



2 Ownership/use of automobiles

2-4 JAF (Japan Automobile Federation)

JAF (Japan Automobile Federation) offers rescue services for automobile accidents and malfunctions 24 hours a day and throughout a year. Its members are furthermore able to receive various benefits such as driving information (an annual fee is required).

(1) Issuance of translation of overseas driver's license

To apply for the transfer of a foreign driver's license to a Japanese one, you need a translation copy of the foreign driver's license (into Japanese). A valid translated document must be issued by only any of JAF, foreign embassies or consulates in Japan or the organization that issued the foreign driver's license in question.

The application fee is 3,000 yen per license. If you apply by mail, you will additionally need 380 yen for the cost of the return mail.

●JAF online sites:

<http://www.jaf.or.jp/> (Japanese)

<http://www.jaf.or.jp/e/index.htm> (English)

●How to apply

Necessary documents	How to apply	Application counter	Application fee
1. Application form for the issuance of translation for foreign driver's license 2. The foreign driver's license 3. A copy of the Residence Card*	By directly visiting a JAF counter or sending the documents by registered postal cash envelope	The counter for issuing translation documents at every JAF branch	3,000 yen (in case of mail) An additional 380 yen required for the returning mail with a delivery record

* Required when the driver's license is written in Arabic or Russian or issued in countries such as the Republic of Korea, Thailand and Myanmar.



(2) Sale of the foreign language versions of “Rules of the Road”

“Rules of the Road” (issued by the Japan Traffic Safety Association) is designed to be used for preparing to take the knowledge test at the driver’s license test site. JAF issues its foreign-language editions (in 5 versions: English, Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish, and Korean). While the Japanese original is free of charge at some local governments, the foreign language editions cost 1,000 yen per copy (consumption tax included, postal fee excluded).

For more details, please visit the JAF online site.

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