

Review Rules for the Journal of Japan Association for Earthquake Engineering

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1. Objective

These rules shall apply to review of submitted manuscripts to the Journal that is provided by Article 4, Paragraph 1, Item 3 in the articles of the Japan Association for Earthquake Engineering (JAEE).

2. Reviews According to the Submitted Category

Submitted manuscripts shall be reviewed according to the submitted category as per Article 3 of the Submission Rules for the Journal of JAEE.

3. Review Criteria

Submitted manuscripts that do not have political or commercial intent shall qualify for review.

3.1 Decision for Technical Papers/Technical Reports

For Technical Papers and Technical Reports, the decision shall be made in the following four types.

- (1) Accepted: Some wording or minor corrections are needed, but it is possible to publish it almost in its present form.
- (2) Conditionally accepted: Some corrections are needed to publish (such as correcting obvious wording or stylistic issues, or adding explanations), but a second peer review is not required.
- (3) Second review required: Corrections are needed to publish, and a second peer review is required to assess whether appropriate corrections have been made before determining its acceptance.
- (4) Rejected:
 - i) Technical Papers: It lacks novelty, originality, usefulness, reliability, possibility for further development, and/or others.
 - ii) Technical Reports: It lacks novelty, usefulness, reliability, and/or others.

3.2 Decision for Technical Notes, Discussions, Overviews/Invited Papers

For Technical Notes, Discussions, Review Papers/Invited Papers, the decision shall be made in the following three types.

- (1) Accepted: It is possible to publish in its present form.

- (2) Conditionally accepted: Some wording or minor corrections are needed.
- (3) Rejected:
- i) Technical Notes: It lacks usefulness or reliability.
 - ii) Discussions: Its content of the discussion is inappropriate, or significantly lacks objectivity.
 - iii) Review Papers/Invited Papers: Its content deviates from the theme of the special issue, or includes extremely biased experiences or opinions.

Table: Submission Categories and Decision Type

Submission Category	Outcome			
	Accepted	Conditionally accepted	Second review required	Rejected
Technical Papers, Technical Reports	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Technical Notes, Discussions, Review Papers/ Invited Papers	Applicable	Applicable	Not applicable	Applicable

Supplementary Rules

- 1) These rules shall be effective upon approval of JAEE as a public interest incorporated association by the Prime Minister.
- 2) The approval date is May 1, 2013.
- 3) Revisions approved by the Board on October 10, 2019 shall be effective starting November 1, 2019.