### Certified social workers and certified care workers

#### **Overview**

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#### [Certified social worker]

A certified social worker is a person who provide, as his profession, consultation, advice, guidance and other forms of support according to his expertise to those who have difficulties in living their daily life due to their physical/mental disabilities or environmental reasons.

Those who have studied the subjects related to social welfare designated by the Minister Health, Labour and Welfare in colleges and other institutions and those who have passed the State Examination for Certified Social Workers can become certified social workers upon registration.

#### How to Become a Certified Social Worker

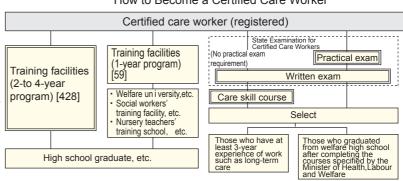


#### [Certified Care Worker]

A certified care worker is a person who Provides, as his profession, personal care including assistance in bathing, going to the bathroom, meals and others and also provides care guidance to the persons needing care and caregivers.

Those who have completed high school or higher education and those who have graduated from training schools designated by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare and in addition, those who are engaged in personal carerelated occupation for 3 years or longer can become certified care workers upon registration after passing the State Examination for Certified Care Workers.

#### How to Become a Certified Care Worker



Note: Figures in brackets represent the number of training courses as of April 1, 2009

#### **Detailed Information 1**

# Results of the State Examinations for Certified Social Workers and Certified Care Workers

| Classification          | Certified social workers |                                  |           | Certified care workers |                                  |           |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
|                         | Number of applicants     | Number of swuccessful applicants | Pass rate | Number of applicants   | Number of swuccessful applicants | Pass rate |
| The 21th exam. (FY2008) | 46, 099                  | 13, 436                          | 29. 1%    | 130, 830               | 67, 993                          | 52.0%     |

Source: Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW

# Detailed Information 2 Numbers of Those Who Were Qualified as Certified Social Workers and Certified Care Workers

|         | Certified social |          | Certified care workers |                   |  |  |  |
|---------|------------------|----------|------------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
|         | workers          |          | State examination      | Training facility |  |  |  |
| FY 2008 | 109, 158         | 729, 700 | 488, 548               | 241, 152          |  |  |  |

Source: Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW

Note: The numbers represent those who are registered at the end of February.