

**The Japanese Society of Toxicologic Pathology**  
**Regulations on System for Certification of Diplomates of Toxicologic Pathology**

(Purpose)

Article 1. These Regulations stipulate the System for the Certification of Diplomates of Toxicologic Pathology pursuant to Article 36 of the Articles of Incorporation of The Japanese Society of Toxicologic Pathology (hereinafter referred to as the "Society").

(Diplomates of Toxicologic Pathology)

Article 2. In view of the importance of ensuring the reliability of pathologic examinations associated with the enforcement of the Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) for the implementation of toxicity studies with chemical substances, etc., the Society shall establish the System for the Certification of Diplomates of Toxicologic Pathology (hereinafter referred to as the "Certification System") and certify highly qualified diplomates of toxicologic pathology (hereinafter referred to as the "Diplomate") in order to contribute to the improvement of the reliability of the results of pathological examinations and the advancement of toxicologic pathology in safety studies in Japan.

(Certification Committee)

Article 3. A Certification Committee shall be established to operate the Certification System.

2 The Certification Committee shall have the Chairperson, and the Chairperson shall be appointed by the President from among Directors and obtain the approval of the Board of Directors. Except for the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson, the names of committee members shall not be published.

3 The Chairperson shall elect committee members from among Directors or Councilors and obtain the approval of the Board of Directors.

4 The Certification Committee shall conduct examinations for the certification of a Diplomate (hereinafter referred to as the "Certification Examination") and, upon the renewal of the qualification of such Diplomate (hereinafter referred to as the "Qualification Renewal"), shall examine such Diplomate candidate.

5 The term of office of the Chairperson and committee members shall be two (2) years; provided, however, that this shall not preclude committee members from being reappointed for up to three (3) consecutive terms.

(Method of Certification of Diplomates of Toxicologic Pathology)

Article 4. Any person who wishes to be certified as a Diplomate shall pass a written examination and the Certification Examination.

- 2 The Committee shall select candidates for Diplomates based on written examinations, the Certification Examinations, and a judgment on acceptance/rejection, and the review and certification shall be conducted by the Board of Directors.
- 3 Details of the certification shall be separately stipulated in the Operational Guidelines for System for Certification of Diplomates of Toxicologic Pathology.
- 4 If the Diplomate is not eligible for any reason, the Board of Directors may, at its discretion, revoke the certification.

(Procedures for Qualification Renewal of Diplomate)

Article 5. Those who wish to maintain their Diplomate qualification may obtain Qualification Renewal every five (5) years after obtaining their qualification.

- 2 Upon determination of the appropriateness of Qualification Renewal, the selection of candidates for renewal shall be made by the Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.
- 3 Details of the renewal shall be separately stipulated in the Operational Guidelines for System for Certification of Diplomates of Toxicologic Pathology.
- 4 The renewed certification shall be approved by a meeting of the Board of Directors to be held by the end of the relevant year, and the initial date of the certification period shall be January 1 to December 31 of the following year.

(Amendment and Abolition)

Article 6. The amendment or abolition of these Regulations shall be subject to a resolution of the General Meeting.

Supplementary Provisions

1. These Regulations shall come into force on the date of establishment of the Society.
2. The qualification as a Diplomate of toxicologic pathology shall succeed the certification by The Japanese Society of Toxicologic Pathology, which is the Society's predecessor organization without legal personality.