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外国免許から日本免許へ切り替える方へ

For those who have an overseas Driver's License

Your application for a Japanese Driver's License, which you might acquire by submitting the Driver's License you acquired overseas, can be accepted only for "Class I Driver's License".

Procedures are as follows:

1 Requirements for application

- The Driver's License you acquired overseas has to be a valid license.
- Required condition:
You stayed in the country (or region) where you obtained your overseas Driver's License for a total of three months or longer from the date of issuance of such a Driver's License

2 Procedure

- Documents (or screening of such)
- Aptitude test (including your Visual Acuity Test and Visual Field Test)
- Knowledge test
- Driving skills test
(Driving Skill Tests will not be given to applicants for the Driver's License for mopeds with engine displacement capacity of less than 50 cc.)

3 Office hours

- Monday through Friday 1:00 pm ~ 1:30 pm
(Office is closed on national holidays and the period from December 29 to January 3.)
- ※ If this time is your first visit to this test center, you can only check whether you have met the requirements for application; in a case that you have met the requirements, you can submit your application with required documents; again, the first step is your document screening.
- ※ Only after your application and documents have passed the screening, you will be sitting for aptitude test, knowledge test, and driving skills test. It means you are required to visit this test center again.
On your first visit to the reception counter, neither written test nor driving skill test for your Driver's License can be given to you.
- ※ You are required to reserve a seat in advance before appearing at the test center to take a knowledge test and/or driving skill test. Read the information below to find your proper test centre. Contact the proper test centre for you beforehand for details.

4 Driver's License Centers where your reception counter is

Depending on whether or not you are required to take a driving skill test, the Driver's License Center to where you are to visit is different.

(1) In a case that you are required to take a driving skill test....

- ◎ ちくほうしけんじょう 筑豊試験場 いづかしつるみお 飯塚市鶴三緒 1518-1 でんわ TEL 0948-26-7110

Chikuhou Driver's License Center 1518-1 Tsurumio Izuka city
Phone number 0948-26-7110

- ◎ ちくごしけんじょう 筑後試験場 ちくごしおおあざひさどみ 筑後市大字久富1135-2 でんわ TEL 0942-53-5208
Chikugo Driver's License Center 1135-2 Oaza hisatomi Chikugo city
Phone number 0942-53-5208

※ At Chikugo Driver's License Center, the types of motor vehicles for which the Driving Skill Test is given are limited to the following three: 1. Class I Ordinary Passenger Motor Vehicle, 2. Semi-Mid-sized Motor Vehicles, and 3. Motorcycles (Large Motorcycles, Standard Motorcycles)

- (2) In a case that you are *not* required to take a driving skill test for the reason that you fall under one of the following (A), (B), or (C)....

- ◎ ちくほうしけんじょう 筑豊試験場 いづかしつるみお 飯塚市鶴三緒1518-1 でんわ TEL 0948-26-7110

Chikuho Driver's License Center
Location: 1518-1 Tsurumio, Iizuka City
Telephone: 0948-26-7110

- ◎ ちくごしけんじょう 筑後試験場 ちくごしおおあざひさどみ 筑後市大字久富1135-2 でんわ TEL 0942-53-5208

Chikugo Driver's License Center
Location: 1135-2 Ooaza Hisatomi, Chikugo City
Telephone: 0942-53-5208

- ◎ ふくおかしけんじょう 福岡試験場 ふくおかしみなみくはなはた 福岡市南区花畑4-7-1 でんわ TEL 092-565-5109

Fukuoka Driver's License Center 4-7-1 Hanahata Minai ward Fukuoka city
Phone number 092-565-5109

- ◎ きたきゅうしゅうしけんじょう 北九州試験場 きたきゅうしゅうしこくらみなみくひのでまち 北九州市小倉南区日の出町2-4-1 でんわ TEL 093-961-4804

Kitakyusyu Driver's License Center 2-4-1 Hinode town Kokura Minami ward Kitakyusyu city
Phone number 093-961-4804

- (A) ① Both knowledge test and driving skill test can be exempted from the applicants who has a valid Driver's License that was issued from the authorities in 27 countries and 6 areas

The 27 countries and 6 areas are as follows:

- Iceland, Ireland, United Kingdom, Italy, Australia, Austria
- The Netherlands, Canada, South Korea, Greece, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Slovenia
- The Czech Republic, Denmark, New Zealand, Norway, Hungary, Finland
- France, Belgium, Poland, Portugal, Monaco, Luxemburg
- State of Maryland, State of Washington, State of Hawaii, State of Virginia, and State of Ohio (in the United States of America)
- Taiwan

- ② Driving skill test can be exempted from the applicants who has a valid Driver's License that was issued from the authorities in the following area;

- State of Indiana (in the United States of America)

- (B) Applicants for a Moped (with a displacement capacity of less than 50cc) Driver's License

- (C) Anyone who had a Japanese Driver's License in the past

(You are required to contact the test center that you plan to visit beforehand.)

5 Required documents

- ◎ Application form (and the question sheet with your answers)

Both the application form and the question sheet are available at the Driver's License Center.

- ◎ One true copy of your Certificate of Residence that was issued by the City Hall or Town Hall having the jurisdiction of your residence in Fukuoka Prefecture
(Photocopies are not acceptable.)
 - The Certificate of Residence that you are submitting must include your nationality (or the address of your permanent residence).
 - In a case that your Certificate of Residence is not available, be sure to ask whether there is anything that can serve as an alternative at the reception counter in the Driver's License Center.
- ◎ Valid Driver's License that you acquired overseas
 - ※ In the case that date of issue is not indicated on your overseas Driver's License, you may be required to acquire and submit a different document, such as a true copy of your Driver's License Issuance and Renewal Certificate.
Please ask for details at the reception counter in the Driver's License Center.
- ◎ Japanese translation of your overseas Driver's License
 - ※ The official Japanese translation that is acceptable have to be issued by designated authorities including the foreign administrative agency that issued applicant's Driver's License, the embassy representing the applicant's country and the Japan Automobile Federation (JAF).
- ◎ Your passport that can prove your Entry/Exit record with seals by Immigration authorities of the country (or region) where your overseas Driver's License was issued
 - You are required to submit a document that proves the fact that you stayed in the country (or region) where you obtained your overseas Driver's License for a total of three months or longer from the date of issuance of such a Driver's License by submitting a document such as your passport (either valid or expired at present) with a page bearing the seal(s) of the Immigration Office of the country (or region), where you obtained overseas Driver's License, indicating and proving such a period of your stay.
 - ※ In a case that you have nothing that can prove the total period of your 3 months' stay of the issuance in the country or region where your overseas Driver's License was issued, you are not eligible for this application.
- ◎ Two photographs of your face and shoulders
(Size: 3cm high X 2.4cm wide)
 - An automatic photograph shooter is equipped in the Driver's License Center.
- ◎ Your Inkan seal (or Hanko seal)
- ◎ Other items that have to be submitted (only if you possess the following)
 - Your expired Driver's License that was issued by foreign authorities, Japanese authorities, and/or your expired International Driving Permit.

6 Fees

- ◎ Application Fee for each license category
 - Ordinary Passenger Motor Vehicle 2,550 yen
 - Motorcycles (including Large Motorcycles, Standard Motorcycles) 2,600 yen
 - Mopeds with engine displacement capacity of less than 50 cc 1,500 yen
 (Regarding fees for other types of vehicles, please ask the clerical staff at the reception counter.)
- ◎ Issuance Fee 2,050 yen
 - Two hundred (200) yen is added per addition of one type of license category.
 - ※ Regarding your driving skill test, you can take only one test on one test date. (More than one driving skill test is given to one person on the same day.)

7 Other points to note

- You as an applicant, are requested to visit this office accompanied by an interpreter.
If you hire an interpreter, the expenses for such a service are on your own.
- You are required to take a Visual Acuity Test and a Visual Field Test here on your next visit.

Please be sure to bring eyeglasses with you if need be.