

USAF SOFA DRIVERS COURSE



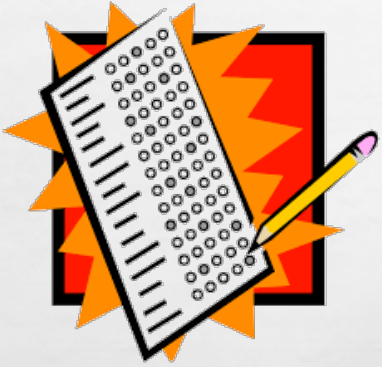
MODULE 1 INTRODUCTION



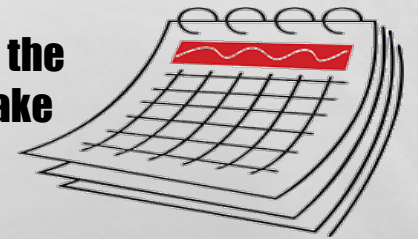
Module 1 INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to U.S. Forces Japan Certificate of License Course



- **Members must score a 70% or higher on the final course exam in order to achieve a passing score. Members can miss up to SIX questions and pass the test.**
- **Upon beginning the final exam, the service member or civilian member must complete exam within one session without any pauses. Once the exam has been started, stopping at any point before completion will cause the exam to reset.**
- **Final course exam results/scores are valid for 60 days.**
 - **All test results/scores outside of the 60 day window are invalid and will require the service member or civilian member to review all course material again and retake and pass the final course exam to obtain a license.**



MODULE 2 GENERAL INFORMATION



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- **The U.S. Forces Certificate of License is only valid for driving Privately Owned Vehicles (POV) within Japan.**
- **This training and exam also serve as the foundation for the issuance of a military driver's license for use throughout Japan.**
- **All U.S. Forces vehicles “A”, “Y”, or an “E” designator**
- **It is MANDATORY that all personnel have a current U.S., U.S. territory or Country driver's license in their possession. SOFA license will expire on DEROS or expiration date of U.S./territory/country license, whichever is sooner. Civilian members that are TDY and wish to rent a vehicle may utilize their International Driving Permit. Must be Command SOFA sponsored and have a CURRENT Drivers license from the following:**

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| ▪ U.S./territory/D.C. | ▪ Ireland |
| ▪ Japan | ▪ Italy |
| ▪ Australia | ▪ Luxembourg |
| ▪ Austria | ▪ Netherlands |
| ▪ Belgium | ▪ New Zealand |
| ▪ Canada | ▪ Norway |
| ▪ Czech Republic | ▪ Portugal |
| ▪ Denmark | ▪ South Korea |
| ▪ Finland | ▪ Spain |
| ▪ France | ▪ Sweden |
| ▪ Germany | ▪ Switzerland |
| ▪ Greece | ▪ Taiwan |
| ▪ Iceland | ▪ United Kingdom |

Module 2 General Information

- **Despite traffic laws and precautions taken by drivers, accidents will still occur.**
 - **The leading cause of vehicle accidents in Japan involving is “failure to yield the right-of-way.”**
- **Possible causes of accidents:**
 - **Driving too fast, distracted driving, inattention, fatigue**
- **If involved in an accident:**
 - **Assist the injured**
 - **Remain at the scene**
 - **Exchange personal data**
 - **Notify local police & SFS**
 - **Do not move your vehicle until told to do so by the police**

****You are required to report ALL accidents to the Military Police of the closest area in which the accident occurred. Civil laws also require that a report of the accident be submitted immediately to local civil police authorities.****

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THE 18TH WING COMMANDER GRANTS THE PRIVILEGE OF DRIVING ON KADENA AIR BASE FOR U.S. FORCES PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

- **SUSPENSION IS A FORFEITURE OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES FOR LESS THAN ONE YEAR**
- **REVOCATION IS A FORFEITURE OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES FOR ONE YEAR OR MORE *VEHICLE(S) REQUIRED TO BE DEREGISTERED**
- **SUSPENSIONS AND REVOCATIONS AFFECT BOTH ON AND OFF-BASE DRIVING PRIVILEGES FOR PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES AND GOVERNMENT VEHICLES**

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Traffic Violation Citation:

This is a detailed Japanese traffic violation citation form (Jisho). It contains multiple sections for recording information: driver details (name, address, license number), vehicle information (make, model, license plate), and specific details of the violation (date, time, location, officer's name). The form is filled out with handwritten text in Japanese.

Traffic Violation Fee Form:

This is a Japanese traffic violation fee form (Jisho). It includes sections for driver information (name, address, license number), vehicle details (make, model, license plate), and payment information (amount paid, date of payment). The form is filled out with handwritten text in Japanese.

****Must pay the penalty within 8 calendar days at off base Japanese Postal**

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JAPANESE COMPULSORY INSURANCE (JCI)

Japanese Compulsory Insurance (JCI). Must be purchased by a company licensed in Japan.

Japanese law requires vehicle owners to carry in their cars at all times a form certifying that the second type of policy has been purchased.

Failure to maintain current Japanese Compulsory Insurance (JCI) for your POV will result in suspension or revocation of driving privileges for up to one year

自動車検査証		
自動車登録番号又は車両番号	取得年月日/交付年月日	取得の種別
東京都 1234567	2023/01/01	小型自動車
車名	型式	登録区分
軽自動車	軽自動車	軽自動車
所有者の氏名又は名称	住所	使用上の住所
株式会社 ABC	東京都 1234567	東京都 1234567
使用上の住所	住所	住所
住所	住所	住所
有効期間の満了する日	平成 27 年 12 月 8 日	
[名古用] 継続検査		
自動車検査証番号 M123456789 実用自動車用		

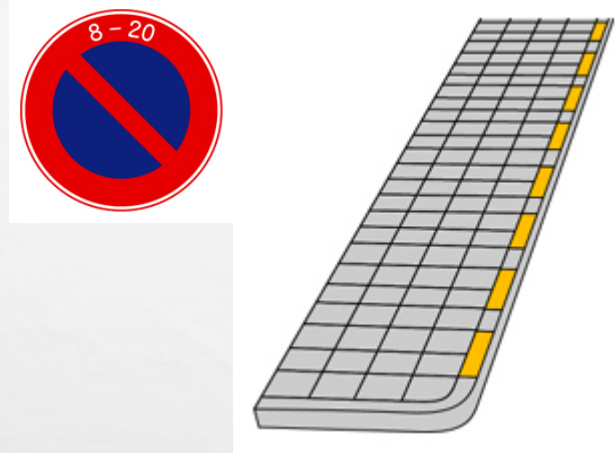
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OFF BASE PARKING CITATIONS

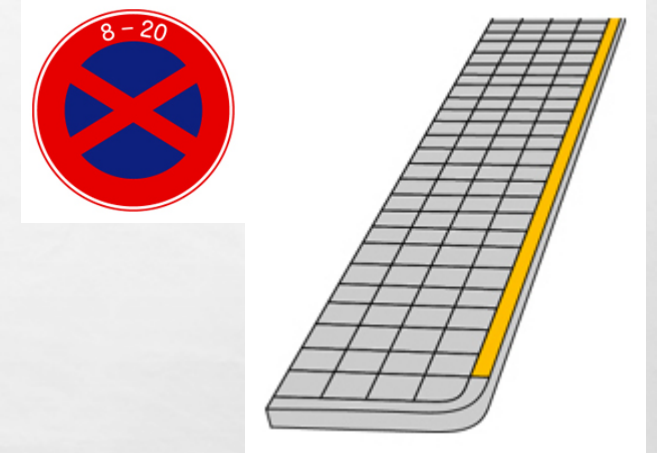
No Parking:

- **Within 10 meters (33 ft) from safety zones, bus stops, and railroad crossings**
- **Within 5 meters (16 ft) from intersections, pedestrian cross walks**

**¥15,000
\$125**



**¥18,000
\$150**



**Parking Fines
vary with vehicle size and other
variables**

Module 2 General Information

- Driving while talking on cell phone or text messaging **violates** DoD policy and Japanese Traffic Law
- **Hands-free devices** are **discouraged** unless the vehicle is safely parked
- **Exception: A land mobile radio (LMR) is allowed, if required, and issued for official duties**
- **Seatbelt use is mandatory while operating a motor vehicle for all occupants**
 - **Vehicle operators will be ticketed for passengers not wearing seatbelts**

ZERO TOLERANCE



Module 2 General Information

Driving Under the Influence (DUI):
(BAC 0.03)

Driving While Intoxicated (DWI):
(BAC 0.3)



****Passengers can be charged and face the same punishment as the driver***

- **Designated Driver**
- **Call Taxi or Supervisor**



HAVE A PLAN!!!



MODULE 3 TRAFFIC SAFETY



Module 3 Traffic Safety



kph is maximum speed unless otherwise posted



kph in school zones



kph in parking lots



kph over spike strips

Conversion Chart

15 kph = 9 mph

25 kph = 15 mph

35 kph = 22 mph

40 kph = 25 mph

50 kph = 31 mph

60 kph = 37 mph

80 kph = 50 mph

100 kph = 62 mph

SCHOOL BUSES / SCHOOL ZONES

Module 3 Traffic Safety

Drivers must stop when students are exiting or boarding the school bus. DO NOT pass until the bus resumes motion even if a school bus driver waves you by!



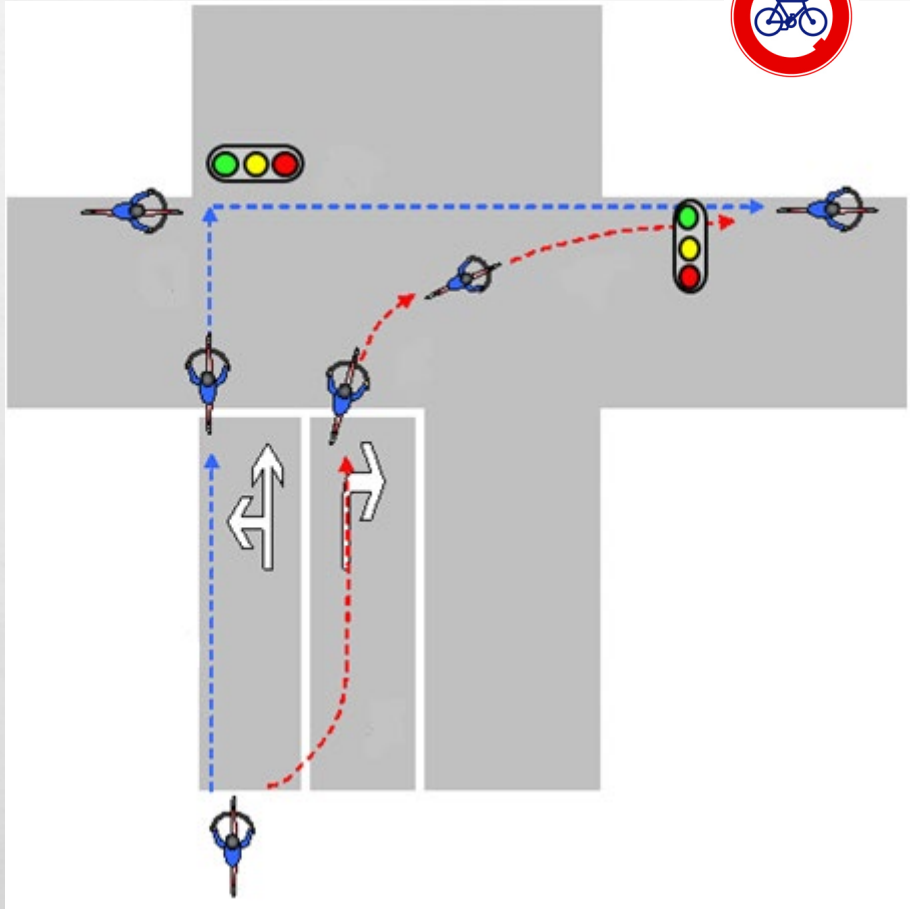
Watch for Children

Off base school children raise their hand before crossing. Stop when you see school children with their hand raised near intersections.



----- Good!

----- No Good!



Module 3 Traffic Safety

BICYCLES

TURNING RIGHT AT AN OFF BASE INTERSECTION:

- **BICYCLES MUST USE CROSSWALK, CHANGE DIRECTION, USE CROSSWALK AGAIN**
- **RIDERS WILL WEAR A HELMET; PROPERLY SECURED**
- **RIDERS WILL NOT WEAR HEADPHONES, EARPHONES OR OTHER LIKE DEVICES**

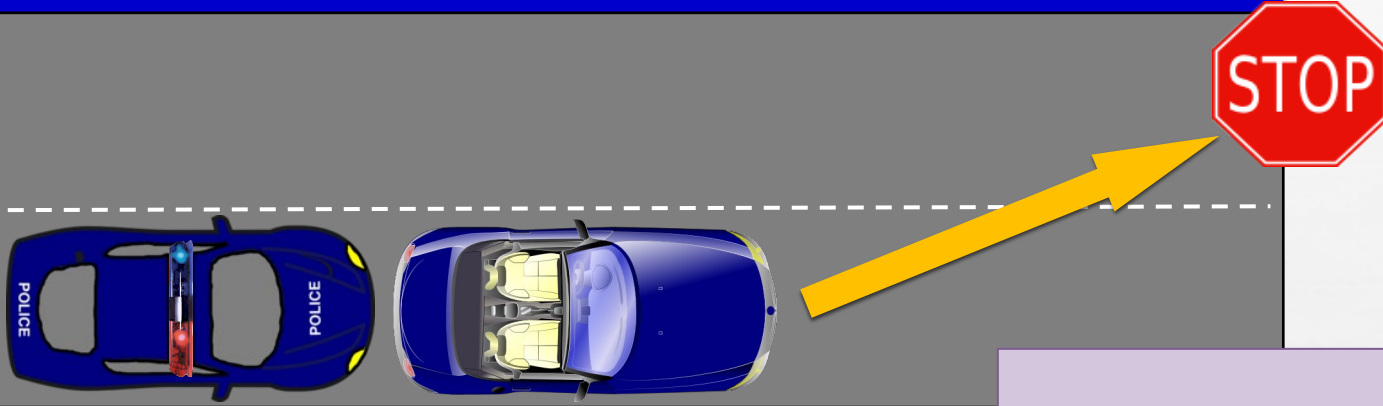
HOURS OF DARKNESS/LOW VISIBILITY:

- **RIDERS WILL WEAR HIGHLY REFLECTIVE CLOTHING OR VESTS**
- **BICYCLE REQUIRED TO HAVE A WHITE FRONT LIGHT VISIBLE FROM 500 FT**
- **BICYCLE REQUIRED TO HAVE A RED REAR LIGHT VISIBLE FROM 300 FT**

Module 3 Traffic Safety

EMERGENCY VEHICLES OFF-BASE

When you hear a siren approaching, *SAFELY* pull to the left and *STOP*



While driving off base, if Japanese police car is operating on roadway with beacon only, without sirens, you do NOT have to stop.

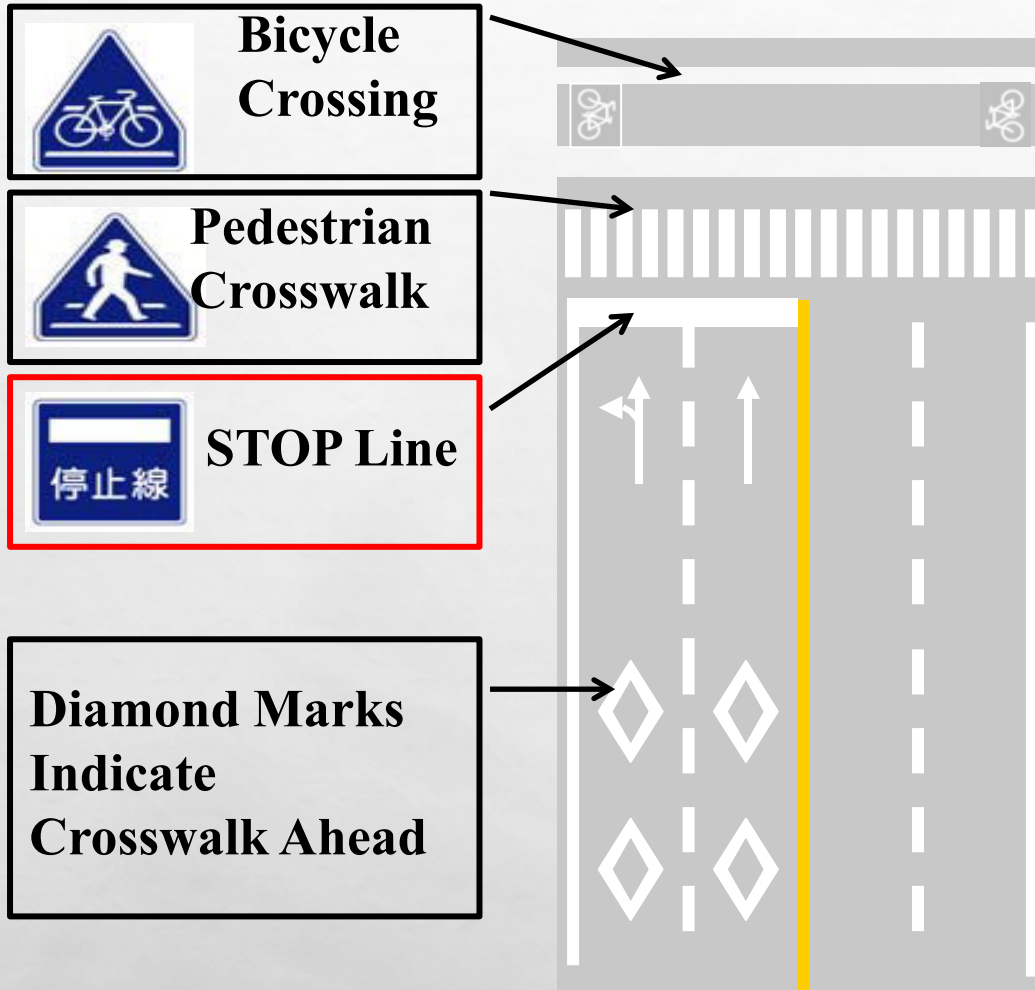
****Police car is just patrolling the area. If it is an emergency, you will hear sirens.**



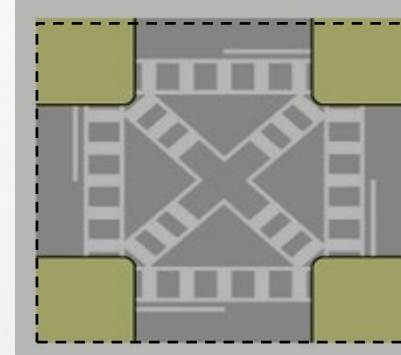
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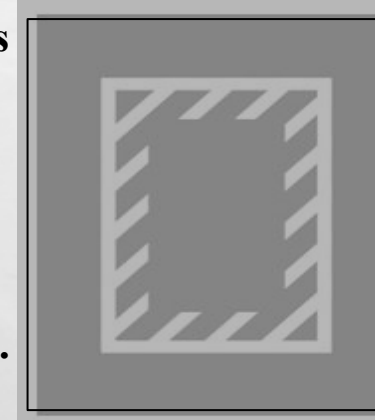
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Intersections with a high volume of Pedestrian traffic may look similar to this.

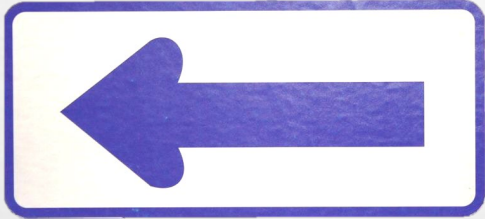


Safety zones are no stopping zones generally located in front of fire departments, hospitals, & Emergency Services facilities.

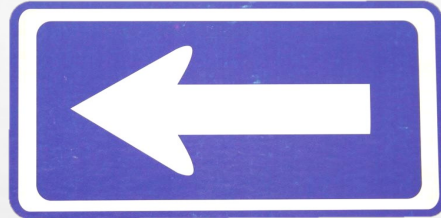


Module 4 Road Marking/Signs

TRAFFIC SIGNS



LEFT TURN ON RED



ONE WAY



BUS LANE



SCHOOL ZONE



**PEDESTRIAN
CROSSING**



PARKING SIGN



**NO PARKING OR STOPPING
FROM 0800 – 2000**



**NO PARKING FROM 0800
– 2000
Can stop short period**



NO PASSING

TRAFFIC SIGNS

Module 4 Road Marking/Signs



Yield/Slow Down



Stop



No /Right Turn



No Crossing



**Closed to All
Vehicles except
Two-Wheel Vehicles**



**Closed to Indicated
Motor Vehicles**



**Maximum Speed
Limit**



**Minimum Speed
Limit**

Module 4 Road Marking/Signs

**Beginner
Driver
(Less than 1 year)**



***Mandatory on
Vehicle***

**Senior Citizen
(Driver age 70 & Up)**



**Driver with
Handicap**



**Driver with
Hearing Disorder**



EXPRESS WAY TOLL GATE



Module 4 Road Marking/Signs

When entering the Express Way, use “Green” gate, unless your vehicle has “ETC” device.

***ETC = Electronic Toll Collection**



Course Complete!

If you have questions on this course, please contact: 18wg.seggroundsafety@us.af.mil.

For questions on SOFA Permit please call 634-3437.