

Transfer your country's license to a Japanese driver's license

A driver's license issued in a foreign country can be switched into a Japanese driver's license at the Okayama Prefectural Driver's License Center.



One of the following three valid driver's licenses is required to drive a car / motorcycles in Japan:

1. Japanese driver's license
2. International driving permit (issued by the countries who signed the 1949 Geneva Conventions and is in the official format)
3. Foreign driver's license issued in the following countries with a Japanese translation certified by the embassy of your country, etc.:
(7 countries and areas: Estonia, Switzerland, Germany, France, Belgium, Monaco and Taiwan)

*** Regarding 2. and 3., the permit is valid for a maximum of one year.**

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Qualifications

- ① The applicant's foreign driver's license must be valid. (Expired licenses cannot be transferred.)
- ② The applicant must be able to prove that he or she stayed in the issuing country for at least three months in total after obtaining the license.
- ③ Satisfy conditions stipulated by the Road Traffic Act, such as age, visual acuity, etc.

Requirements

- Valid foreign driver's license
- Japanese translation of the license (Issued by specified authorities such as the embassy of the issuing country in Japan, JAF and others)
- An official copy of "Jumin-Hyo" or Certificate of Residence with your nationality or registered domicile (An unofficial copy or one including personal identification number is not accepted.)
- Identity verification documents (Passport, residence card, etc.)
- Documents proving the length of your stay in the issuing country as described above ② (Entry and exit certificate, passports including previous ones, etc.)
- Current and expired Japanese driver's license(s), if any
- Applicant's photograph (3cmH x 2.4cmW)
- Commission fees

STEP 1

Make an appointment for a preliminary document check



STEP 2

Documents check and questionnaires
(You are advised to bring an interpreter if you don't speak Japanese.)

STEP 3

Make an appointment for exams

STEP 4

Paper test (Traffic rule knowledge check),
Eyesight and color vision test



STEP 5

Driving skill check (Drive an actual vehicle on a closed course at the center.)



STEP 6

Issuance of the Japanese driver's license



If you have any questions regarding above matters or to make an appointment, please contact Okayama Prefectural Driver's License Center directly. (Japanese-language only)

Reservation & Contact

Okayama Prefectural Driver's License Center

TEL: 086-724-2200 (Mon~Fri 8:30~17:00)

To Inquire Japanese Translation of the Documents

JAF Okayama Branch

TEL086-273-0710 (Mon~Fri 9:00~17:30)

Okayama pref.
Website



POLICE Metropolitan
Police Department
Website



JAF
Website
Japanese



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Website
English

