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Our aim is to educate midwives to be capable of providing woman-centred care with response to the needs of the age.

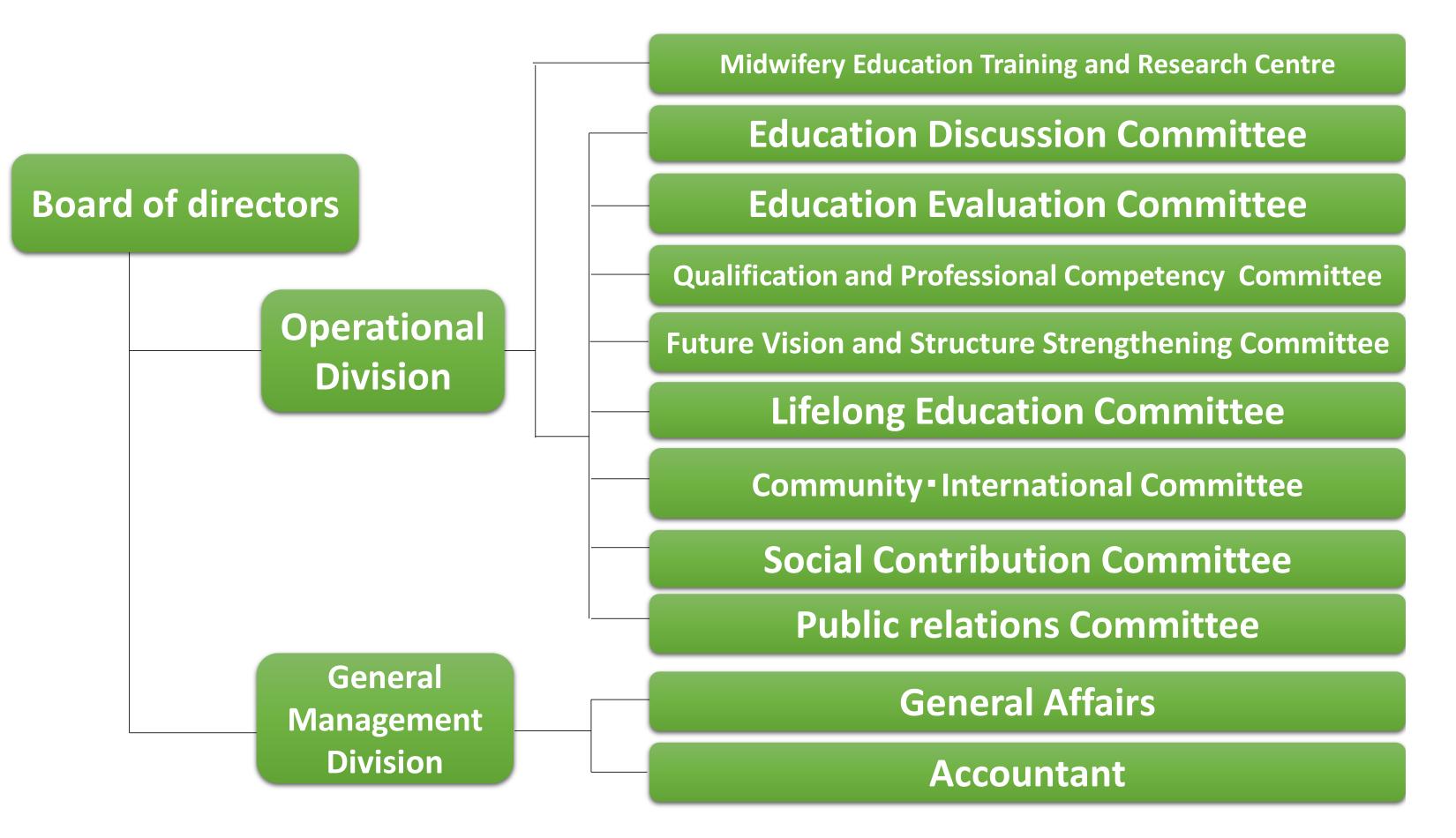
Objectives:

- 1. Supporting women and the families to have safe and comfortable birth.
- 2. Improving the quality of midwifery education
- 3. Providing education for qualified midwives
- 4. Cooperate with women giving birth in order to improve their health and education.

The Society has 8 committees and the members' opinions are taken up through the regional leaders meetings which are attended by leaders who come from 7 regions all over Japan.

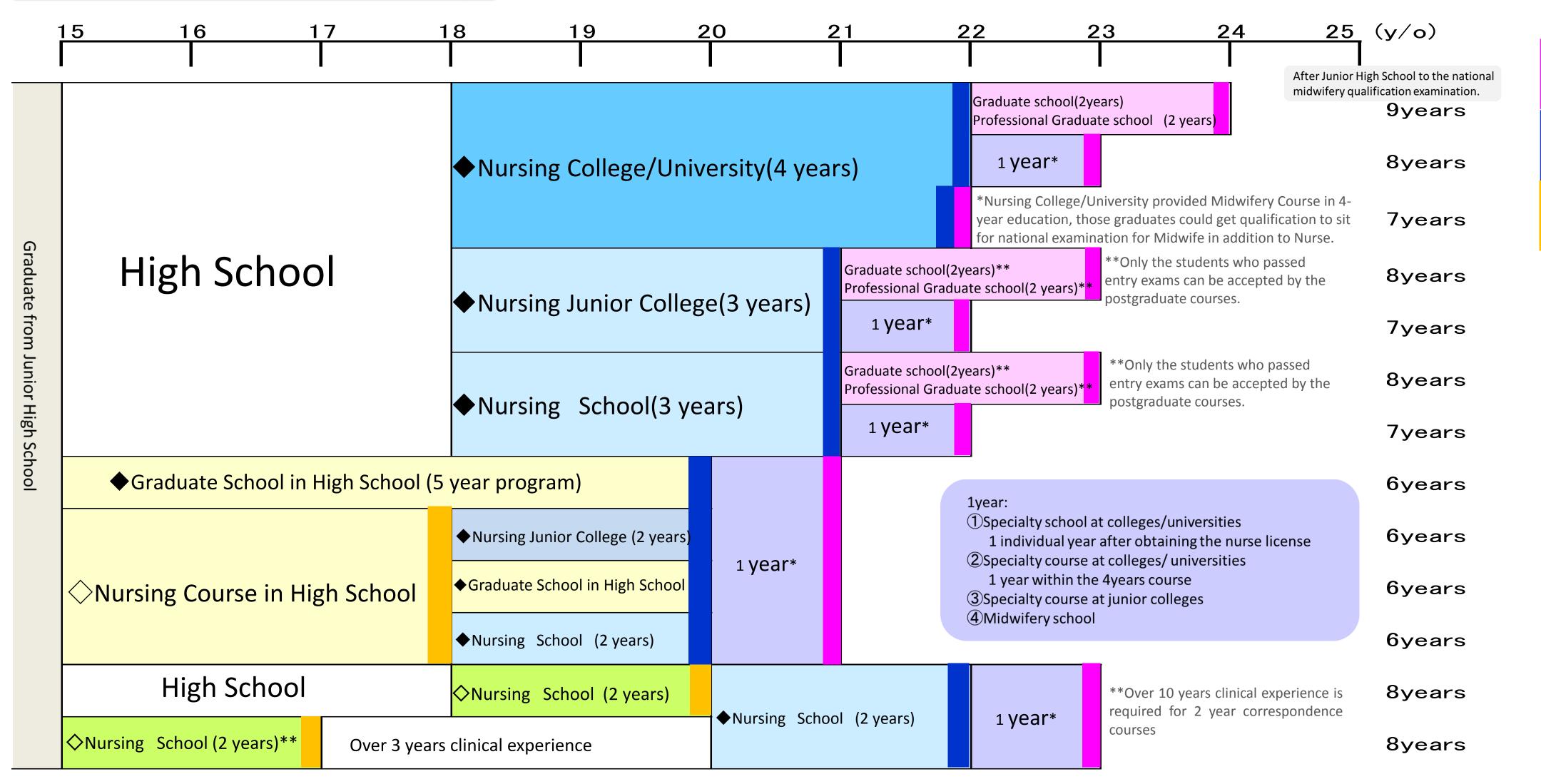
System Structure of the Society

The Committee members are selected from representatives of educational institutions and individual members of the Society.



Activities to improve the quality of midwifery education • to provide environment
Activities to provide study days for people who are in midwifery education.
Networking with institutes which provide midwifery education and international networking with other associated organisations.

How to become a midwife in Japan



National Examination for Registered Midwives

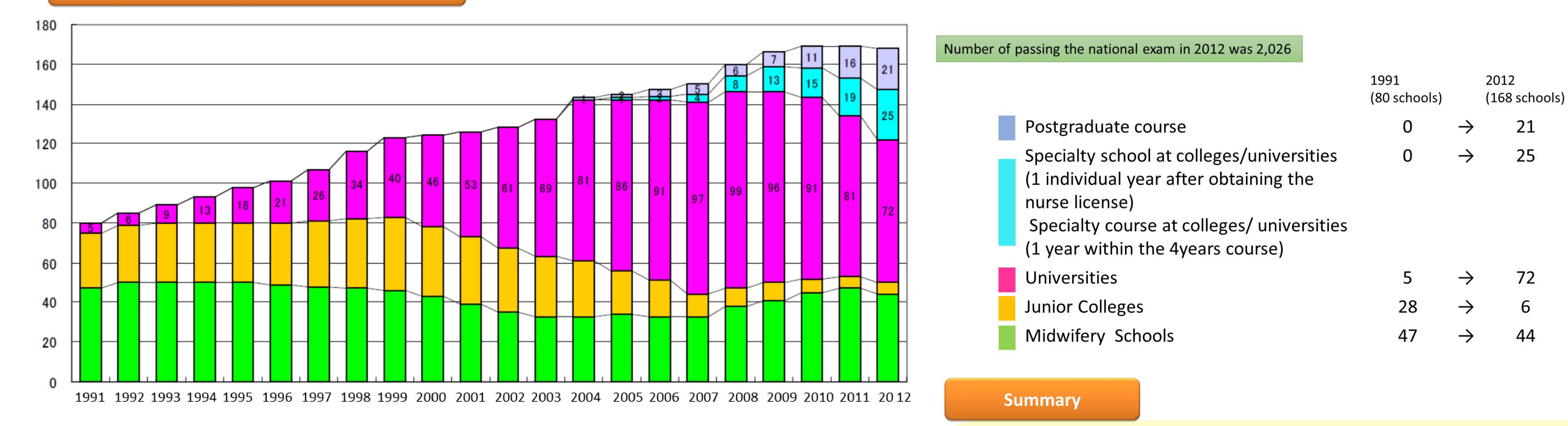
National Examination for Registered Nurses

- Examination for State Enrolled Nurses *Qualification of Enrolled Nurses are regulated by states rather than national level.
- Certified Training Courses for Nurses

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- ✓ There is no direct-entry program in Japan.
- ✓ Midwifery education in postgraduate level started in 2004.
- We are concerned about the length of midwifery education in Japan as one year which is only a half of the global standard.
- We believe that the types of programs to become a midwife are too many at present.

The number of midwifery educational institutions



Japan's Ministry of education, culture, sports, science and technology



There are excessively complicated education pathways for would-be midwives in Japan. That is because an applicant for a midwife license is required to have acquired certification as a nurse, which is provided at too many different institutions such as college, university, or training school. This prerequisite deprives midwife applicants of the time they need for more appropriate midwife education. They are eligible if they have at least a one-year midwife education programme, while the ICM global education standards say the minimum length of a postnursing programme is eighteen months. JSME is redoubling its effort to create a system in accordance with ICM standards.