

Japan's Whole-of-Government Regulatory Sandbox — 29 Projects Tested Outside Existing Rules Since 2018

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Quality score: 60/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Since 2018, Japan's whole-of-government regulatory sandbox has let firms trial AI, fintech and mobility innovations under supervised exemptions. By March 2023, 29 projects had been approved — modest throughput for a now-permanent national mechanism.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability beyond pilot	3/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

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Data sources

[Evidoria practice page](#) — accessed 2026-08-01

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