

# Renewing Your Driver's license

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- You cannot apply for renewal if your driver's license has expired.
  - Those who have registered their residence in Yokohama City and must also attend the Traffic Offender's Lecture or First-time Renewal Driver's Lecture need to apply for renewal at the Driver's License Center.
  - Same Day Renewal Police Stations include: Kawasaki Police Station, Yokosuka Police Station, Kamakura Police Station, Odawara Police Station, Ebina Police Station, and Sagami-hara-kita Police Station.
  - If you apply for renewal at a police station (including one of the police stations that provide the same day renewal service) and must also attend the General Driver's Lecture, Traffic Offender's Lecture, or First-time Renewal Driver's Lecture, you will need to attend the required lecture on a different day from the day you apply. Your driver's license will be issued on the day you attend the lecture course.
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## Where and when to apply for renewal

The time when your application may be submitted differs depending on the types of lecture courses (the lecture course you need to attend for renewal will be notified via your Renewal Notice.).

### Types of Lecture Courses

<b>Safe Driver's Lecture</b>	Those who need to attend this lecture course: have had a Japanese driver's license for five (5) consecutive years or longer and have not committed any traffic offenses and have also not caused any traffic accidents over the last five (5) years.
<b>General Driver's Lecture</b>	Those who need to attend this lecture: have had a Japanese driver's license for five (5) consecutive years or longer and have committed only one (1) minor traffic offense (3 points or less) and have also not caused any traffic accidents over the last five (5) years.
<b>Traffic Offender's Lecture</b>	Those who need to attend this lecture: have had a Japanese driver's license for five (5) consecutive years or longer and; have committed minor traffic offenses (3 points or less) two times or more or have committed any traffic offenses (4 points or more) or have caused traffic accidents, over the last five (5) years.

<b>First-time Renewal Driver's Lecture</b>	Those who need to attend this lecture: have had a Japanese driver's license for less than five (5) years and have been accident-free and violation-free or have committed only one (1) minor traffic offense (3 points or less) and have not caused any traffic accidents.
<b>Senior Driver's Lecture</b>	Those who need to attend this lecture: Drivers who are age 70 or more.

○ All applicants who have registered their residence in Kanagawa Prefecture can apply for renewal at the Driver's License Center.

Where to apply		Types of lecture courses	Application may be submitted between:
<b>Driver's License Center</b>	Open: Mon - Fri, Sun  (Holidays, and Year-End and New Year Holidays; closed)	Safe Driver's Lecture	8:30 - 11:00 AM
		Senior Driver's Lecture	1:00 - 3:30 PM
		General Driver's Lecture	8:30 - 11:00 AM 1:00 - 3:00 PM
		Traffic Offender's Lecture	8:30 - 11:00 AM 1:00 - 2:30 PM
		First-time Renewal Driver's Lecture	9:00 - 9:50 AM 1:00 - 1:50 PM

○ Same Day Renewal Police Stations include: Kawasaki Police Station, Yokosuka Police Station, Kamakura Police Station, Odawara Police Station, Ebina Police Station, and Sagami-hara-Kita Police Station. Those who can apply for renewal at the same day renewal police stations listed above:

- have resided in the jurisdiction of one of aforementioned police stations. And/ or,
- have resided in the jurisdiction of one of the designated police stations and need to attend the **Safe Driver's Lecture or have already attended the Senior Driver's Lecture** (\* See the chart below labelled 'Same Day Renewal Block' to find your appropriate Same Day Renewal Police Station).

<b>Same Day Renewal Police Stations</b>	Mon - Fri (Holidays, and Year-End and New-Year Holidays; closed)	Safe Driver's Lecture	9:00 - 11:00 AM
		Senior Driver's Lecture	1:00 - 4:00 PM
		General Driver's Lecture	9:00 - 12:00 AM
		Traffic Offender's Lecture	
		First-time Renewal Driver's Lecture	1:00 - 4:00 PM

## Same Day Renewal Block

Police Stations to Apply	Designated police stations
<b>Kawasaki Police Station</b>	Kawasaki, Kawasaki-Rinko, Saiwai, Nakahara, Takatsu, Miyamae, Tama, Asao
<b>Yokosuka Police Station</b>	Yokosuka, Taura, Yokosuka-Minami, Misaki, Hayama
<b>Kamakura Police Station</b>	Kamakura, Ofuna, Fujisawa, Fujisawa-Kita, Chigasaki, Zushi
<b>Odawara Police Station</b>	Odawara, Hiratsuka, Oiso, Matsuda, Hadano, Isehara
<b>Ebina Police Station</b>	Ebina, Atsugi, Yamato, Zama
<b>Sagamihara-Kita Police Station</b>	Sagamihara, Sagamihara-Minami, Sagamihara-Kita, Tsukui

○ You can apply at any local police station whose jurisdiction covers your residence.

Those who have registered their residence in Yokohama City and must attend the Traffic Offender's Lecture or First-time Renewal Driver's Lecture, however, need to apply for renewal at the Driver's License Center.

<b>Police stations (Other than Same Day Renewal Police Stations)</b>	Mon-Fri (Holidays, and Year- End and New-Year Holidays; closed)	Safe Driver's Lecture	9:00-11:30 AM 1:00 - 4:00 PM
		General Driver's Lecture Traffic Offender's Lecture First-time Renewal Driver's Lecture Senior Driver's Lecture (Except for those who have registered their residence in Yokohama City and must attend the Traffic Offender's Lecture or First-time Renewal Driver's Lecture.)	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 - 4:00 PM

## Requirements:

<b>Driver's License Center Same Day Renewal Police Station</b>	<b>Police Stations (other than Same Day Renewal Police Stations)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Driver's License (You must bring your Notification of Driver's License Suspension document, if your license has been suspended.)</li><li>○ A Renewal Notice (a post card) A renewal notice is optional for the application. Application form for renewal and Questionnaire</li><li>○ Resident Card, Certificate for Special Permanent Resident, etc. (Foreign Applicants Only)</li><li>○ A Certificate of Attendance for the Senior Driver's Lecture (Only those who need to attend the lecture)</li><li>○ Glasses, hearing aid, etc. You need to take an aptitude test. You are advised to bring glasses, hearing aids, etc., if you feel you need them for the aptitude test even if conditions on your driver's license does not state that you require them.</li></ul> <p>※ You can bring with you one (1) photograph for application; if you want to use the photo you bring for your renewed driver's license or if you fall under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ if you replace and renew your driver's license at one time at the Driver's License Center.</li><li>○ if you renew your license while your driver's license has been suspended.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Driver's License (You must bring your Notification of Driver's License Suspension document, if your license has been suspended.)</li><li>○ A Renewal Notice (a post card) A renewal notice is optional for the application.</li><li>○ Application form for renewal and Questionnaire</li><li>○ A Resident Card, Certificate for Special Permanent Resident, etc. (Foreign Applicants Only)</li><li>○ A Certificate of Attendance for the Senior Driver's Lecture (Only those who need to attend the lecture)</li><li>○ Glasses, hearing aid, etc. You need to take an aptitude test. You are advised to bring glasses, hearing aids, etc., if you feel you need them for the aptitude test even if conditions on your driver's license does not state that you require them.</li><li>○ One (1) photograph for application 3.0 x 2.4 cm, 1/3 upper-body photograph, taken from the front and taken within the last six (6) months before application, with your head uncovered, with solid color background.</li></ul>

- ※ For those who want to use the photograph they bring with them for their driver's license at the Driver's License Center:
  - Applications may be submitted on weekdays only.
  - Your renewed driver's license can be collected from the Driver's License Center on or after a designated weekday.
  - One (1) photograph for application  
3.0 x 2.4cm, 1/3 upper-body photograph, taken from the front and within the last six (6) months before application, with your head uncovered, with solid color background
- ※ For those who replace and renew their driver's license at one time:
  - You are required to provide documents to confirm your identification.
  - **You cannot apply for both replacement and renewal at one time on Sundays.**
- ※ For those who have returned temporarily to Japan from abroad (**only those who are temporarily staying within Kanagawa Prefecture**) and have not registered their residence in Japan:
 

You are required to submit a written statement of your length of stay and a document such as a certificate of residence of the person who drafted the aforementioned document.

## Fees

Fees vary depending on the lecture course.

Lecture Course	Renewal Fee	Lecture Fee	Total
Safe Driver's Lecture	2,500 yen	500 yen	3,000 yen
General Driver's Lecture		800 yen	3,300 yen
Traffic Offender's Lecture		1,350 yen	3,850 yen
First-time Renewal Driver's Lecture			

Those who have already attended the Senior Driver's Lecture need to pay a renewal fee of only 2,500 yen.

## Others

- The renewal period is from one month before your birthday up to one month after your birthday in the renewal year. If the final day falls on Saturday, Sunday, National Holidays, or Year-End and New Year Holidays, you can submit for the renewal procedure on the next business day (If it falls on Saturday, you can apply on Monday).  
You cannot apply for renewal if your driver's license has expired.
- Special exception for renewal:  
If you are unable to renew your driver's license during the ordinary renewal period due to unavoidable reasons such as; going abroad, being in the hospital etc., you can submit for it in advance.

You need to bring a document that states the unavoidable reasons such as; a passport, seaman's book etc., if you are going abroad, a doctor's certificate, or a maternal & child health handbook if you need to be in hospital or your babies birth is expected, in addition to the documents that are normally required.

※ Applications may be submitted between 9:00 AM and 9:50 AM, and between 1:00 PM and 1:50 PM.