

★ To All Parties Concerned ★

Prior Driving Practice at Driving Schools Strongly Suggested!

~Converting Your Foreign Driver's License to a Japanese One~

Requirements for Application

- You are registered as a resident in Gunma Prefecture.
- Your foreign driver's license is valid.
- After getting your foreign driver's license, you stayed in the country where your license was issued for a total period of three months or more.

Procedures

1. Screening of documents (passport, foreign driver's license etc.)
2. Aptitude test (eye test etc.)
3. Check of knowledge (written test on driving, traffic rules etc.)
4. Check of driving ability (behind-the-wheel driving test)
 - Applicants who meet any of the following conditions are exempt from procedure 3 and 4.
 - You have had a Japanese driver's license in the past.
 - You have a driver's license issued in one of 29 countries and regions with a licensing system recognized as equivalent to that of Japan.
 - Applicants for moped license will go through procedure 1 to 3.
 - Check materials (posted on the website) for details of procedure and necessary documents.

Suggestion

Most applicants are taking tests (especially driving ability check) more than once until they pass and thus taking a long time for conversion.

- Among 657 applicants, only 151 (23.0%) passed the driving ability check in 2024.

Therefore, we strongly suggest applicants of driving ability check to practice driving at driving schools etc. in advance.



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We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Gunma Prefectural Police



Flow of the Procedure to Convert a Foreign Driver's License to a Japanese One

Ones to whom the special exception (partial exemption from the test) is applicable

Ones to whom the special exception is not applicable

- Those who have had a Japanese driver's license in the past
- Those who have a driver's license issued in one of 29 countries and regions with a licensing system recognized as equivalent to that of Japan (see * below)

Screening of documents
(foreign driving license, passport etc.)

Making of application form and questionnaire

Reception

Aptitude test (eye test etc.)

* Twenty-nine countries and regions with a licensing system recognized as equivalent to that of Japan

- Certain states in the United States
- The United Kingdom
- Germany
- France
- South Korea
- Taiwan etc.

Check of knowledge (traffic rules)

Fail ↶

Pass ↓

Check of driving ability

Fail ↶

No driving test for moped license applicants

Pass ↓

Issuing license