

# Gunma Police

## Procedure to convert a foreign driver's license to a Japanese one

### (Test to convert a foreign driver's license to a Japanese one)

【Revised in Mar. 2025】

- ◎ If you meet the following conditions, you can convert your foreign driver's license to a Japanese one.
  - You are registered as a resident in Gunma prefecture.
  - You have a valid driver's license issued in a foreign country.
  - After you had got your foreign driver's license, you have stayed in the issuing country for a total period of three months or more.
    - ※ If you have stayed in the said country for a total period of a year or more, you are exempted from a novice driver period.
 

(In that period, you have to put Novice Driver Stickers on your car body and you are prohibited from riding double on your two-wheeled vehicle.)

<b>Reservation Procedure</b>	<p><b>Online pre-booking is required for document screening.</b></p> <p>Please access to the website of Gunma Prefectural Police and see the following links for the booking.</p> <p>“Driver’s license (運転免許)”          → “For those who wish to convert their foreign driver’s licenses (外国免許切替を希望する方へ)”</p>
<b>Window for Screeninig</b>	Driving License Examination Window (2nd floor of the General Traffic Center in Gunma)
<b>Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Your foreign driver’s license</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>※ Please make a copy of both sides of your foreign driver’s license in A4 size and submit it for screening.</li> <li>※ If the dates of first acquisition and renewal are not writtten on your foreign driver’s license, please ask the licensing center of issuing counrty to send documents (e.g. license record etc.) that prove them.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Passport with your immigration records and all old ones</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>※ Please make copies of the followings of your passport in A4 size and submit them for screening.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The photo of your face</li> <li>• Pages with your immigration stamps by the country that issued your license</li> </ul> </li> <li>※ If you do not have your old passport or you had passed through an automated gate, please obtain your immigration records when you passed an automated gate in advance as we cannot check immigration stamps.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Japanese translation of your foreign license</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>※ Only Japanese translations issued by the authorities listed below are available for the procedure.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The issuing administrative agency</li> <li>• The consulate of the issuing country</li> <li>• The Japan Automobile Federation (JAF, online application only)</li> <li>• Ziplus Co., Ltd. (online application only)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>An official copy of the residence certificate saying legal domicile</b>            Notes: If you are a foreign national, the official copy of the residence certificate should NOT include your individual number, but should include all other information including nationality.</li> </ul>

※ If you submit only duplicates of the official copy of residence certificate issued by the mayor of your city, town or village, your application will not be accepted.

- A duplicate of the official copy of residence certificate (One copy)
- An application photograph
  - 3cm × 2.4cm
  - Taken within six months before application
  - Showing frontal face, no hat, with plain background, above chest
- Your Individual Number Card
  - ※ For those who already possess an Individual Number Card with driver's license information recorded (hereinafter called "Myna driver's license" ) or wish to get Myna driver's license.
- If you have a valid Japanese driver's license or an expired one, please bring it.
  - If you have had a Japanese driver's license in the past, please bring an expired Japanese license or a certificate of driving record.
- If your foreign driver's license was issued in Brazil, please show your domestic ID card.
  - If your foreign driver's license was issued in China, please show your domestic resident ID.
  - If your foreign driver's license was issued in the Philippines, please show the official receipt.
- International Driving Permit (If you have one)
- Depending on the result of screening, submission of further documents may be required.
- ※ If you get a driver's license for the first time after revocation of your driver's license, you need to show "certificate for completion of driver's license cancellation training course."

Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Japanese driver's license will be issued after verifying your ability to drive safely.</li> <li>○ Applications may not be accepted as a result of screening.</li> <li>○ Required documents may vary depending on the country that issued your license.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For further details or inquiry, please contact us in advance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Applicants whose status of residence is "Designated Activities" and planning to work as truck, taxi or bus drivers in the automobile transportation industry should call Gunma General Traffic Center. Tel. 027-253-9000 (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)</li> </ul>
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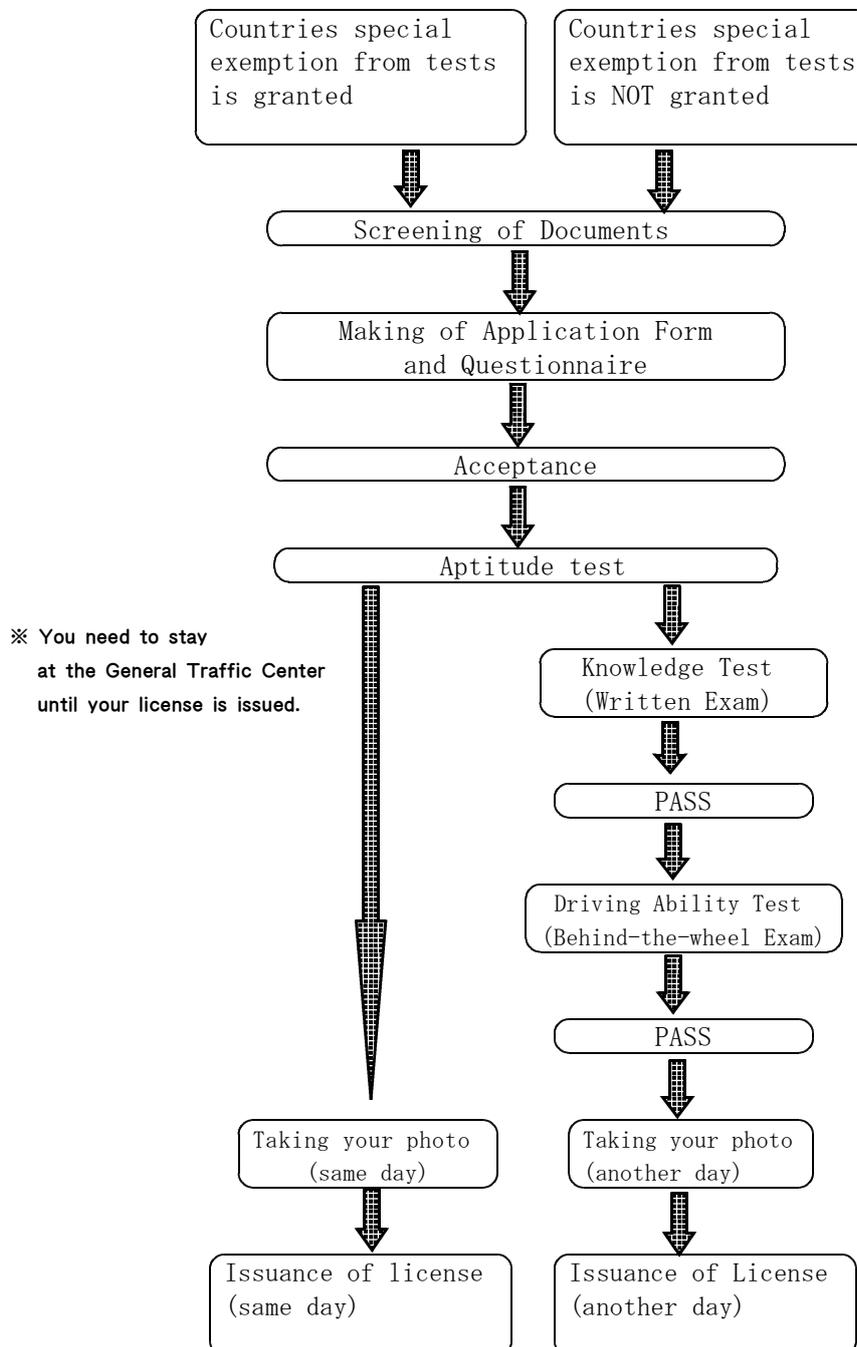
<b>Fee for Semi-Medium Vehicle License</b>			
Category	Driver's license only	Driver's license + Myna driver's license	Myna driver's license only
Examination fee	3, 9 0 0 yen	3, 9 0 0 yen	3, 9 0 0 yen
Issuance fee	2, 3 5 0 yen	2, 4 5 0 yen	1, 5 5 0 yen
<b>Total fee</b>	<b>6, 2 5 0 yen</b>	<b>6, 3 5 0 yen</b>	<b>5, 4 5 0 yen</b>

<b>Fee for Regular Vehicle License</b>			
Category	Driver's license only	Driver's license + Myna driver's license	Myna driver's license only
Examination fee	2, 5 0 0 yen	2, 5 0 0 yen	2, 5 0 0 yen
Issuance fee	2, 3 5 0 yen	2, 4 5 0 yen	1, 5 5 0 yen
<b>Total fee</b>	<b>4, 8 5 0 yen</b>	<b>4, 9 5 0 yen</b>	<b>4, 0 5 0 yen</b>

Fee for two-wheeled vehicle license			
Category	Driver's license only	Driver's license + Myna driver's license	Myna driver's license only
Examination fee	2, 8 0 0 yen	2, 8 0 0 yen	2, 8 0 0 yen
Issuance fee	2, 3 5 0 yen	2, 4 5 0 yen	1, 5 5 0 yen
Total fee	5, 1 5 0 yen	5, 2 5 0 yen	4, 3 5 0 yen

Fee for Moped (Gentsuki) License			
Category	Driver's license only	Driver's license + Myna driver's license	Myna driver's license only
Examination fee	1, 6 0 0 yen	1, 6 0 0 yen	1, 6 0 0 yen
Issuance fee	2, 3 5 0 yen	2, 4 5 0 yen	1, 5 5 0 yen
Total fee	3, 9 5 0 yen	4, 0 5 0 yen	3, 1 5 0 yen

## Procedure



※ Driver's license will be issued at around 4 p.m., however, the actual time depends on the number of examinees on the day etc.

**Reference: Examination Section, Driver's License Division  
027 - 253 - 9300**

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To Driver's License Test