

List of Required Documents by Country

• In order to convert a foreign driver's license to a Japanese one, [you need to prove that you have stayed in the license issuing country, etc. for three months or more in total since you obtained the license.](#)

• In addition to the above-mentioned requirement, we will examine the overall duration of your stay in the license issuing country after obtaining the license.

If your passport does not have immigration stamps with the dates of entering/exiting the country, or your passport does not show immigration records indicating the duration of your stay or the required duration of your stay after obtaining the license, you need to provide document(s) to prove the duration of your stay.

• You need to submit other documents together with the documents listed below. For details, please see "How to convert a foreign license into a Japanese one" on the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department website.

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Country/Region	Required Documents
United States	If your passport lacks immigration stamps from the license issuing country: Document(s) to prove the duration of your stay, or I-94 (available on the web) *Only for those who traveled to the United States If your driver's license does not indicate the first acquisition date, depending on the documents you submit, you might also need to submit "Driver Record" or "Driver History Record." (You can obtain those from the issuing authority or their web.)
Australia (New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Australian Capital Territory, Tasmania, Northern Territory, etc.)	If your passport lacks immigration stamps from the license issuing country: Entry/exit records or document(s) to prove the duration of your stay If your driver's license does not indicate the first acquisition date or renewal date, depending on the documents you submit, you might also need to submit "Driver Licence Details," "Online Driving Record," "Driver Licence History," or "Movements Details." (You can obtain those from the issuing authority or their web.)
Bangladesh	Driving records obtained from the issuing authority
Brazil	Driving records (available on the web)
Cameroon	Japanese translation of your driver's license issued by the embassy
Canada	If your passport lacks immigration stamps from the license issuing country: "Traveler History Report" (You can obtain this from the issuing authority or their web.) or document(s) to prove the duration of your stay If your driver's license does not indicate the first acquisition date, depending on the documents you submit, you might also need to submit "Driver's Licence History" or "Driving Record Search." (You can obtain those from the issuing authority or their web.)
China	1. 基本信息 with the official seal of 車輛管理所 (with the electronic official seal of 車輛管理所 if obtained from the web) *Beijing license holders: Certificate (免許、事故記録、交通違反、12分) (with an electronic official seal) is also acceptable. *Tianjin license holders: 登記信息 with an official seal (with an electronic official seal if obtained from the web) is also acceptable. 2. One of the documents listed below: •成績証明 with the official seal of 車輛管理所 (with the electronic official seal of 車輛管理所 if obtained from the web) •経歴証明 with the official seal of 車輛管理所 (with the electronic official seal of 車輛管理所 if obtained from the web) •信用状況 (violation, accident) •Printout of your digital driver's license (must show the photo of your face, name, QR code, address, license category, and acquisition date) *If you have a license for two or more categories: Document(s) to indicate the acquisition date for each category Entry/exit records for 10 years (available on the web) *Your waiting time will be significantly reduced if you send an application to 国家移民管理局 (NIA) on their website, print out the document(s), and bring them with you.

Hong Kong	Driving records obtained from the issuing authority If your passport lacks immigration stamps from the license issuing country, you need to submit 出入境紀錄證明 (Statement of Travel Records) obtained from the issuing authority.
Taiwan	If your passport lacks immigration stamps from the license issuing country, you need to submit 入出國日期證明書 (Certificate of Entry and Exit Dates) issued by 駐日經濟文化代表處.
India	Extract of Driving License obtained from the issuing authority (required) *If your driver's license has been issued for multiple categories and the license does not indicate those categories, you also need to submit a DL Status (available on the web). *If the name on your driver's license is different from the name on your passport, you also need to submit an affidavit issued by the embassy.
Indonesia	Driving records obtained from the issuing authority (This is required if your driver's license does not indicate the date of issue.)
Korea	Korean Nationals Certificate of Driver's License and Certificate of Entry & Departure issued by the embassy
	Other Depending on the document(s) you submit, you might need to provide Certificate of Driver's License and Certificate of Entry & Departure obtained from the issuing authority. You might also need to provide document(s) to prove the duration of your stay.
Malaysia	Driving records obtained from the issuing authority
Mexico	Driving records obtained from the issuing authority
Myanmar	Driving records issued in English or Japanese together with the one issued in Burmese. The date of issue must be indicated. Please obtain this from the issuing authority.
Nepal	Driving records stamped by the MOFA and the Embassy in Tokyo, and License Holders Details Both must be obtained from the issuing authority.
New Zealand	If your passport lacks immigration stamps from the license issuing country: Entry/exit records, or Document(s) to prove the duration of your stay Depending on the document(s) you submit, you might also need to provide Client Information (You can obtain this from the issuing authority or their web.), etc.
Pakistan	Certificate for your driver's license issued by the embassy
Philippines	Certification with APOSTILLE, License History, Official Receipt, and Immigration Record with APOSTILLE (if the records of your stay within the validity period of your driver's license cannot be verified with your passport, etc.) Please obtain those from the issuing authority.
Saudi Arabia	Entry/exit records issued by the embassy
Afghanistan	Japanese translation of your driver's license issued by the embassy
Senegal	Certificate for your driver's license issued by the embassy
Sri Lanka	Driver Information Extract issued by the embassy *You might also need to provide an affidavit issued by the embassy.
Thailand	Driving Licence Certificate obtained from the issuing authority
Turkey	Certificate for your driver's license and Certificate of Stay issued by the embassy
Tunisia	Certificate issued by the embassy
Vietnam	Certificate issued by the embassy
Singapore	If your passport lacks immigration stamps from the license issuing country: Document(s) to prove the duration of your stay If your driver's license does not indicate the "First Acquisition Date", you might
European Countries	If your passport lacks immigration stamps from the license issuing country: Document(s) to prove the duration of your stay If your driver's license does not indicate the "First Acquisition Date", you might

■ Documents to prove the duration of your stay

* You may be able to file an application with the below-listed document(s) even if your passport does not indicate the duration of your stay.

Immigration Record Certificate	A certificate that verifies the dates of entry into and exit from the license issuing country
Utility Bills (electricity, water, gas, phone, Internet)	Utility bills that show your name, address, and period of use in the past (e.g. from mm/dd/yy through mm/dd/yy)
Certificate of Employment or Certificate of Accompanied Spouse	Certificate of Employment issued by the administration/HR division of the company, etc. in the license issuing country that displays your name and employment period (e.g. from mm/dd/yy through mm/dd/yy) If the company is related to a Japanese company, Certificate of Employment issued by the administration/HR division of the Japanese company is also acceptable. Certificate of Accompanied Spouse explaining the fact that you accompanied your spouse while your spouse was on an overseas assignment.
Academic Transcript	Academic Transcript issued by your university, etc. in the license issuing country that displays your name and period of attendance indicating the starting date and end date or the certain school period (e.g. monthly basis, yearly basis, etc.) If the periods are divided by season such as spring, summer, fall and winter, a document that explains each period is needed. (e.g. spring period is from dd/mm/yy through dd/mm/yy)
Certificate of Tax Payment (Tax-related documents)	A certificate issued by a public institution in the license issuing country Tax-related documents such as a certificate of tax payment for three or more consecutive years
Certificate of Residence	A certificate issued by a public institution in the license issuing country If the certificate does not indicate the duration of your stay, you need to provide a document to prove the duration of your stay.
Proof of Income	Proof of Income issued by a company in the license issuing country that displays the company name, applicant's name, address of the company/applicant in the license issuing country, and employment period * You cannot apply with Proof of Income alone (except for European country license holders). However, you can apply together with other documents if the duration of your stay can be verified.
Residency Certificate (Japanese nationals only)	Residency Certificate issued by the Japanese Consulate General * You cannot apply with Residency Certificate alone. However, you can apply together with other documents if the duration of your stay can be verified.