

## **Non-Japanese Driver's License with Which You May Drive in Japan**

If you have a non-Japanese driver's license issued by a country or region where requirements for obtaining a license are considered equivalent to those of Japan<sup>\*1</sup>, and if you have its Japanese translation attached to it<sup>\*2</sup>, you may drive in Japan with your non-Japanese license for one year from the date of your entry into Japan as long as your non-Japanese license is valid.

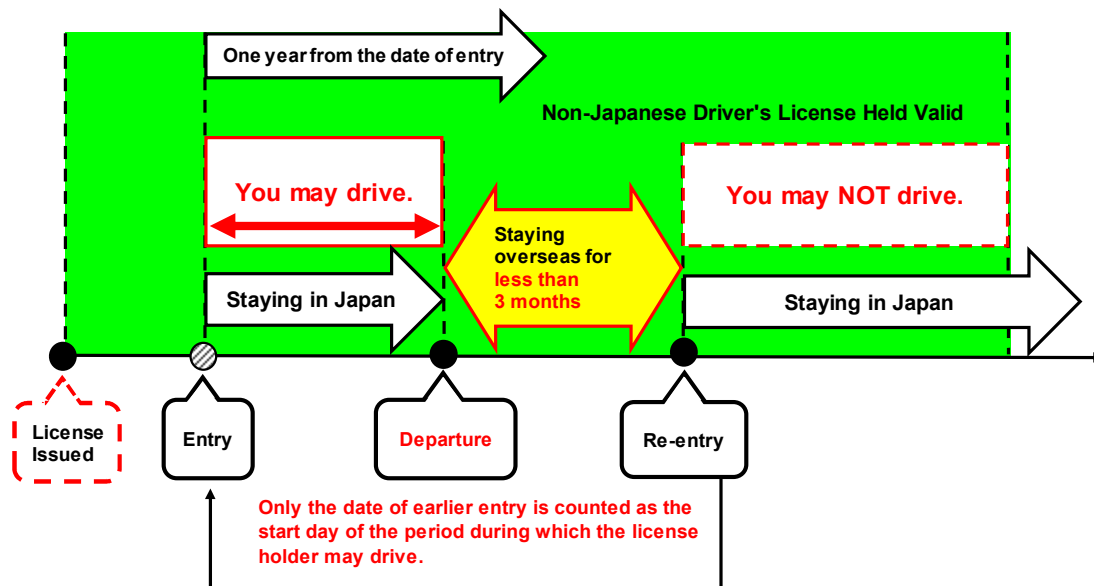
However, if you are a Japanese or non-Japanese mid- to long-term resident recorded in the Basic Resident Register, and if you return to Japan less than three months after leaving Japan with confirmation of departure or re-entry permission, you may not drive with your non-Japanese license in Japan. This is because the date of your re-entry after staying overseas for less than three months is not counted as the start day of the period during which you may drive with the non-Japanese license (the so-called "Three-Month Rule").

<sup>\*1</sup>Here are the countries and region considered to impose license requirements equivalent to those of Japan (as of January 6, 2022):

The Swiss Confederation, the Republic of France, the Kingdom of Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Principality of Monaco, and Taiwan

<sup>\*2</sup>The Japanese translation to be attached must be made either by the embassy, consulate or representative office of the country or region issuing the driver's license, JAF (Japan Automobile Federation), Ziplus Co. Ltd, ALADDIN (Automobile License Assistance and Driving Documentation in Nippon), Taiwan-Japan Exchange Association (for Taiwanese license) or ADAC (for German license).

1. Re-entering Japan after staying overseas for less than three months (those recorded in the Basic Resident Register)



2. Re-entering Japan after staying overseas for three months or longer (those recorded in the Basic Resident Register)

