

From 1 April 2026, Cyclists aged 16 or older will be issued with tickets for traffic offences



***Bicycle News:
FAQs Regarding the Traffic
Offence Notification
System***

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※Certain traffic offences committed by cyclists (excluding cyclists under the age of 16) are subject to the Traffic Offence Notification System.



FAQs Regarding the Traffic Offence Notification System

Q1 What will change from 1 April?

A The procedures following a traffic offence committed by a cyclist will change, and the Traffic offence Notification System (so called the “Blue Ticket System”) will be introduced. **No change will be made to the traffic rules for bicycles.**

Q2 What is the Traffic Offence Notification System?

A If a driver or rider commits a traffic offence and pays the fine within the designated period, **the case will be closed without criminal procedures such as a referral to a criminal or family court.** This system is also known as the Blue Ticket System, and the offender will have no criminal record.

Q3 From what age does the system apply?

A A person aged **16 or older** is subject to it.

Q4 What is a blue ticket?

A It is **a blue slip of paper given to an offender** that contains a summary of the offence and other relevant information. It is officially called a “Traffic Offence Notification”.

Q5 What does “Offence (Hansoku Koi)” mean under this system?

A It means illegal conduct, such as disobeying a traffic signal, that **a police officer can actually witness and determine that an offence was clearly committed.**

Q6 What should I do after receiving a blue ticket?

A After receiving a blue ticket and payment slip issued by a police officer, **the case will be closed once the payment slip is taken to a bank or a post office and the fine is paid.**

Q7 What will happen if I don't pay the fine?

A Payment of the fine is **voluntary**. If you do not pay the fine, criminal procedures, such as a criminal trial, will be initiated.

Q8 Why will the Traffic Offence Notification System be introduced?

A The number of bicycle accidents shows no sign of declining, and traffic rules and bad manners among cyclists has become significant social issues. In order to promote the safe use of bicycles and reduce traffic accidents, the police are reinforcing guidance and enforcement against traffic offences committed by cyclists. Swift handling of such matters allows the effective pursuit of responsibility, and this system will be introduced **to reduce the number of traffic accidents involving bicycles.**

Q9 Will I have penalty points on my driving license?

A **No penalty point will be added** to your driving licence. However, if you commit a serious and dangerous offence, such as drink driving, your driving license could be suspended.

Q10 What will happen if I repeatedly commit traffic offences?

A Other than blue tickets for traffic offences, it is required to **attend to a lecture for cyclists** (a person aged 14 or older is subject to it). Your attendance is required if you commit certain traffic offences stipulated by law two or more times within three years. If you receive an order from the Prefectural Public Safety Commission, please make sure to attend a lecture.



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