4. Driver's License

The police are responsible for driver’s license administration. As of the end of 2017, 82,255,195 persons possessed driver's licenses.

While in general, driver’s licenses are valid for five years, the period of validity is shortened for beginner drivers, drivers who committed traffic violations or caused traffic accidents, and drivers who are aged 70 and over.

At the time of renewal, drivers are required to attend a safety driving class according to their records of traffic violations and accidents.

Drivers who are aged 70 and over, at the time of renewal, are required to attend a training course for elderly drivers. Additionally, drivers who are aged 75 and over are required to take a cognitive function test in advance. Based on the test results, elderly drivers will be assigned to take the most appropriate class. Further measures can be taken on elderly drivers who show cognitive impairment.

The police can promptly revoke or suspend licenses of drivers who committed serious traffic violations or caused accidents, and require them to take additional driver education classes.

5. Promotion of Traffic Safety Education and Campaigns

A. Traffic Safety Education Guidelines

The NPSC indicates the "Traffic Safety Education Guidelines" in order to provide standardized traffic safety education depending on age, psychosomatic developmental stage, and the means of transportation. The police promote traffic safety education based on the Guidelines in collaboration with local groups and traffic organizations.

B. Driving Safety Supervisor

Business operators using more than a certain number of motor vehicles are required to appoint a Driving Safety Supervisor. Driving Safety Supervisors are responsible for the traffic safety of their drivers and also provide traffic safety education to their drivers based on the Traffic Safety Education Guidelines. As of the end of March 2018 there are approximately 338,000 business establishments with Driving Safety Supervisors in Japan.

C. National Traffic Safety Campaigns

The police co-sponsor the National Traffic Safety Campaigns with other governmental ministries, agencies and relevant sectors every spring and fall. During the ten-day campaign period, the police intensively carry out road safety activities with the participation of local residents. In each campaign, the focus is placed on issues such as preventing traffic accidents involving children and elderly persons, promoting the use of seatbelts and child seats, and cracking down on DUI.