

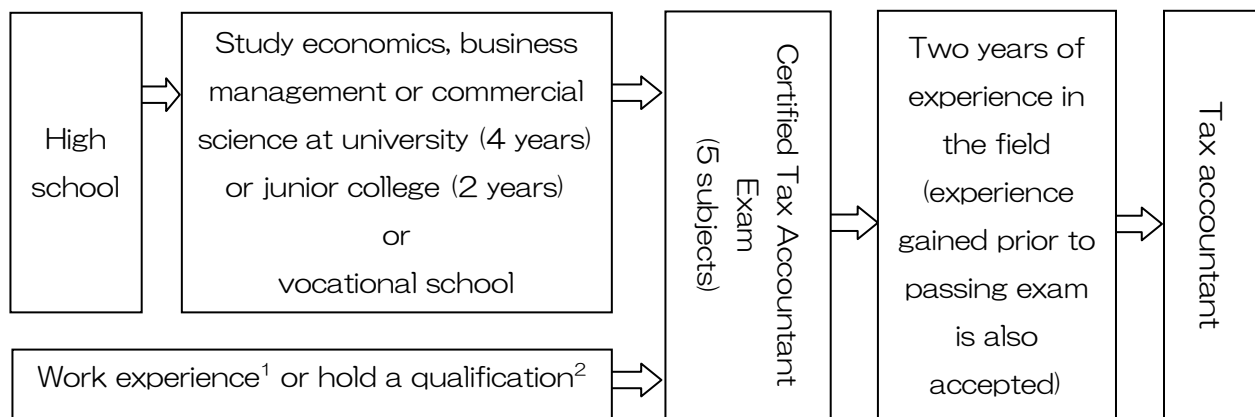
# 23 Licensed Tax Accountant



Tax accountants provide consultation and calculate taxes for individuals or corporations. Compared with public accountants who mainly work for large corporations, tax accountants' services are more often accessed by individuals.

It is possible to obtain the tax accounting qualification by passing in five subject exams. It is possible for those who work full-time to study for one exam at a time. However two years of experience in the field is required to register as a licensed tax accountant.

## Becoming a tax accountant:



<sup>1</sup>To satisfy the eligibility requirements for taking the exam one must have the one of the following:

- ① 3 years of administrative work experience related to accounting for corporations or individuals
- ② 3 years of administrative work experience related to loan funds or investment funds in a bank, trust company, insurance company or other financial institution
- ③ 3 years of assistant work experience for a tax accountant, lawyer or public accountant

<sup>2</sup>To satisfy the eligibility requirements for taking the exam one must have passed the level 1 Official Business Skill Test in Book-keeping or the advanced level bookkeeping test.

## Prepare now:

The Certified Tax Accountant Exam is very difficult to pass and requires a high level of mathematical and book-keeping ability. Work towards improving both your native language and Japanese skills. Also make sure to be diligent in your studies at school.

## Job prospects:

It is possible to work at a tax accounting office (to prepare tax documents, provide consultation or do tax accounting for corporations or individuals) or to work at a tax accountants' corporation. It is also possible to start your own tax accounting business.

The average annual income is approximately 8 million yen however a higher income is possible depending on ability.

## Tuition:

The tuition fee to study for 4 years at a public university costs upwards of 2.4 million yen or upwards of 4 million yen to study for 4 years at a private university.