

You may convert your domestic license to a Japanese one

You are advised to bring an interpreter if you don't speak Japanese.

There is some parking area for motorcycles, however, the space is limited.

You are strongly recommended to use public transportations.

Where to Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fuchu Driver's License Center ➤ Samezu Driver's License Center ➤ Koto Driver's License Center <p>* At Fuchu or Samezu, application can be made by those who have a driver's license of any country or region.</p> <p>* At Koto, application can be made only by those who have a driver's license issued in a country or region listed below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p align="center">Exam-Exempt Countries and Region (28 countries etc.)</p> <p>Australia, Austria, Belgium, Britain, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Holland, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Luxembourg, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Kingdom of Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United State of America (States of Maryland and Washington only), and Taiwan</p> </div> <p>* A Hungarian license is exchangeable to a Japanese one from 1 May 2018.</p>
Office Hours	<p>8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Closed between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.) Monday to Friday¹</p> <p>Processing time varies depending on the volume of applications. Your Japanese license may not be issued on the same day of application.</p>

Fees	Application Fee	Ordinary motor vehicle license	2,550 yen
		Moped license	1,500 yen
		Large-sized/Medium-sized motor vehicle license	4,100 yen
		Other	2,600 yen
	Issuance Fee		2,050 yen
	Fee for listing two types of licenses in one license certificate (per one type of license, 200 yen)		200 yen

Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●A valid foreign driver's license ●A Japanese translation of your foreign driver's license prepared by the embassy of your country or the Japan Automobile Federation (JAF) [will not be returned] <p>*If your foreign driver's license does not mention the date you first obtained it, a document, such as your driving record with the said date, is required.</p> <p>*If you have multiple licenses (e.g. ordinary motor vehicle license and ordinary motorcycle license), a document indicating the date you first obtained these licenses may be required respectively.</p> <p>*Required documents may vary depending on the country or license status. Please contact us in advance for details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Current and Expired Japanese driver's license(s), if any ●An official copy of your "Jumin-hyo" (Residency Registration) indicating the "Honseki" (Registered Domicile) or nationality [will not be returned] <p>*The Jumin-hyo should not contain your My Number. Photocopies are not accepted.</p> <p>*If you bring Jumin-hyo with My Number, you will be asked to black out the My Number with a pen.</p> <p>*Please contact each driver's license center if you are unable to provide a Jumin-hyo.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Passport or other form of official ID² <p>*If you are not subject to the Basic Resident Registration Act, a document executed by the head of the household or the manager of the accommodation where you are staying is required to provide proof of your current address on the application form <u>in addition to your passport.</u></p>
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Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A document to prove you stayed in the country or region where you obtained the foreign license exceeding three consecutive months (e.g. passport(s), including expired ones, if necessary) ● Photograph(s) of the applicant. (3 cm high×2.4 cm wide) <p>*A photograph is required for each type of license you apply for.</p>
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <Age> 18 years old or older* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Ordinary motorcycle license: 16 or older Medium-sized motor vehicle license: 20 or older Large-sized motor vehicle license: 21 or older ● You must have stayed in the country or region where you obtained the license for a total of three months or more since you got it. ● <Visual Acuity (Japanese scale)> Ordinary motor vehicle license/motorcycle licenses: 0.7 or better (both eyes) and 0.3 or better (each eye); 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 better. Medium-sized/large-sized motor vehicle license: 0.8 or better (both eyes) and 0.5 or better (each eye). The applicant must go through depth perception tests by the three-rod method three times and the average error must be 2 cm or less. ● If you obtained a Japanese license in the past and received a penalty such as its revocation (excluding the novice-driver revocation), you cannot take an exam unless you have taken lessons for those who had their license revoked within one year prior to the exam and the disqualification period has already elapsed. ● Your address must be in Tokyo.

Other Points to Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Your knowledge and practical driving skills will be examined when you exchange your foreign driver's license for a Japanese one. * You need to make an appointment to take an exam for your practical driving skills. You cannot take the exam on the day of your application. * The 28 countries etc mentioned above are exempt from the examination of knowledge and practical driving skills. ● As it is necessary to see if you fall under the category of a novice driver, etc., please bring with you a driving record/history and a document (e.g., your old foreign driver's license) showing the period of your stay in a foreign country or region, if any. ● You can apply for a medium-sized/large-sized motor vehicle license only after you have obtained an ordinary motor vehicle license.
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Notes:

1. Excluding national holidays, and year-end and New Year holidays. Year-end and New Year holidays are from December 29 to January 3.
2. "Passport or other form of official ID" means your passport or ID certificate issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan or other certified authorities.
3. Photograph(s) of the applicant must have been taken within the last six months; head and shoulders only, no hat, front-face, and no patterned or dark background.

For further information, please contact:

- The Written Examination Section, Fuchu Driver's License Center,
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Phone: 042-362-3591
- The Examination Section, Samezu Driver's License Center,
Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department
Phone: 03-3474-1374
- The Driver's License Section, Koto Driver's License Center,
Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department
Phone: 03-3699-1151