

Education & Certification for Farriers in Japan

In order to be a farrier in Japan, one year training course with dormitory promoted by JFA is required.

The application becomes open in August for persons over 18 years old and the exam for entering the course is held in October.

The course receives maximum only sixteen farriery students every year.

The course begins the class lessons and farriery practice from early April to next March.

The students must have curriculum consists of lectures and practice more than 1,310 hours during their stay in the course.



In the end of the course all students must have written and practical exam and students passing the exam will get a farrier qualification from JFA.

It is difficult for students to be an independent private farrier just after graduating the course.

Most of the students should have apprenticeship for around

5 to 10 years under a master farrier after graduating the course.

The curriculum of the course

“Subjects of class lesson: over 370 hours”

General Equine Science

Anatomy, Physiology, Diseases of limb and leg including foot

Biomechanics of Horse

Locomotion

Examination of gaits and limb for planning horseshoeing

Forging and iron works

Principles of all kinds of horse shoeing and therapeutic shoeing





“Farriery practice: over 940 hours”

Shoe Making of all kinds
Horse shoeing for pleasure and race horses
Therapeutic and special horseshoeing
Management of horses

Grade of farrier certification in Japan



The Japan Farriery Association promotes the all kinds farrier certification as below in Japan.

Approved Farrier Class

The students must pass the exam of the end of the course.

Senior Farrier Class

The approved class farrier over 5 years' experience must pass the exam for grade up to this class

Master Farrier Class

The master class farrier over 10 years' experience as a senior class must pass the exam for grade up to this class

