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Note	© If you have not completed the pre-screening of documents, you cannot apply for the traffic rule knowledge check.
	You need to make a reservation for the traffic rule knowledge check.
	 ** To exchange a foreign driver's license to a Japanese driver's license, a fitness screening (eye test etc.) will be conducted. Furthermore, a traffic rule knowledge check and driving skills test will be conducted, if necessary. (Reservations are required for those tests.) Please refer to ① on the List of Exempted Countries to Take a Traffic Rule Knowledge Check.
Application (Fitness screening) (Knowledge check) (Driving skills test)	 □ Weekdays from Monday to Friday Except for national holidays and new year's holiday (from December 29 to January 3) □ From 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm
Business Hours Where to Apply	□ 1F of Driver's License Center (Test course building) Counter No. 12
What to bring	\square A set of application form which was made at the pre-screening
	□ Passport
	\square Residence card (foreign nationals only)
	\square Japanese driver's license (including one that has expired)
	☐ Eye glasses, hearing aid (if necessary)
	□ Other ※ Helmet, gloves, long sleeve shirt, long trousers, and boots (shoes) for those who apply for motorcycle (expect for 50cc motorized bicycle)
	※ If there is a change to your residence card or foreign driver's license, you need to obtain official documents such as certificate of residence (jyuminhyou). Pre-screening of documents is required in some cases.
Fees	O Application Fee
	Large/Middle/Semi-middle size Regular size Motorized bicycle/Light-duty special vehicle Other
	4,100 yen 2,550 yen 1,500 yen 2,600 yen
	O Issuing Fee
	2,050 yen ** If you apply for more than 2 types of vehicles at the same time, 200 yen will be added from the second type of vehicle onward.
Other	 You cannot exchange your international driving permit with a Japanese driver's license. Exchanging your foreign driver's license with a Japanese driver's license is limited to Category 1 license. (You cannot exchange your foreign driver's license with a Japanese driver's license if it is a Category 2 license.)
Contact Information	Driving Test Division <consultation a="" driver's="" exchanging="" for="" foreign="" license="" room=""> Tel: 048-543-2001 ightharpoonup If you have any questions, make inquiries from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm on weekdays. An officer who is in charge of exchanging foreign driver's licenses will answer the phone. However, they may not be available depending on the crowdedness of pre-screening.</consultation>