

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

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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.
- 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››

- ① Take the Documents Requiring Confirmation directly 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) Personal 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 not be displayed.  
or b) Your valid Japanese driver's license.
- 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.)
- 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.)
- 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.
- ◎ There are necessary documents for each country, so please contact us.

