Hokkaido University Graduate School of Medicine has been considering the procedure of next entrance examinations by monitoring the pandemic situation of COVID-19. As of May 2020, although the number of new infections has turned to decrease, the situation is still unpredictable and needs cautions. The graduate school concluded that it is difficult to conduct entrance examinations for enrollment October 2020 and April 2021 as in the same way as before.

This is to announce the change in the procedure of entrance examinations which are to be held in academic year 2020. Even though announced this way, there is a possibility that the graduate school must subsequently revise the examination procedure or postpone/cancel the examination(s) as a measure against COVID-19. In that case, we will inform at the webpage as soon as decided. So, please check for any updated information on the webpage.

**[Master's Program and Doctoral (PhD) Program]**

1. April 2021 Enrollment
   - So far, entrance examination has been held twice in one academic year, in August and January.
   - For April 2021 enrollment, entrance examination will be held once, in January 2021. Application Guidelines for January 2021 Examination is scheduled to be released in early October.

   <Application and Examination>
   - (If applicable) Qualification Review Application Period:
     - Wednesday, 4 November 2020 to Monday, 9 November 2020
   - Application Period:
     - [Master's Program]
     - Tuesday, 1 December 2020 to Monday, 7 December 2020
     - [Doctoral (PhD) Program]
     - Tuesday, 24 November 2020 to Monday, 30 November 2020
   - Examination Date:
     - Tuesday, 19 January 2021
2. October 2020 Enrollment

1) August Examination, 2020

Regarding the examination subjects, only examination of specialized subject will be held for both Master's Program and Doctoral (PhD) Program. Written examinations (essay and English for Master's Program, English for Doctoral (PhD) Program) which have been part of examination subjects so far will not be held as a measure against COVID-19.

Examination of specialized subject will be held at the applicant’s preferred laboratory using internet videophone such as Skype.

For the detailed information including schedule, please check the webpage:
https://www.med.hokudai.ac.jp/graduate/

Please request the laboratory, that applicant prefers, for the original Application Guidelines.

【Note】For Public Health Course (One-Year Course), the graduate school will not recruit applicants for October 2020 enrollment.

2) Special Selection for International Applicants

It is scheduled to be held in the same procedure as usual.

However, there is a possibility that Special Selection for International Applicants will not be held, depending on the global pandemic situation of COVID-19.

For the detailed information including schedule, please check the webpage:
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【Note】Even if the applicants pass the exam, they might not able to enter Japan and take the course which will start in October 2020, depending on the circumstances of COVID-19’s global impact. Please note this matter when you apply.