

Renewing Your Driver's License

Depending on the driver's age and accident and traffic violation history, the term of validity of a Japanese driver's license is 3 to 5 years.

The expiry date is written on the license. You will need to renew your license during the designated renewal period (starting one month prior to your birthday in the year your license is due to expire, and ending with the expiry date). Specific details about renewing your license will be written in the renewal notification you will be sent just before the renewal period begins. Please contact the Driver's License Center if you are not sent a notification by the time the renewal period begins.

When renewing your driver's license the following is required:

- Old driver's license
- Document that certifies your status of residence, such as a Residence Card, Special Permanent Resident Certificate or passport
- Application fee