How to obtain a Japanese driver's license using your foreign one

1 The following conditions are required to take confirmations for foreign driver's license.

Your period of stay or residence in the country where your domestic license was issued must be 3 months or longer after obtaining the license.

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- > Your domestic license must have been issued through the legal procedures, and it must be valid.
- You must pass the confirmations (Documents Requiring Inspection, Aptitude test, Confirmations of Knowledge and Confirmation of Practical Driving Skills) to check your driving ability.

2 Procedures

The Documents Requiring Confirmation 《NOT Possible through an agent》

- Take the Documents Requiring Confirmation <u>directly</u> to Driver's License Center. Reception hour: <Directly at Center> from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., on Wednesdays, except holidays and from December 29 until January 3. No reservation required.
- If you cannot communicate in Japanese, you should bring the documents with someone who can speak Japanese.
- Once all required documents are ready, an appointment can be made for the Documents Requiring Inspection at the Driver's License Center.
- Please fill out an Application form for documents requiring confirmation (Moushi-tate-sho) before doing The Documents Requiring Confirmation

<Required documents>

- Application form for documents requiring confirmation (Moushi-tate-sho)
 You can receive it at a police station or the Driver's License Center, or download it from the Shizuoka
 Prefectural Police site http://www.pref.shizuoka.jp/police/.
- > Either a) <u>Personal</u> Residence Certificate showing your nationality (Jyumin-hyo) and ZAIRYU CARD
 - (Resident Card) <Foreigners>,
 - or Personal Residence Certificate showing your Honseki (Jyumin-hyou) <Japanese>.

Your Individual Number (My Number) should <u>not</u> be displayed.

- or b) Your valid Japanese driver's license.
- \bigcirc One photo (3 cm × 2.4 cm, hatless, chest to head, plain background, taken within 6 months.)
- Foreign driver's license

(A document recording your license record will be required if the date of issue, acquisition and expiration of the license cannot be confirmed.)

- O Official Japanese translation of your foreign license
 - Places for translation of your foreign license
 - > The administrative agency where your foreign license was issued.
 - > A consulate of the country where your license was issued.
 - The Japan Automobile Federation (JAF)

Aichi branch: Fukue 3-7-56, Showa-ku, Nagoya Phone: 052- 872 - 3655

- * Shizuoka branch: Magarikane 6-4-8, Suruga-ku, Shizuoka City. Phone: 054 654 1515
- (Only reception, translation will be done in Aichi.)
- \bigcirc Passports, etc.

(To prove that your period of stay, or residence, in the country where your domestic license was issued was 3 months or longer after obtaining the license.)

- If you had a Japanese driver's license in the past, show us your expired Japanese driver's license or a document recording your license record.
- If your license is a Chinese license, a document in which the identification card number is known as "基本信息" is required. If your license is a Philippine license, Official receipt is required.
- $\odot\,$ There are necessary documents for each country, so please contact us.

<Note for the Documents Requiring Confirmation and Inspection>

- Depending on the result of The Documents Requiring Confirmation, you may not be able to obtain a Japanese license. (In this case, please try to obtain the Japanese driver's license in the same way as Japanese nationals.)
- Depending on the contents of The Documents Requiring Confirmation, you may be required to prepare more information about your license record or other certifications about your license.
- O At the stage of The Documents Requiring Inspection, it is required to confirm your length of stay in the country you obtained your license. Old passports or disclosure of national immigration / emigration / return records (Kaijisho) may be necessary.
- If your foreign driver's license does not mention the date you first obtained it, a document, such as your driving record with the original issue date, is required.
- If you have multiple licenses (e.g. ordinary motor vehicle license and motorcycle license), a document indicating the date you first obtained each of these licenses may be required respectively.
- \bigcirc Required documents may vary depending on the country or license status.
- In addition, please attach the documents translated into Japanese in the documents which prove the above.
- If a reservation change for the Documents Requiring Inspection is needed, someone who understands Japanese should contact us for the candidate.

Reception hour:

 Telephone> from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., from Monday through Friday, except holidays and from December 29 until January 3.

The Documents Requiring Inspection 《NOT possible through an agent》

- 2 Take the Documents Requiring Inspection on the designated date and time to the Driver's License Center.
 - If you cannot communicate in Japanese, you should bring the documents with someone who can speak Japanese.
 - If you forget even only one document, you may not complete the process that day. Please check the Required documents and Note for the Documents Requiring Confirmation and Inspection.
- ③ After passing the Documents Requiring Inspection, you will take the Aptitude test (vision test, etc.), the Confirmation of Traffic Regulations Knowledge and Confirmation of Practical Driving Skills, each on a reservation basis.
 - > Aptitude Test: The person who needs glasses, etc. must bring them.
 - > Confirmation of Traffic Regulations Knowledge:

You must receive more than 7 points out of 10 to pass.

- Confirmation of Practical Driving Skills:
 <Closed course> You must receive more than 70 points to pass.
- If it is confirmed that there is no obstacle to driving a car, etc. in Japan, a Japanese driver's license will be issued.
- Licenses issued by some countries may be exempted the confirmations of Traffic Regulations Knowledge and Practical Driving Skills.
 Please contact a Driver's License Center.



3 Information

For further information, please contact the following Driver's License Centers.

- Eastern Area Driver's License Center: Azaonoue 241-10, Ashitaka, Numazu City. Phone 055-921-2000
- Central Area Driver's License Center: Yoichi 6-16-1, Aoi-ku, Shizuoka City. Phone 054-272-2221
- Western Area Driver's License Center: Komatsu, Hamakita-ku 3220, Hamamatsu City. Phone 053-587-2000