31)**

- In addition to the standard renewal procedure, a late fee of 5,000 yen will apply.
- If the following conditions are met by October 31, your status will remain as "Certified Full Registration."

- A) Certificate of credit completion (compulsory subjects) or proof of purchase of the textbook
- B) Renewal fee: 10,000 yen

■ **After 6 months have passed since the expiration date (November 1 or later)**

- You cannot renew your registration for one year from the expiration date (until April 30, 2027).
- Your registration status will be changed from "Certified Registration" to "Limited Registration."
- Re-registration as a "Certified Full Registration" is possible on or after May 1 of the following year if the following conditions are met:

- A) Certificate of credit completion (compulsory subjects) or proof of purchase of the textbook
- B) Renewal fee: 10,000 yen

Q5. Please list the documents required to apply for a change in Certified Full Registration category (transition from Type 1 to Type 2).

A5. Please submit your application to transition to Type 2 Certified Full Registered Chiropractor via the online form or by mail. Please download the transition application form from the following URL:

https://chiroreg.jp/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/jcrform_t2transfer.pdf

Process After Renewal

Earning Credits During the Validity Period

As a condition for renewal of the JCR’s certified full registration, you must submit a renewal application and proof of subject completion (or proof of credit acquisition) every three years. Those who have renewed must earn 6 credits in compulsory subjects & 20 credits in elective subjects within the next validity period.

Validity Period: May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2029

Number of Credits Required

Area	Item	No. of Credits
Compulsory Subjects (6 credits)	Advertising Law and Ethics	3 credits
	Healthcare-Related Laws	3 credits
Elective Subjects (20 credits)	Participation in Academic Conferences *1	7 credits
	Academic Conference *1 General Presentation	5 credits
	Journal Submission *2	4 credits
	Chiropractic-related Seminar *3	7 credits
	Participation	
	Chiropractic-related seminars *3 Instructor	8 credits
	Non-chiropractic clinical seminars *3 Attendance	7 credits
	Non-chiropractic clinical seminars *3 Instructor	8 credits
	Renewal of overseas chiropractor license *5	20 credits
Credits already earned		

- *1 Medical-related academic societies, the Japanese Society of Chiropractic Science, and the World Federation of Chiropractic Biennial Congress, etc.
- *2 Journals of medical-related academic societies, the Japanese Journal of Chiropractic Science, and other academic journals
- *3 Seminars related to the field of chiropractic
- *3 For seminar series, each session is counted as 7 credits.
- *4 Seminars on clinical medicine, basic medical science, and professional competencies or related fields

- *5 Acquisition of credits designated for the renewal of a chiropractor's license in a country or state where the profession is regulated
- *5 Applies only to active (clinically active) licenses; inactive/non-practice (currently not practicing) licenses are excluded.

2026 Compulsory Subjects Lecture Schedule

Date	Compulsory Subjects Credit Hours	Organizer/Lecturer	Format
2026 June 14–30	Healthcare-Related Laws (3 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Japanese Society of Chiropractic Science ● Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare 	Recorded Viewing
2026 September 1–30	Advertising, Legal Affairs, and Ethics (3 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Japan Chiropractic Register ● Consumer Affairs Agency 	Recorded Viewing
2026 October 1–31	Medical-Related Laws and Regulations (3 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Japan Chiropractic Register ● Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare 	Recorded Lectures
2026 November 1–30	Advertising, Legal Affairs, and Ethics (3 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Japan Chiropractic Register ● Consumer Affairs Agency 	Recorded Viewing

2026 Elective Subjects Schedule

Coming Soon

Certified Course Provider	Conference/Program/Seminar/
Japanese Association of Chiropractors	TBA
Japanese Society of Chiropractic Science	TBA

World Federation of Chiropractic	TBA
WFC National Member Associations	TBA
International Federation of Sports Chiropractic	TBA
European Chiropractors' Union	TBA
CCE-accredited chiropractic schools	TBA
Each chiropractic technique associations	TBA