

Certified Social Workers and Certified Care Workers

Overview

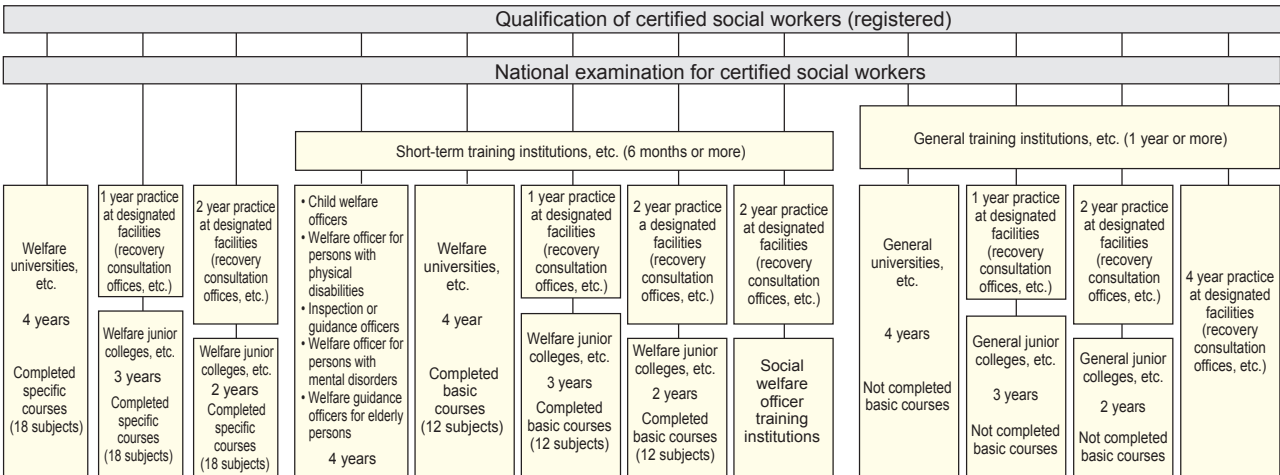
Outline of Certified Social Workers and Certified Care Workers

[Certified social workers]

A social worker denotes a person with specialized knowledge and skills that has the right to exclusively use that title in providing anyone facing difficulties in leading their daily lives due to physical/mental disabilities or environmental reasons with advice, guidance, and welfare services, or engaging in the business of enabling communication/adjustments with and providing assistance to doctors, anyone providing health and medical services, and any other relevant professionals.

Those who have studied the social welfare related subjects designated by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare at universities, etc. and have passed the national examination for certified social workers can become certified social workers upon registration.

Acquisition of a Certified Social Worker Qualification

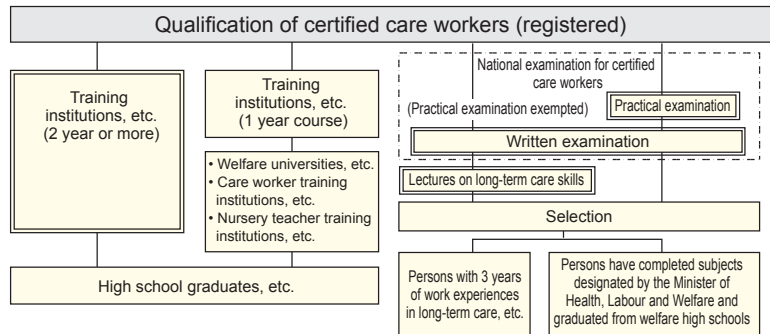


[Certified care workers]

A social worker denotes a person with specialized knowledge and skills that has the right to exclusively use that title in providing anyone facing difficulties in leading their daily lives due to physical/mental disabilities with long-term care services, and also provide them and their caregivers with guidance on long-term care.

Graduates of high schools or higher education who have graduated from training institutions designated by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare or who have engaged in long-term care work, etc. for 3 years or more and have passed the national examination for certified care workers can become certified care workers upon registration.

Acquisition of a Certified Care Worker Qualification



Detailed Data 1

Results of National Examination for Certified Social/Care Workers

Category	Certified social workers			Certified care workers		
	Number of applicants	Number of successful applicants	Pass rate	Number of applicants	Number of successful applicants	Pass rate
22th Examination (FY2009)	43,631	11,989	27.5%	153,811	77,251	50.2%

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

Detailed Data 2

Number of Persons Qualified as Certified Social/Care Workers

FY	Certified social workers	Certified care workers	Total	
			National examination	Training institutions
FY2010	134,066	898,429	632,566	265,863

Source: Social Welfare and War Victims' Relief Bureau, MHLW
(Note) Those registered as of the end of September