

Driver's License

How to transfer a Foreign Driver's License to a Japanese one



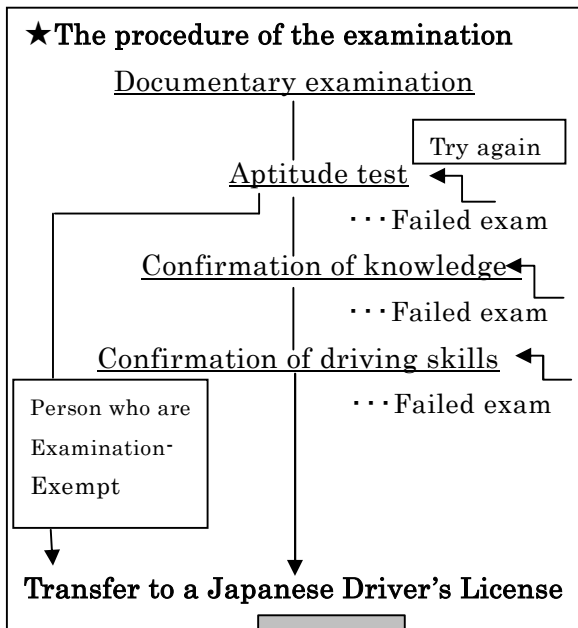
Saitama Pref. Driver's License Center
5 minutes by bus or 20 minutes walk from
Konosu Station East Exit.
Tel: 048-543-2001



Since Japanese traffic regulations are stringent, traffic is kept safety. The necessary procedure for transfer your driver's license is different depending on your country of origin. First of all, please consult Driver's License Center.

★ There is a examination when you transfer your foreign driver's license to a Japanese one.

When you want to transfer your foreign driver's license to Japanese ordinary motor vehicle license (Grade 1 license), you need to pass the exam of transfer. The procedure of the exam is Documentary examination, Aptitude test, Confirmation of knowledge and Confirmation of driving skills.



- The necessary procedure for transfer your driver's license is different depending on your country of origin. First of all, please consult Driver's License Center and receive an adequate explanation.
- ① **Requirements**
 - a. A valid foreign driver's license
 - b. A Japanese translation of the foreign driver's license
 - c. Certificate of Alien Registration
 - d. Passport
 - e. A photograph (3 cm long × 2.4 cm wide)
- ② **Application Fee**
It varies with the type of your driver's license.
- ③ **Issue Fee**
2,100 yen (For listing two types of licenses in one license certificate: 200 yen)

- **Documentary examination**... It is not accepted when you does not fit the requirements or there is a defectiveness in the document.
- **Aptitude test**... Eyesight test, Audibility test, Athletic ability test
- **Confirmation of knowledge**... Examination of basic traffic rule of Japan
- **Confirmation of driving skills**... Your practical driving skills will be examined by driving a car in the examination place. The examiner specifies the car you drive. Consideration to your road safety also is checked.

www.ficcc.jp/foreign/
● The back number of "Information Fujimino" are available at online.

You can't ask questions except when you can't understand the driving route while you take an exam. If you have a smell of alcohol or thinner, or you are a drug user, you can't take the examination.

- Discontinuation of confirmation . . . ① If you can't get a passing score of a driving skills test ② If you do a dangerous action ③ If the examiner helps you avoid danger ④ If you does not follow an instruction

To drive safely in Japan

[Guide of transfer of foreign driver's license to Japanese one] issued by Driver's License Center

The following is a part of a basic traffic rule of Japan. Please use it to drive safely.

1. Left-hand traffic . . . You have to drive on the left-hand side
2. Giving a left-turn or right-turn signal 30m ahead of an intersection
3. Prohibition of drunk driving (The drunk driving penalty are stricter than you think. You have to keep in mind. by The editorial desk)
4. Speed-limit . . . The legal speed limit is 60km/h for Ordinary/Large-sized motor vehicle and Motorcycle, 30km/h for Moped.
5. Railroad Crossing . . . You have to stop and look right and left
6. Make sure of a traffic light
7. Stop at stop signs
8. Check that all the people are wearing seatbelts
9. Make sure of No parking/Stopping sign

From January to March, Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center holds several events to deepen mutual understanding through culture among the peoples of the world. Anyone can join in the events freely. Pick-up vehicle is also prepared.

The Germany Village Photo Exhibition

The pictures of the life of war victims will show you the horrors of war. You'll ponder the preciousness of peaceful life from those photographs.

Date: 3/10(tue)-3/13(fri) All day

Place: Oi Central Public Hall Exhibition Hall

Let's have a chat with foreign people

Let's talk about the cultural differences with foreign citizens.

Date: 3/11(wed) 13:00~15:00

Place: General welfare center

Multipurpose room

·Inquiry

Fujimino Cultural

Exchange Center

049-256-4290

Please feel free to inquire.



How to apply for 「ESTA」

Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) Becomes Mandatory

As of January 12, 2009, People who plan to travel to the United States for temporary business or pleasure under the Visa Waiver Program will need to receive an electronic travel authorization before your travel.

Apply online for ESTA authorization.

Web site: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/>

Inquiries : Embassy of the United States, Operator-Assisted information (pay service)

Tel : 00-5-31-13-1353

All eligible travelers who wish to travel must apply for authorization using the following process:

- ① Complete your Application
- ② Submit your Application
- ③ Receive and Record your Application
- ④ Receive Response to your Application

Please provide all responses in English. The required information is Applicant Information, Passport Information, Travel Information and Address while in the U.S.

If you don't understand this system, you can use a proxy application company.

