

## **From April 1st, 2026, bicycles will be subject to the traffic violation notification system**

When police officers see a bicycle traffic violation, they will most likely give guidance or a warning. However, if a violation is particularly dangerous and causes serious risks to pedestrians or other vehicles, the offenders will be subject to criminal prosecutions.

The following are examples of traffic violations which could cause the issuance of traffic tickets **(Blue tickets)**.



**Ignoring traffic lights**  
6,000 yen



**Ignoring a stop sign**  
5,000 yen



**Driving on the right side of a road**  
6,000 yen



**Using a cell phone while riding**  
12,000 yen



**Going through a railroad crossing after the gate has dropped.**  
7,000 yen



**Riding with defective brakes**  
5,000 yen

**If bicycle drivers make serious violations or cause traffic accidents, the offenders will be prosecuted (Red tickets)**

(i.e. Drunk driving, dangerous driving, using a cell phones etc.)

### **Caution**

For 16 types of traffic violations, including ignoring a traffic light, if an offender is cited two or more times within three years or causes a traffic accident, the offender must attend a bicycle safety course.

## **For Non-Japanese nationals who are completing a driver's license**

The following documents are required as of October 1st, 2025

- Zairyu card or Special permanent resident certificate
- Resident certificate (Jyuminhyo)      Please refer to NPA website for details.