MOTORCYCLE RENTAL JAPAN

License Requirements

DIGITAL OR ONLINE VERSIONS OF INTERNATIONAL DRIVER'S PERMIT (IDP) AND DRIVER'S LICENSES ARE NOT VALID IN JAPAN.
AT pickup, you must present (1) a physical 1949 Geneva Convention booklet IDP by the same country as your home license (valid and stamped under Section "A" for motorcycles), (2) your physical home driver's license, and (3) you passport.
Failure to produce all three physical documents will result in cancellation with no refund.

01 Before you leave your country of residence

PASSPORT

- ✓ Be at least 20 years of age.
- ✓ Have a vaild motorcycle driving license from an eligible country.
- ✓ Have a 1949 Geneva Convention IDP stamped on "A" for motorcycles OR an Official Japanese Translation.
- ✓ Passport.
- ✓ Credit card (we recommend bringing more than one just in case).
- ✓ You must have spent 3 months in the country where your license was issued after obtaining the license (Japanese law requirement).

IDPS cannot be applied for once you leave your country of residence.

02 DOCUMENTS TO BRING
ALL THREE REQUIRED

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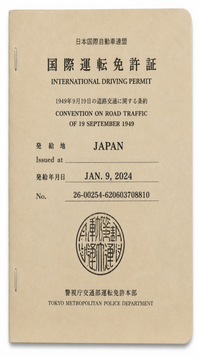

PHYSICAL
1949 Geneva Convention IDP (Mototrcycle Category "A") issued by the same country as your home license.

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PHYSICAL
HOME DRIVER LICENSE
Valid and not expired.

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PASSPORT
Your valid Passport.

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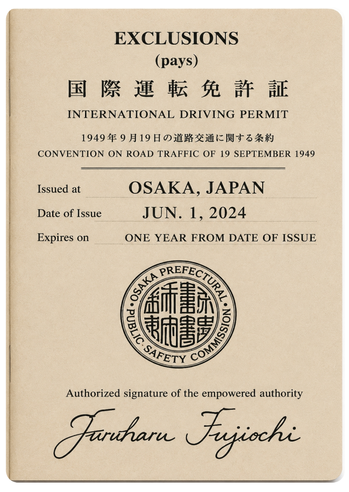
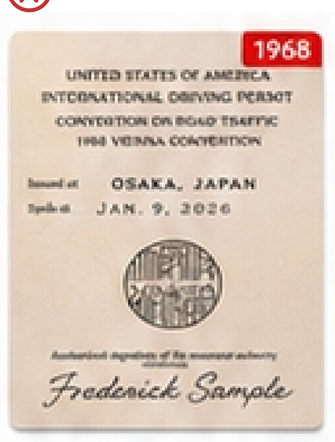
03 INTERNATIONAL DRIVER PERMIT RULES

VALID - 1949 GENEVA CONVENTION



- ✓ Must say "1949 Geneva Convention" on the front cover.
- ✓ Issued in the same country as your home license.
- ✓ Stamped or Indented or embossed (dry) stamped
- ✓ Valid (not expired).
- ✓ Issued by the correct authority.
- ✓ Make sure the issuing authority does not forget to stamp on "A"

NOT VALID - 1969 VIENNA CONVENTION



- ⓧ if "1968" is written on the front cover, it is NOT valid in Japan.
- ⓧ Make sure the issuing authority does not forget to stamp on "A".
- ⓧ Digital or online IDPs are NOT valid.
- ⓧ Expired IDPs are NOT accepted.

Some IDPs might be in a slightly different format.

04 MOTORCYCLE CATEGORY "A" REQUIRED



Your IDP must be stamped on "A" (Motorcycles).

Without the "A" stamp, you cannot ride a motorcycle in Japan.



CACHET
Extension "A"
(Stamped or Indented or embossed (dry) stamped)

05 LIST OF ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

Please see notes 06 &10 for Belgium, France, Germany, Monaco, Switzerland, Taiwan, Italy, Poland, Russia, Slovenia and the United States.

1. Argentina	17. Ecuador	33. Jordan	49. Paraguay	65. Sri Lanka
2. Australia	18. Egypt	34. Laos	50. Peru	66. Sweden
3. Austria	19. Estonia	35. Lebanon	51. Philippines	67. Switzerland
4. Bahrain	20. Fiji	36. Luxembourg	52. Poland	68. Taiwan
5. Bangladesh	21. Finland	37. Macau	53. Portugal	69. Thailand
6. Belgium	22. France	38. Madagascar	54. Romania	70. Togo
7. Benin	23. Georgia	39. Malawi	55. Russia	71. Trinidad and Tobago
8. Brunei	24. Germany	40. Malaysia	56. San Marino	72. Tunisia
9. Burkina Faso	25. Greece	41. Mali	57. Senegal	73. Turkey
10. Cambodia	26. Guatemala	42. Malta	58. Sierra Leone	74. Uganda
11. Canada	27. Hong Kong	43. Monaco	59. Singapore	75. United Arab Emirates
12. Chile	28. Hungary	44. Namibia	60. Slovakia	76. United Kingdom
13. Cyprus	29. Iceland	45. Netherlands	61. Slovenia	77. United States
14. Czech Republic	30. India	46. New Zealand	62. South Africa	78. Vatican City
15. Denmark	31. Ireland	47. Norway	63. South Korea	79. Israel
16. Dominican Republic	32. Italy	48. Papua New Guinea	64. Spain	

06 COUNTRIES REQUIRING JAPANESE TRANSLATION

Yon need an Official Japanese Translation of your home license

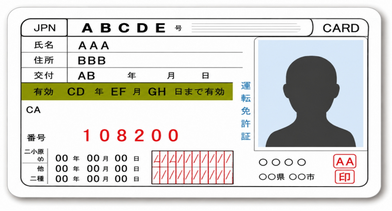
Belgium · France · Germany · Switzerland · Monaco · Taiwan

translation available at JAF (Japanese Automobile Federation), embassies, or consulates.

We can apply on your behalf for a small processing fee.

07 JAPANESE LICENSE HOLDERS

if you hold a valid Japanese motorcycle license, you do not need any additional documents.



08 UNDERSTANDING YOUR IDP



Same IDPs might be in a slightly different format

09 IMPORTANT NOTES

- Valid for 1 year from issue date
- Your license must be valid and not expired.
- Any restrictions on your motorcycle license (engine) displacement, transmission type, etc.) also apply in Japan,
- You must have spent at least 3 months in the country where your license was issued after obtaining it (Japanese law requirement).
- Check country specific notes at the bottom of this page for Belgium, F, France, Monaco, Italy, Poland, Russia & Slovenia and United States.

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BELGIUM, FRANCE & MONACO
1. You have two options: obtain a 1949 Geneva Convention
2. IDP (Group 1) OR Obtain an Official Japanese Translation (Group 2).

ITALY, POLAND. RUSSIA & SLOVENIA
These countries issue both 1949 and 1968 IDPs.
Make sure you check the The 1968 Vienna Convention IDP is NOT valid in japan.

UNITED STATES
IDPs must only be issued by the AAA or AATA.
SOFA license are accepted.

OTHER NOTES
It must be accompanied by IDP has no validity on it's own. your valid home license.
Check that the IDP is not expired and the Category "A" stamp and issue date are valid.