

JAF (Japan Automobile Federation)

Translation of foreign driver's licenses

When you want to exchange your foreign driver's license, a Japanese translation of the foreign license is required. Only translations by JAF, foreign embassies in Japan and foreign government department (the administrative agency that issued the license) are accepted.

* For details, see the JAF Website <http://www.jaf.or.jp/inter/translation/>

Application procedures for a Japanese translation

Information about Japanese translation

- How to apply:
- Online application (available in Japanese/English)
<https://english.jaf.or.jp/driving-in-japan/drive-in-japan/about-dltas>
 - Application by mail
 - Application at the counter (prior appointment is necessary)

(2) Required documents: A photocopy of the foreign driver's license (original licenses, in principle (or color photocopies of the both sides of the license, when an application is made by mail), copy of one's Alien Registration Certificate (card), and Application Form for Translation of a Foreign Driver's License (gaikoku menkyosho hon-yaku-bun hakko shinsei-sho).

(3) Application fees: Send ¥4,000 per license. An extra fee for return postage will be necessary if the application is sent by mail.

* The Japanese translation will not be reissued in principle. The translation may be reissued only when it is deemed necessary under unavoidable circumstances. Reissues are carried out as a new application, therefore a ¥4,000 fee is charged. Please note that fees will not be refunded even if the application for Foreign License Exchange (gaimen kirikae) has been rejected.

* The period of validity of the Japanese translated version is the same as that of the original license.

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Revised edition of the foreign languages version of “Rules of the Road”

To encourage safe driving and prevent traffic accidents among foreign residents in Japan, JAF sells a foreign language version of its “Rules of the Road” which explains Japanese Road Traffic Law in easy terms.

<http://www.jaf.or.jp/inter/manual/>

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