

Kyushu University Rules for Use of Computer Systems for Research Purposes of Research Institute for Information Technology

Kyushu University Rule No. 127 of 2004

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(Purpose)

Article 1 These Rules shall provide for necessary matters relevant to the use of the supercomputer system for nationwide shared use and other computer systems that the Kyushu University Research Institute for Information Technology (hereinafter referred to as "RIIT") manages and operates (hereinafter these computer systems are referred to as "Computer Systems for Research Purposes"), pursuant to the provisions of Article 6 of the Regulations for Kyushu University Research Institute for Information Technology (Kyushu University Regulation No. 143 of 2004).

(Scope of Use)

Article 2 Computer Systems for Research Purposes are allowed to be used for academic research; provided, however, that they may be allowed to be used for education and social contribution, etc. as long as this does not interfere with their use for academic research.

(Eligibility of Users)

Article 3 The persons set forth in the following items are eligible to use Computer Systems for Research Purposes:

- (i) faculty members and students of universities, colleges of technology, or inter-university research institutes;
- (ii) research staff affiliated with incorporated administrative agencies (excluding the organizations prescribed in the preceding item);
- (iii) people who are affiliated with research institutes for academic research approved by the Director of RIIT (hereinafter referred to as the "Director") and who engage exclusively in research activities;
- (iv) people who carry out academic research while receiving competitive research funds (excluding such funds for which Kyushu University does not allow application or acceptance);
- (v) people who are affiliated with private companies, etc. and approved by the Director through the screening by a screening body specified separately (excluding those falling under the preceding two items); and
- (vi) other people whom the Director especially deems appropriate.

(Approval for Use)

Article 4 (1) A person who seeks to use Computer Systems for Research Purposes or the representative referred to in the following Article (hereinafter referred to as an "applicant, etc.") must file an application as prescribed with the Director and obtain approval from the Director.

(2) Having approved the use of Computer Systems for Research Purposes, the Director is to notify the applicant, etc. of the approval with assigned user account.

(3) The user account referred to in the preceding paragraph is valid for not more than one year and the period of validity may not continue beyond the relevant business year.

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(4) When filing an application under paragraph (1), an applicant, etc. must notify the Director of a person who is responsible for payment of expenses specified in Article 10 (hereinafter referred to as the "Person Responsible for Payment").

(Blanket Approval)

Article 4-2 (1) The Director may grant blanket approval to a person who represents multiple persons seeking to use Computer Systems for Research Purposes (hereinafter referred to as the "representative"), to allow all these persons to use the systems, when the Director finds this necessary.

(2) Having received the approval referred to in the preceding paragraph, the representative is to provide the user account, which the representative has been notified of pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (2) of the preceding Article, to the other people seeking to use Computer Systems for Research Purposes covered by the blanket approval. In this case, the representative must report to the Director the names, affiliations, and other matters specified by the Director regarding the people to whom the user account is provided.

(Change of Use)

Article 5 (1) If a person who is approved to use Computer Systems for Research Purposes (hereinafter referred to as a "user") seeks to change the content of, or withdraw, the application referred to in Article 4, the user must notify the Director of this promptly.

(2) Having received the notification referred to in the preceding paragraph, the Director is to notify the user of the receipt.

(Extension of Business Year of Use)

Article 6 (1) A user may extend the business year of use of Computer Systems for Research Purposes.

(2) The provisions of Article 4, paragraphs (1) and (2) apply mutatis mutandis to the procedure and other matters in the case referred to in the preceding paragraph.

(Prohibition of Use for Other Purpose)

Article 7 A user may not use, or have a third party use, the user account assigned thereto, for purposes other than those relating to the application for use.

(Responsibility of Users)

Article 8 When using Computer Systems for Research Purposes, a user must comply with these Rules.

(Report)

Article 9 (1) If a user finishes or suspends the use of Computer Systems for Research Purposes, the user must notify the Director of this promptly and report the results of the use to the Director.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the Director may request a user to report the developments of use if necessary, even during the period of use of Computer Systems for Research Purposes.

(3) If a user publishes the results of research conducted with the use of Computer Systems for Research Purposes in the form of a research paper, etc., the user is to clearly indicate in the research paper, etc. that RIIT was used, and report the Director about the publication.

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(Payment of Expenses)

Article 10 (1) A person who has been designated as a person responsible for payment under Article 4 must pay expenses incurred for the use of Computer Systems for Research Purposes by a user, as specified in Appended Table 1; provided, however, that if the user is a person prescribed in Article 3, paragraph (1), item (v), the user must pay the expenses as specified for the type of research with results disclosed in Appended Table 2 if the results of use are to be disclosed, or as specified for the type of research with results undisclosed in Appended Table 2 if the results of use are not to be disclosed.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the person responsible for payment or the user may be exempt from payment of the whole or part of expenses if the Director specially permits.

(3) The expenses payable as prescribed in paragraph (1) (hereinafter referred to as the "charges") must be paid by the reallocation of expenses or by money transfer to the account designated by Kyushu University, by the prescribed due date.

(4) The charges that have been paid pursuant to the preceding paragraph are not to be refunded in principle.

(Revocation of Approval for Use)

Article 11 If a user violates these Rules or other provisions based on these Rules or otherwise seriously interferes with the operation of RIIT, the Director may revoke the approval for use or suspend the use of RIIT for a certain period.

(Discharge)

Article 12 RIIT provides Computer Systems for Research Purposes to users in the best possible manner, but takes on no responsibility or burden for any damage sustained by users from the use of Computer Systems for Research Purposes or any other damage sustained in relation to Computer Systems for Research Purposes.

(Compensation for Damage)

Article 13 If a user, intentionally or by gross negligence, causes damage to or loss of any facilities or equipment of RIIT, the user must, without delay, compensate for such damage or restore the relevant facilities or equipment to the original state.

(Suspension of Use)

Article 14 RIIT may suspend the use of Computer Systems for Research Purposes without prior notice to users due to the failure of Computer Systems for Research Purposes or any other unavoidable circumstances.

(Delegation)

Article 15 Beyond what is provided in these Rules, necessary matters relevant to the use of Computer Systems for Research Purposes are specified by the Director separately.

Supplementary Provisions

These Rules come into effect as of April 1, 2004.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Rule No. 159 of 2004)

These Rules come into effect as of April 1, 2005.

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Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Rule No. 69 of 2005)

These Rules come into effect as of April 1, 2006.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Rule No. 139 of 2006)

These Rules come into effect as of April 1, 2007.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Rule No. 3 of 2007)

These Rules come into effect as of June 1, 2007.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Rule No. 65 of 2007)

These Rules come into effect as of April 1, 2008.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Rule No. 1 of 2008)

These Rules come into effect as of May 1, 2008.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Rule No. 24 of 2009)

These Rules come into effect as of July 1, 2009.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Rule No. 81 of 2010)

These Rules come into effect as of December 9, 2010, and the provisions of the Rules for Use of Computer Systems for Research Purposes of Kyushu University Research Institute for Information Technology as amended start to apply as of June 1, 2010.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Rule No. 143 of 2010)

These Rules come into effect as of April 1, 2011; provided, however, that in the Rules for Use of Computer Systems for Research Purposes of Kyushu University Research Institute for Information Technology as amended, the amendment provisions to add a column for the high-performance computing server (PRIMERGY RX200 S6) in Appended Tables 1 and 2 come into effect as of June 1, 2011.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Rule No. 14 of 2012)

These Rules come into effect as of September 10, 2012.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Rule No. 44 of 2013)

These Rules come into effect as of November 1, 2013.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Rule No. 113 of 2013)

These Rules come into effect as of April 1, 2014.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Rule No. 52 of 2017)

These Rules come into effect as of November 17, 2017.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Rule No. 37 of 2019)

These Rules come into effect as of October 1, 2019.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Rule No. 64 of 2023)

These Rules come into effect as of April 1, 2024.

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Appended Table 1 (Re.: Article 10)

	Basic charge	Node Group A	Node Group B	Node Group C	Additional storage	High-speed storage
Shared type	¥130 (monthly)	30 pt per node-time product	120 pt per node-time product	40 pt per GPU-time product	10 TB: ¥1,300 (monthly)	10 TB: ¥4,200 (monthly)
Fixed type		1 core: ¥150 (monthly)	1 core: ¥650 (monthly)	1 GPU: ¥23,000 (monthly)		
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The amounts indicated above include consumption tax.- Even if the period of use is less than one month, the monthly charge for the relevant month is required (daily pro-rata calculation does not apply).- The basic charge covers the right to use 1 TB of storage.- The charge corresponding to the points necessary for the use of the shared type is ¥1,000 per 1,000 pt, and points can be obtained in units of 1,000 pt. Points are consumed for each node group depending on the hours of use and the amount of resources used.- Points are valid within six months from the beginning of the month in which they are issued. The period of validity of points continues until the last day of the business year in which the points are issued, at the maximum.- No refund is made for unused points.					

Appended Table 2 (Re.: Article 10)

Appendix Table 2 (continued)							
		Basic charge	Node Group A	Node Group B	Node Group C	Additional storage	High-speed storage
Results disclosed	Shared type	¥260 (monthly)	60 pt per node-time product	240 pt per node-time product	80 pt per GPU-time product	10 TB: ¥2,600 (monthly)	10 TB: ¥8,400 (monthly)
	Fixed type		1 core: ¥300 (monthly)	1 core: ¥1,300 (monthly)	1 GPU: ¥46,000 (monthly)		
Results undisclosed	Shared type	¥520 (monthly)	120 pt per node-time product	480 pt per node-time product	160 pt per GPU-time product	10 TB: ¥5,200 (monthly)	10 TB: ¥16,800 (monthly)
	Fixed type		1 core: ¥600 (monthly)	1 core: ¥2,600 (monthly)	1 GPU: ¥92,000 (monthly)		
Notes	<div>- The amounts indicated above include consumption tax.</div> <div>- Even if the period of use is less than one month, the monthly charge for the relevant month is required (daily pro-rata calculation does not apply).</div> <div>- The basic charge covers the right to use 1 TB of storage.</div>						

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The charge corresponding to the points necessary for the use of the shared type is ¥1,000 per 1,000 pt, and points can be obtained in units of 1,000 pt. Points are consumed for each node group depending on the hours of use and the amount of resources used. - Points are valid within six months from the beginning of the month in which they are issued. The period of validity of points continues until the last day of the business year in which the points are issued, at the maximum. - No refund is made for unused points. - The distinction between the type of research with results disclosed and the type of research with results undisclosed is specified by Internal Rules of the Kyushu University Research Institute for Information Technology concerning the Private Use of Computer Systems for Research Purposes.
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