

Converting a Foreign Driver's License

With a valid driver's license issued overseas, you can apply to convert it into a Japanese license if you resided in the country that issued the license for at least 3 months in total after obtaining it. In Saitama, this procedure can be completed at the Saitama Prefectural Police Department Drivers' Licensing Center. When you apply you need the following:

- Passport
- Residence Card, or Special Permanent Resident Card, etc.
- Resident Record (with all your details (excluding your Individual Number))
- Your driver's license issued overseas (with date of issuance)
- An official Japanese translation either by your country's embassy or consulate in Japan, or by the Japan Automobile Federation (JAF)
- Two photos (3.0cm x 2.4cm)
- Application fee

Other information may be required, so please consult with the Saitama Prefectural Police Department Driver's Licensing Center's Foreign License Conversion Consultation Office before applying (If you don't receive confirmation on your documents at advance consultation, you can't apply for inspection for license conversion).