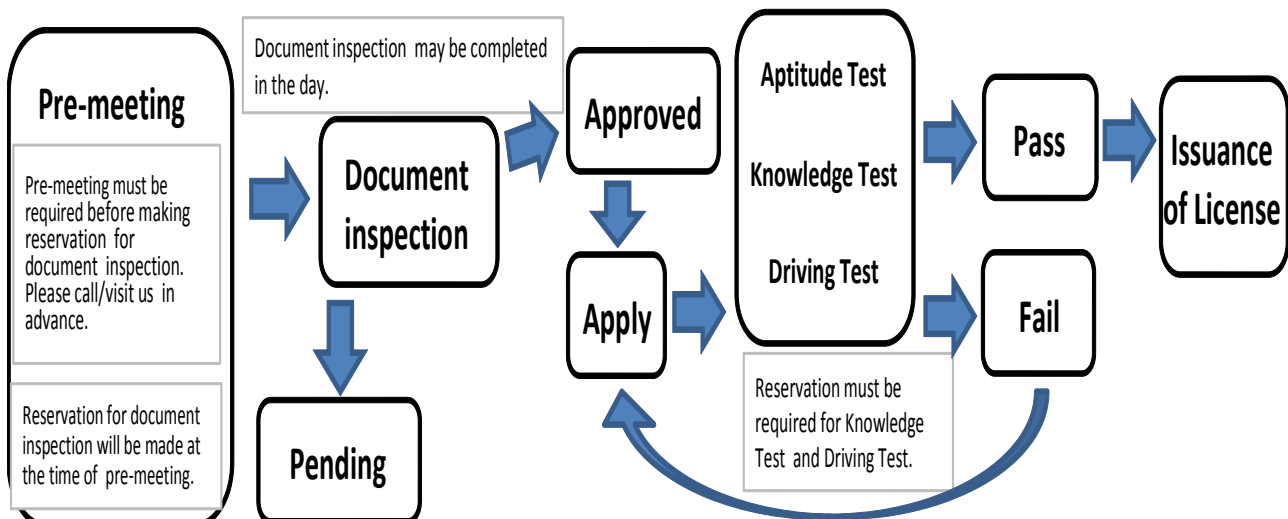


Converting a foreign driver's license to a Japanese driver's license

◆ Eligibility

- The driver must have resided in a country that issued the license for at least three months in total after the license was issued.
 - The driver must have a valid foreign driver's license when applying.
 - The driver must have a registered address in Wakayama prefecture.
- ※ Before applying for a large size/Middle size motor vehicle/motorcycle license, it is necessary to obtain an ordinary motor vehicle/motorcycle license.
- ※ Foreign licenses cannot switch to the 2nd class (professional).
- ※ Please submit an previous/expired Japanese driver's license or certified driver's record if you obtained a Japanese driver's license.

◆ FLOW CHART



※ A high level of Japanese ability or fluent Japanese speaker accompaniment must be required.

1 Pre-meeting

To determine your eligibility, pre-meeting must be required before document inspection. Please call/visit us for pre-meeting in advance. At the time of pre-meeting, a reservation for document inspection will be made.

【Your application is NOT accepted without a reservation.】

Applicable Office Hours for pre-meeting	Monday to Friday 9:40 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. 1:40 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. ※ Excluding on Saturdays, Sundays, Working Holidays and the year-end and New Year holidays (from December 29 till January 3 in the following year)
Contact	Driver's test branch, Driver's license section, Traffic bureau of Wakayama prefectural police headquarters TEL 073 - 473 - 0110 (Ext. 366)

2 Document inspection

★ Required documents

- ◆ A valid foreign driver's license and an international driving permit, if any.
- ▶ If your foreign driver's license does not verify your residency in a country that issued your driver's license for at least three months in total after the license was issued;
 - Certified driver's record that confirms the data you obtained and renewed your license issued by the administrative authority in a foreign country
 - Foreign driver's license before renewed
 - Authenticated documents that the contents/record of your foreign driver's license certified by the administrative authority in a foreign country issuing your driver's license
- ※ In case your foreign driver's license does not verify the data of its first issue, the document such as certified driver's record must be required to verify the data you first obtained your driver's license.
- ※ If you have multiple licenses (e.g. ordinary motor vehicle license and ordinary motorcycle license), document verifying the data you first obtained these licenses may be required respectively.

- ◆ A certificated copy of Japanese translation of your foreign driver's license

【 Authorities for Certificated translation 】

- Embassy, consulate or administrative authority of the license-issuing country
- Corporations appointed by National Public Safety Commission
In Wakayama prefecture,
**【 Japan Automobile Federation (JAF), Wakayama branch office
TEL 073 - 421 - 5355 】**
- Overseas corporations approved by National Public Safety Commission

- ◆ Passport

- Passport (s) shown all of immigration record with immigration stamps including expired passport (s)
 - to confirm your residency in a country that issued your driver's license for at least three months in total after the license was issued
- Immigration stamps may not be placed on IC passports. If immigration is not proved with your passport, other official immigration records must be required instead.

- ◆ Certifications of residence

Residence Certification (Juminhyo)

- with your nationality or registered domicile (Honseki), status of residence and period of residence
- without personal number (My Number)
- Photocopies are not accepted.

Residence (Zairyu) Card or Certificate of Alien Registration

Special Permanent Resident Certificate

- ◆ Previous Japanese driver's license including expired one or certified driver's record, if you obtained a Japanese license

- ◆ One Photograph

- Polaroid photo, Photocopies, and photos using non-photo paper cannot be accepted.
- Photograph must be taken within the last 6 months, without hats or caps, front face, up from shoulders, plain background and 3cm × 2.4cm (H × W).
- A photo machine applicable for applying driver's license (above designation) is settled at the robbly in the Traffic center. Photography should be paid.

- ◆ Important note

Requirments may vary depending on the country issued the license you hold.
Please contact us in advance for further information.

【 References for additional documents 】

- Federative Republic of Brazil
Domestic ID and certified driver's record
- People's Republic of China
Sub driver's license, Chinese National Identification, Basic information of driver's license (certified driver's record)
- Republic of the Philippines
Authenticated official receipt (with Red Ribbon)
- Plurinational States of Bolivia
Domestic ID
- Republic of Peru
Authenticated driver's license certification issued by consulate
- Other countries
Official documents such as a certified driver's record may be required.
ID may be also required, especially the country of issuing requires ID while driving.

3 Fees

- ◆ Document inspection : Free of charge
- ◆ Aptitude test, knowledge test and driving test: Shown below

License		Apprication Fee	License issuarance Fee
1st Class (non-pro- fessional)	Ordinary motor vehicle	2,200 yen	2,050 yen per license
	Large size/ Semi-middle size /Middle size motor vehicle	4,400 yen	
	Others	2,950 yen	