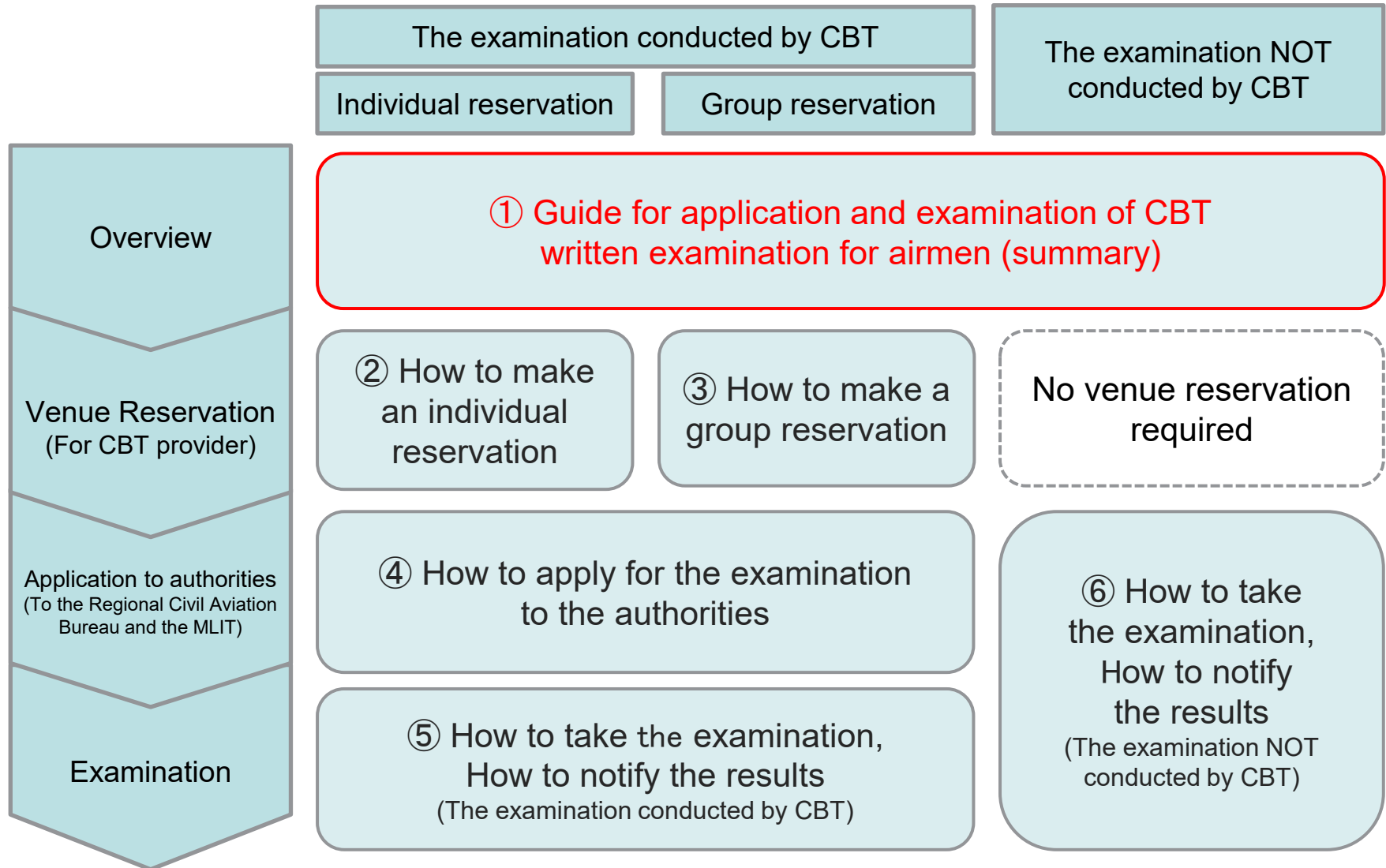


① Guide for application and examination of CBT written examination for airmen (summary)

FY2025

Personnel Licensing Policy Office, JCAB



- Since the November 2023 term, the written examination* for airmen has been changed to CBT (Computer Based Testing).
 - * The applying for the practical examination remains the same as before.
- The CBT is an examination format in which candidates reserve a venue that suits their schedule from a set period (approximately 10 days) and a set venue, and take the examination.
- The CBT is expected to increase opportunities to take the examination, including flexible options for the dates, but there will be some changes to the application procedures.



CBT examination site



Overall view of the examination site



Expansion of the venue

- Everyone can take the examination at venues across the country.
- Venue with individual booths to ensure infection control.



Examination opportunities increase

- Candidates can choose their own examination date.
- Quick and easy response in the event of a disaster.
(If you are suddenly unable to take the examination, it is possible to take the rescheduled examination in the near future.)



Taking multiple examinations at the same time

- Ability to take multiple examinations (e.g. commercial pilot and instrument flight certification) during the same examination period.



Efficient Scoring

- The preliminary result will be announced after the examination.
* The preliminary result is not the official result.

Conducted by CBT / NOT Conducted by CBT

- The examinations for which a certain number of examinees are expected are generally be converted to the computer-based system.
- The examinations NOT conducted by computer are held twice a year at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, at a date and time designated by the authorities.

* For information on how to take the examinations for certifications that do not support CBT, please refer to “6. How to take the examination and how to be notified of results (The examination NOT conducted by CBT)”.

	Conducted by CBT (6 times a year at each CBT venue)	NOT conducted by CBT (2 times a year at the MLIT)
ATPL	Aeroplane, Rotorcraft	Airship
MPL	○	
CPL	Aeroplane, Rotorcraft, Glider (except as noted on the right)	Glider (when taking the English language test for the law section), Airship
PPL	Aeroplane, Rotorcraft, Glider (except as noted on the right)	Glider (when taking the English language test for the law section), Airship
First class flight navigator		○
Second class flight navigator		○
Flight engineer		○
Flight radiotelephone operator	○	
Flight Dispatcher	○ (except as noted on the right)	(When taking the English language test for the law section)

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	Conducted by CBT (6 times a year at each CBT venue)	NOT conducted by CBT (2 times a year at the MLIT)
First class aircraft maintenance technician	Aeroplane (except as noted on the right), Rotorcraft (except as noted on the right)	Aeroplane (only when taking the English test), Rotorcraft (only when taking the English test)
Second class aircraft maintenance technician	Aeroplane, Rotorcraft, Glider	Airship
First class aircraft line maintenance technician	Aeroplane, Rotorcraft	
Second class aircraft line maintenance technician	Aeroplane, Rotorcraft, Glider	Airship
Aircraft overhaul technician	Aircraft structure related, aircraft equipment related, turbine engine related, instrumentation related, electronic accessories related, electrical equipment related, wireless communication equipment related	Piston engine related, propeller related
Aviation English Proficiency Certification	○	
Instrument Flight Certification	○	
Flight Instructor Certification	○ (except as noted on the right)	(When taking the general English flight training exam due to an external cut)

	Before CBT	After CBT
Number of attempts	2 to 6 times a year <small>* Varies depending on qualifications</small>	All qualifications 6 times a year <small>* Excluding qualifications that are not CBT-based</small>
Examination Period	• Held on odd-numbered months • <u>1-2 days</u>	• June to March • The examination period is about <u>10 days</u>
Venue	2 to 8 venues <small>* Varies depending on exam period</small>	<u>Approximately 260 venues</u> <small>* At least one in each prefecture * The Aviation English Proficiency Certification examination can be taken at at some venues.</small>
Procedure flow	<div><div></div><div>① Submit an application to the authorities</div><div>② Take the examination</div><div>③ Receiving notification of results</div></div>	<div><div>① The venue reservation and payment of delivery costs</div><div>② Submit an application to the authorities</div><div>③ Take the examination</div><div>④ Receiving notification of results</div></div>
Examination Fee	5,600 yen	From 7,700 yen ~

The CBT Examination Schedule

- A total of 6 examinations will be conducted in one year.
- For each period, candidates can select their preferred date and venue from a schedule of about 10 days, and make a reservation and application.

<The CBT examination schedule>

	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
The examination Period												
	Preparation Period * The system construction, etc.		1st (Early Jun. to Mid-Jun.)	2nd (Mid-Jul. to Late Jul.)		3rd (Mid Sep. to Late Sep.)		4th (Mid Nov. to Late Nov.)		5th (Mid Jan. to Late Jan.)		6th (Early Mar. to Mid Mar.)

- About 260 venues nationwide (At least one in each prefecture).

* As of March 2025, may vary slightly depending on the examination period.

In addition, since different test sites hold the examination at different frequencies, it is possible that some sites may not hold the examination during the examination period.

*In FY2025, the listening examination will be held at a limited number of venues.

- A site listing available the venues : [CBT provider's website](#)

【 Maximum number of venues in each prefecture (planned) 】

Hokkaido	14	Saitama	12	Gifu	5	Tottori	4	Saga	4
Aomori	4	Chiba	9	Shizuoka	4	Shimane	3	Nagasaki	3
Iwate	2	Tokyo	25	Aichi	12	Okayama	3	Kumamoto	2
Miyagi	5	Kanagawa	14	Mie	2	Hiroshima	5	Oita	2
Akita	4	Niigata	6	Shiga	1	Yamaguchi	4	Miyazaki	3
Yamagata	6	Toyama	3	Kyoto	6	Tokushima	2	Kagoshima	6
Fukushima	5	Ishikawa	5	Osaka	16	Kagawa	2	Okinawa	6
Ibaraki	4	Fukui	3	Hyogo	6	Ehime	3		
Tochigi	4	Yamanashi	3	Nara	3	Kochi	1		
Gunma	4	Nagano	6	Wakayama	3	Fukuoka	12	Total	261

The Examination Time

◆ Pilot, etc.

Qualifications	Subject	Examination time
ATPL	Navigation	40 min
	Aviation Act	40 min
	Weather	40 min
	Engineering	40 min
	Aviation communication	40 min
CPL	Navigation	40 min
	Aviation Act	40 min
	Weather	40 min
	Engineering	40 min
	Aviation communication	40 min
PPL	Navigation	40 min
	Aviation Act	40 min
	Weather	40 min
	Engineering	40 min
	Aviation communication	40 min
Flight radiotelephone operator	Structure of airplane	20 min
	Navigation	40 min
	Aviation Act	40 min
	Weather	40 min
	Aviation communication	40 min
Flight Dispatcher	Navigation	40 min
	Aviation Act	40 min
	Weather	40 min
	Engineering	40 min
	Aviation communication	40 min
	Facilities	20 min
Instrument Flight Certification	Instrument flight certification	40 min
Flight Instructor Certification	Flight instructor certification	80 min
Aviation English Language Proficiency Certificate	Aviation English Language Proficiency Certificate	40 min

◆ Technician

Qualifications	Subject	Examination time
First class aircraft maintenance technician	Aviation Act	40 min
	Airframe	80 min
	Engine	80 min
	Accessory	80 min
Second class aircraft maintenance technician	Aviation Act	40 min
	Airframe	60 min
	Engine	60 min
	Accessory	60 min
First class aircraft line maintenance technician	Aviation Act	40 min
	Airframe	60 min
	Engine	50 min
Second class aircraft line maintenance technician	Aviation Act	40 min
	Airframe	60 min
	Engine	50 min
Aircraft overhaul technician	Aviation Act	40 min
	Engineering	60 min
	Special subject	70 min

- While the opportunity to take the examination has expanded with the change to CBT, the total examination fee will increase in accordance with the number of subjects due to the cost of distribution by the CBT provider in addition to the previous fee (5,600 yen*1).

【 Total examination fees for each qualification (including tax)*2】

◆Pilot, etc.

Qualifications	Type	Fees (Total)	
		CBT provider	MLIT
ATPL	Aeroplane	11,550	5,600
	Rotorcraft	11,550	
	Switching a foreign license	2,310	
MPL	Aeroplane	11,550	
	Switching a foreign license	2,310	
CPL	Aeroplane	11,550	
	Rotorcraft	11,550	
	Glider (Motor Glider)	11,550	
	Glider (Soaring Glider)	9,240	
	Switching a foreign license (Airplane/Rotorcraft/Airship)	2,310	
PPL	Aeroplane	11,550	
	Rotorcraft	11,550	
	Glider (Motor Glider)	11,550	
	Glider (Soaring Glider)	9,240	
	Switching a foreign license (Airplane/Rotorcraft/Airship)	2,310	
Flight radiotelephone operator	—	11,550	
Aviation English Language Proficiency Certificate		2,310	22,600
Instrument Flight Certification		2,310	5,600
Flight Instructor Certification		2,310	
Flight Dispatcher		13,860	

※ 1 Excluding Aviation English Language Proficiency Certificate.

※ 2 Examination fee for taking all subjects. If there are subject exemptions, the fee is reduced by the amount of the examination time.

◆ Technician

Qualifications	Type	Fees (Total)	
		CBT provider	MLIT
First class aircraft maintenance technician	Aeroplane	9,240	5,600
	Rotorcraft	9,240	
	Switching a foreign license	2,310	
Second class aircraft maintenance technician	Aeroplane (Turbine・Piston)	9,240	
	Rotorcraft (Turbine・Piston)	9,240	
	Glider (Motor Glider)	6,930	
	Glider (Soaring Glider)	4,620	
First class aircraft line maintenance technician	Switching a foreign license	2,310	
	Aeroplane	6,930	
	Rotorcraft	6,930	
Second class aircraft line maintenance technician	Switching a foreign license	2,310	
	Aeroplane (Turbine・Piston)	6,930	
	Rotorcraft (Turbine・Piston)	6,930	
	Glider (Motor Glider)	6,930	
Aircraft Overhaul Technician	Glider (Soaring Glider)	4,620	
	Switching a foreign license	2,310	
	Air frame structure-related knowledge	6,930	
	Air frame accessory-related knowledge	6,930	
	Turbine engine-related knowledge	6,930	
	Instrument-related knowledge	6,930	
	Electronic accessory-related knowledge	6,930	
	Electrical accessory-related knowledge	6,930	
	Wireless radio-related knowledge	6,930	
Switching a foreign license		2,310	10

The CBT Examination Schedule for FY2025 (1st to 3rd Sessions)

【 Exam schedule and subjects 】

* **Already published on our website. Please submit group applications to the authorities in accordance with the procedures of regional bureaus.**

○ FY2025 First Schedule

CBT venue reservation period: April 21st (Mon.) – May 15th (Thu.)

The application acceptance date (postmark valid): May 7th (Wed.) – May 15th (Thu.)

The examination period: May 29th (Thu.) – June 7th (Sat.)

○ FY2025 2nd Schedule

CBT venue reservation period: June 12th (Thu.) – July 8th (Tue.)

The application acceptance date (postmark valid): June 30th (Mon.) – July 8th (Tue./.)

The examination period: July 19th (Sat.) – July 29th (Tue.)

○ FY2025 3rd Schedule

CBT venue reservation period: August 5th (Tue.) – September 1st (Mon.)

The application acceptance date (postmark valid): August 22nd (Fri.) – September 1st (Mon.)

The examination period: September 12th (Fri.) – September 23rd (Tue.)

The CBT Examination Schedule for FY2025 (4th to 6th Sessions)

【 Exam schedule and subjects 】

* **Already published on our website. Please submit group applications to the authorities in accordance with the procedures of regional bureaus.**

○ FY2025 4th Schedule

CBT venue reservation period: September 30th (Tue.) – October 23rd (Thu.)

The application acceptance date (postmark valid): October 15th (Wed.) – October 23rd (Thu.)

The examination period: November 6th (Thu.) – November 15th (Sat.)

○ FY2025 5th Schedule

CBT venue reservation period: November 20th (Thu.) – December 17th (Wed.)

The application acceptance date (postmark valid): December 9th (Tue.) – December 17th (Wed.)

The examination period: January 7th (Wed.) – January 17th (Sat.)

○ FY2025 6th Schedule

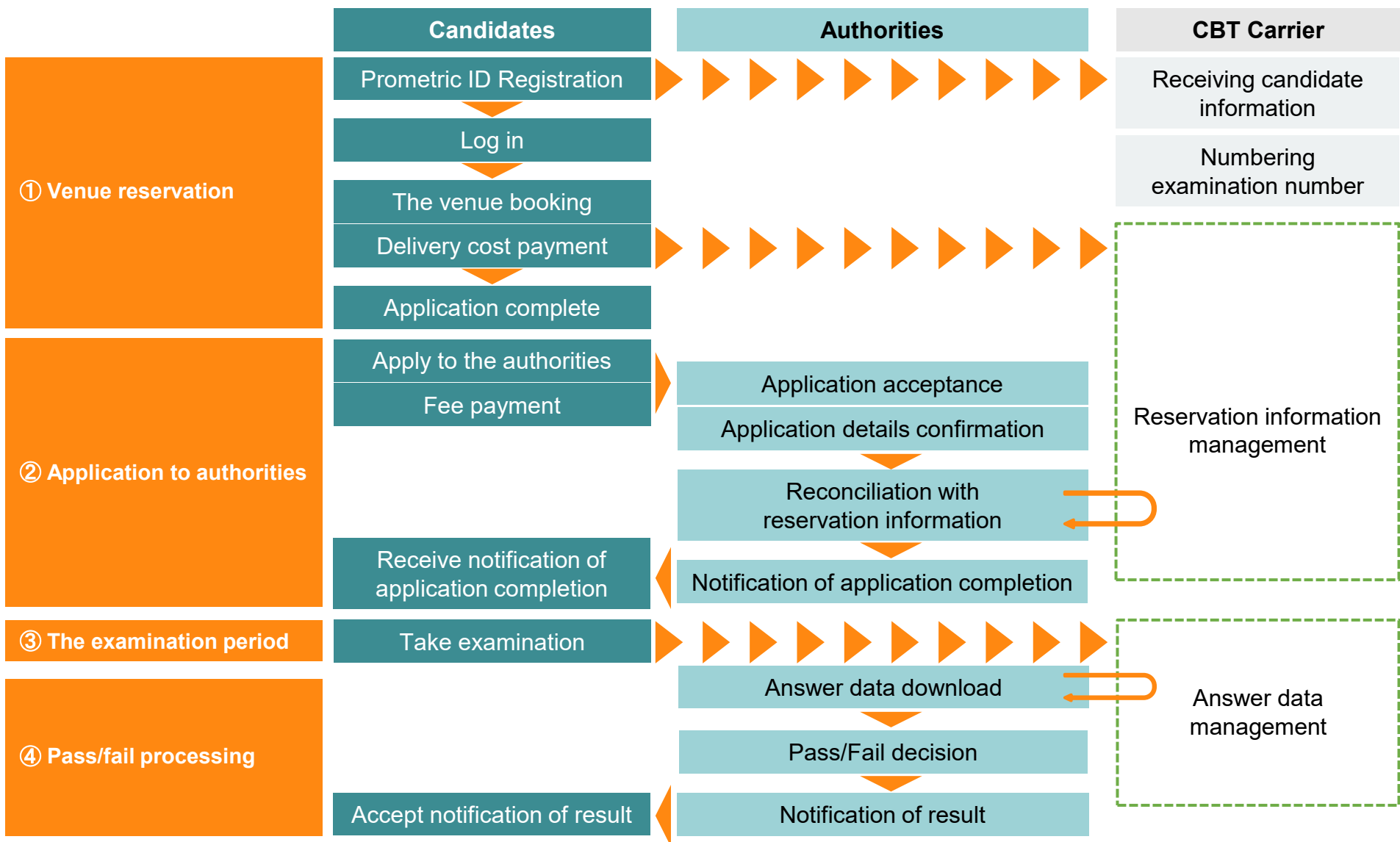
CBT venue reservation period: January 22nd (Thu.) – February 17th (Tue.)

The application acceptance date (postmark valid): February 6th (Fri.) – February 17th (Tue.)

The examination period: March 3rd (Tue.) – March 12th (Thu.)

The CBT Examination Operation Method in 2025

Application ~ Examination ~ Notification of result



Both ① Venue reservation and ② Application to authorities (Form 19) must be made!