

Information on transferring a driver's license from outside Japan to a Japanese license

You may apply for a Japanese driver's license if you meet the following conditions:

- your foreign driver's license is valid at present.
- after obtaining your foreign driver's license, you stayed in the country where the license was issued for a minimum of three months (you need documents that certify your stay).
- now you reside in Ibaraki Prefecture.
- you have residential status (your visa is valid).

To apply for a Japanese driver's license, you need following documents:

- Your current foreign driver's license (if you have any expired licenses after renewals, provide all of them).

* If your foreign driver's license does not have the date of issue, please attach a certificate of original date of issue. e.g U.S.A., Australia, the Philippines and so on.

If your foreign driver's license has the date of issue but does not specify your three-month stay in the country since the date of issue due to renewal, you need to attach a certificate of original date of issue.

- Translation into Japanese of your foreign license (translations by either JAF or foreign embassies are admissible).

* JAF Ibaraki branch phone: 029-244-2660

- Residence certificate which include your nationality. Japanese nationals are required to present certificate of residence including domicile of origin.
- Residence Card
- Passport (If you have any old passports after renewals, present all of them. If you have lost your passport, present immigration certificate.)
- Two photos (3 cm × 2.4 cm)
- International driving permits (If you have any)
- Fee

Fee for test

Fee for driver's license issue

Regular cars ¥2,200

¥2,050

Large cars ¥4,600

Motorcycle ¥3,050

Mopeds ¥1,500

- Applicants for motorcycle should bring helmets and gloves.
- Japanese driver's license (both valid and invalid ones are admissible)

Reception hours: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Monday through Friday, except for public holidays and new year holidays

After reception, we examine your documents and ask you how did you obtain and renew your driver's licenses. Then, we will examine whether you understand Japanese traffic rules and are able to drive in accordance with Japanese traffic conditions.

After you passed the exam, you will go through aptitude test (eyesight test).

Non-Japanese speakers are required to be accompanied by an interpreter.

Website: http://www.pref.ibaraki.jp/kenkei/03_menkyo/02_siken/gaimen.html