

Transfer of Foreign Driver's License to a Japanese One

Application Place	<p>Fuchu Driver's License Center, Samezu Driver's License Center and Koto Driver's License Center</p> <p>※ At the Fuchu Driver's License Center and the Samezu Driver's License Center, those in possession of any foreign driver's license can make the application.</p> <p>※ At the Koto Driver's License Center, only those in possession of the driver's license issued in one of the following countries can make the application.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p style="text-align: center;">List of Examination-Exempt Countries (23 countries)</p> <p>Iceland, Ireland, Britain, Italy, Austria, Australia, Holland, Canada, Korea, Greece, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, New Zealand, Norway, Finland, France, Belgium, Portugal and Luxembourg</p> </div>																		
Business Days	Weekdays only (Note:1)																		
Office Hours	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Closed between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.)																		
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Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A valid foreign driver's license • A Japanese translation of the foreign driver's license (Translation can be obtained from the embassy of your country or the Japan Automobile Federation (JAF). ※ In case that the foreign driver's license does not mention the date when you obtained it for the first time, you need a document (such as driver's record, etc.) identifying the said date. And if you have two types of licenses (ex. the ordinary motor vehicle license and ordinary motorcycle license) or more, you will need a document identifying the respective date when you obtained each of them. • Japanese driver's license (including old ones), if you have • "Jumin-hyo" (Resident card) mentioning your permanent address Certificate of Alien Registration in the case of a foreigner (Note:2) • Any documents confirming you resided in the country where you obtained the license for a total of 3 months or more (such as passport including old ones, if any) • A photograph (3 cm long × 2.4 cm wide) (Note:3) <p>You need the number of photographs corresponding to the number of types of licenses you apply for.</p>
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 years old or older (16 or older for the ordinary motorcycle license, 20 or older for the medium-sized motor vehicle license and 21 or older for the large-sized motor vehicle license) • Those who obtained the license in a foreign country and resided there for a total of 3 months or more after that • For the ordinary motor vehicle license and the motorcycle licenses, the vision of both eyes must be 0.7 or more and the vision of one eye 0.3 or more, or if the vision of one eye is under 0.3 or one eye has no vision, the visual field of the other eye must be 150 continuous degrees or more along the horizontal meridian and its vision 0.7 or more. • For the medium-sized motor vehicle license and the large-sized motor vehicle license, the vision of both eyes must be 0.8 or more and the vision of each eye 0.5 or more. And an applicant must go through the depth perception test by the three-rod method three times and its average error must be 2 cm or less. • Those who obtained a Japanese license in the past and received a

	<p>penalty such as its revocation (excluding the revocation regarding a novice driver), etc. cannot take a test unless they have taken the lessons for those who received the revocation within one year prior to the test and the disqualification period has already elapsed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person whose address is in Tokyo
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In transferring your foreign driver's license to a Japanese one, your knowledge and practical driving skills will be examined. ※ The examination of your practical driving skills cannot be conducted on the day when you make the application due to the reservation system. ※ The 22 countries mentioned above are exempt from the examination of knowledge and practical driving skills. (The examination of practical driving skills will be conducted for those who apply for the large-sized motorcycle license.) • As it is necessary to confirm if you fall under the category of a novice driver, etc., please bring with you a driving record/history and a document showing the period of your stay in a foreign country (such as your old foreign driver's license, etc.), if you have. • You cannot apply for the medium-sized/large-sized motor vehicle license unless after you obtained the ordinary motor vehicle license.

Notes:

1. Weekdays mean Monday to Friday excluding Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, and year-end and New Year holidays. Year-end and New Year holidays are from December 29 to January 3.
2. Those who have lost their Alien Registration Certificate, or those who have applied for one or have renewed it are expected to bring a "*Toroku Genpyou Kisai Jiko Shomei-sho*" (Certificate of Registered Matters) (A registration number should be attached to it.) and a "*Gaikokujin Toroku Shomei-sho Kofu Yotei Kikan Tsuchi-sho*." (Notification of Scheduled Period of Issuance of Alien Registration Certificate)
3. A photograph of the applicant must be taken within the past 6 months, no hat, front-face, no background, and from the shoulder up.

For further information

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