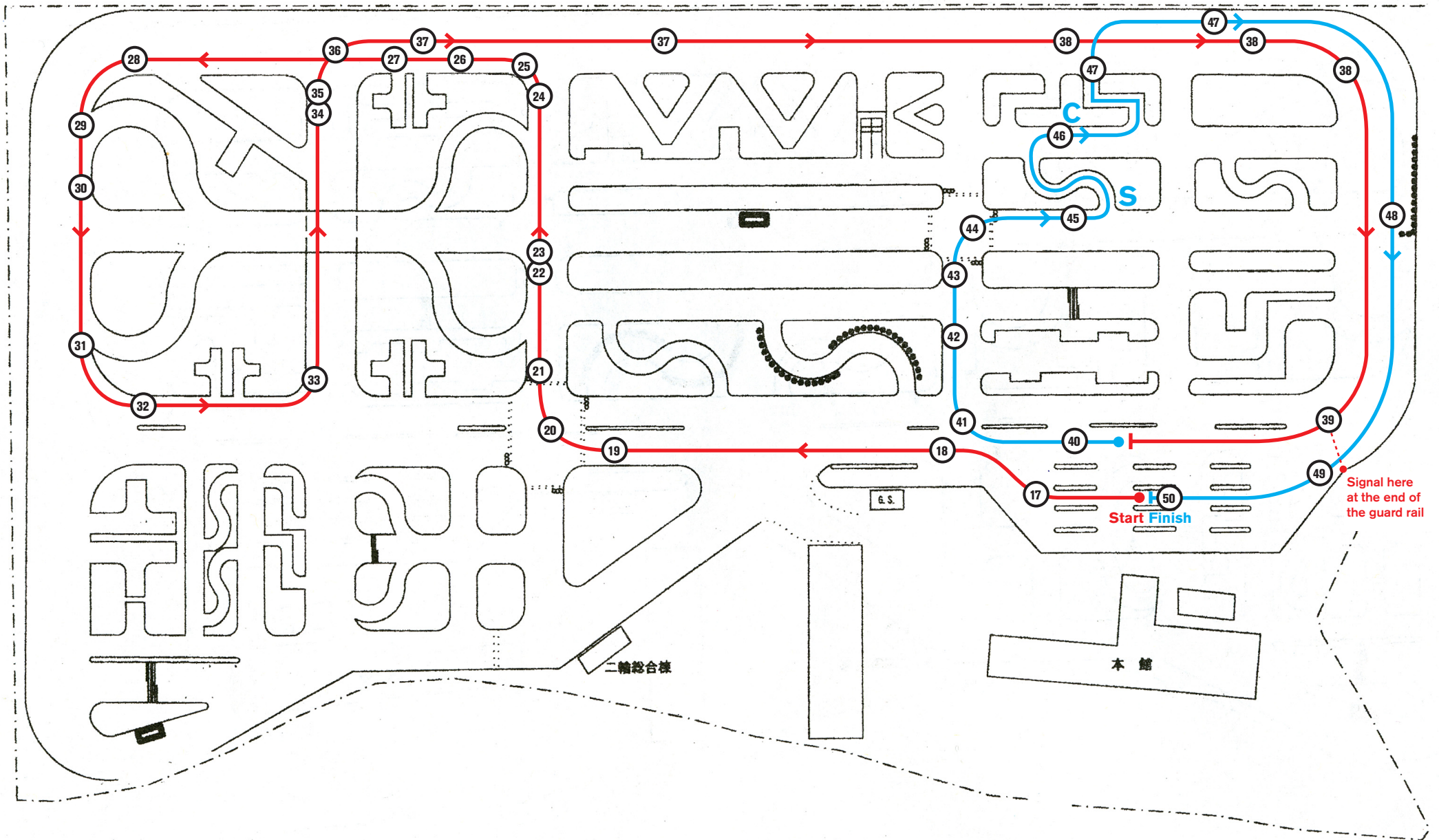


Course 1

Kagoshima Prefecture
Driver's License Examination Center
鹿児島県合運転免許試験場



Course 1

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1. Check around the outside of the vehicle
2. Get in, adjust your seat distance and angle
3. Adjust side and rear-view mirrors
(though only the rear-view adjusted for me)
4. Buckle up
5. Push the clutch and brake in
6. Shift from reverse (as the instructor will likely leave it) into neutral
7. Start the engine
8. Shift into first gear
9. Put your right turn signal on
10. Release the emergency brake
11. 5 point head turn
(ushiro, hidari, ruummirra, migi, migi ushiro)
12. Ask to proceed
13. Turn the wheel to the right slightly as you drive out of the first bay
14. Immediately shift into 2nd when you clear the first bay.
You should be in 2nd before you drive through the second bay.
15. Right turn signal, then check over your right shoulder as you clear the second bay
16. After you clear the second bay, accelerate towards the left lane and shift into 3rd

After leaving the parking bay, the courses start to differ:

17. As you are accelerating into the left lane from the parking bay, keep your right turn signal on.
18. Check over your right shoulder and accelerate into the left lane. Once you are fully into the lane, check over

your shoulder again, keep your signal on, then enter the right lane. Keep to the right side of the lane. Stay in 3rd gear.

- 19a. As you approach the traffic signal, be prepared to turn right. If the light is red, push both clutch and brake in, keeping both hands on the wheel, and come to a stop well before the line. When the light goes green, check over your right shoulder, right, left, then proceed.
- 19b. If the light is green, brake before the signal and check over your right shoulder, right, left, then proceed with your turn. Shift into 2nd gear during the turn.
20. Be careful that your front wheel does not touch / cross the turning diamond in the middle of the intersection. You should be going 10km/h through all of the small turns like this.
21. As you make the turn, stay to the left side of the left lane. Shift into 3rd gear.
22. Soon you will approach a cross road with no signal. Slow down and check right and left, but do not stop.
23. As you are crossing this intersection, turn on your left turn signal.
24. Look right, left, then over your left shoulder as you approach the main road. Get ready to turn left, brake and keep your left signal on.
25. Make the left turn slowly, 10km/h or less, shift into 2nd once you are straight in the lane.
26. Accelerate and shift into 3rd
27. You will approach an intersection to your left, so slow down and deliberately check to your left before proceeding. Accelerate again after checking.
28. Follow the road to the left (but do not use your turn signal as it is not a turn). Stay in third gear.
29. Accelerate again once you are straight in the lane.
30. You will see another intersection to your left. Slow down and deliberately check to your left. Accelerate and turn your left signal on after checking.
31. As you approach the next intersection check over your left shoulder before turning. Keep it slow and close to

the curb. The car may nearly be stalling out in 3rd at this point.

32. Once you straighten out in the lane, accelerate and prepare for the next left turn. Turn your signal on about halfway along the block. You should be able to downshift to 2nd here as well. This is another semi-blind intersection and you will need to first check right, left, then over your left shoulder cautiously as you approach, then check right and left again as you creep forward into your turn (note: not over your shoulder twice). During the turn stay slow (10km/h) in 2nd gear.
33. Just as you straighten out from the turn, switch your signal directly from left to right (in one motion), then accelerate towards the right hand side of the lane. Shift into 3rd before the stop sign. (Its hard to tell on the map, but you do not need to check right and left in the middle of this block since you are going under an mini overpass)
34. As you approach the stop sign , stay in 3rd and begin to brake. Only push the clutch in just before you come to a complete stop. Keep your right turn signal on.
35. This turn has two massive walls on either side of you, forcing you to crawl forward and check both directions. You need to check right and left 3 times before proceeding with your right hand turn. When starting from the stop, in 1st tap the gas a bit and just feather the clutch to creep forward slowly. Check once when you can't see anything, again when you can see a little bit, and a third time when you would likely be struck by oncoming traffic.
36. Once clear, accelerate and make your right turn into the left most lane of the two lane road. Again, be careful that your front wheel does not clip the painted turn diamond in the intersection. Shift into 2nd during the turn.
37. Accelerate and shift into 3rd (around 35-40km/h) once you straighten out in the lane. Really get on it in 3rd gear and shift into "top" or 4th gear before you see the first 50km/h sign. You should maintain a speed be-

tween 48-52 km/h. Don't go over 52 and don't chicken out under 48. Just hit 50 and hold it. (note: the digital speedometer on the dash differed from the mechanical gauges in my practice car by 2km/h. not sure what to expect from the test vehicle, just be careful.)

38. As you get closer to the corner, you will see another 50km/h sign on your left. You want to start braking here and check your rear view mirror. Next there will be another sign post (3 signs, corner, no u-turns). Brake here and downshift to third. Take the corner slow, then accelerate once you've straightened out.
39. As you come you approach the next corner, you will notice a concrete barrier on your left. At the end of that barrier the metal guard rail ends, you need to turn on your right signal and prepare to enter the right lane. As you turn your signal on, look over your right shoulder to check the other lane.
40. Turn into the right lane after straightening out and accelerate, keeping to the right side of the lane. Keep your signal on and stay in third gear until reaching the intersection. You will be a small sign with a traffic signal on it indicating where to turn. As you approach the turn, look over your right shoulder, give the instructor some exaggerated braking, then shift into second for the turn.
41. Take the turn slowly (10km/h) and keep the car headed towards the right side of the lane you are turning into.
42. Accelerate and shift into 3rd. You will come up on another crossroad before the intersection, so slow down and look right then left, then immediately after turn on your right signal and approach the intersection.
43. This intersection has a blinking signal (yellow), so you have right of way. Regardless, you need to slow down (don't stop!), check over your right shoulder, then right and left before proceeding. Shift into 2nd.
44. Take the turn slowly right and stay in the left side of the lane. Turn your left signal on as soon as you straighten out and look over your left shoulder. You are

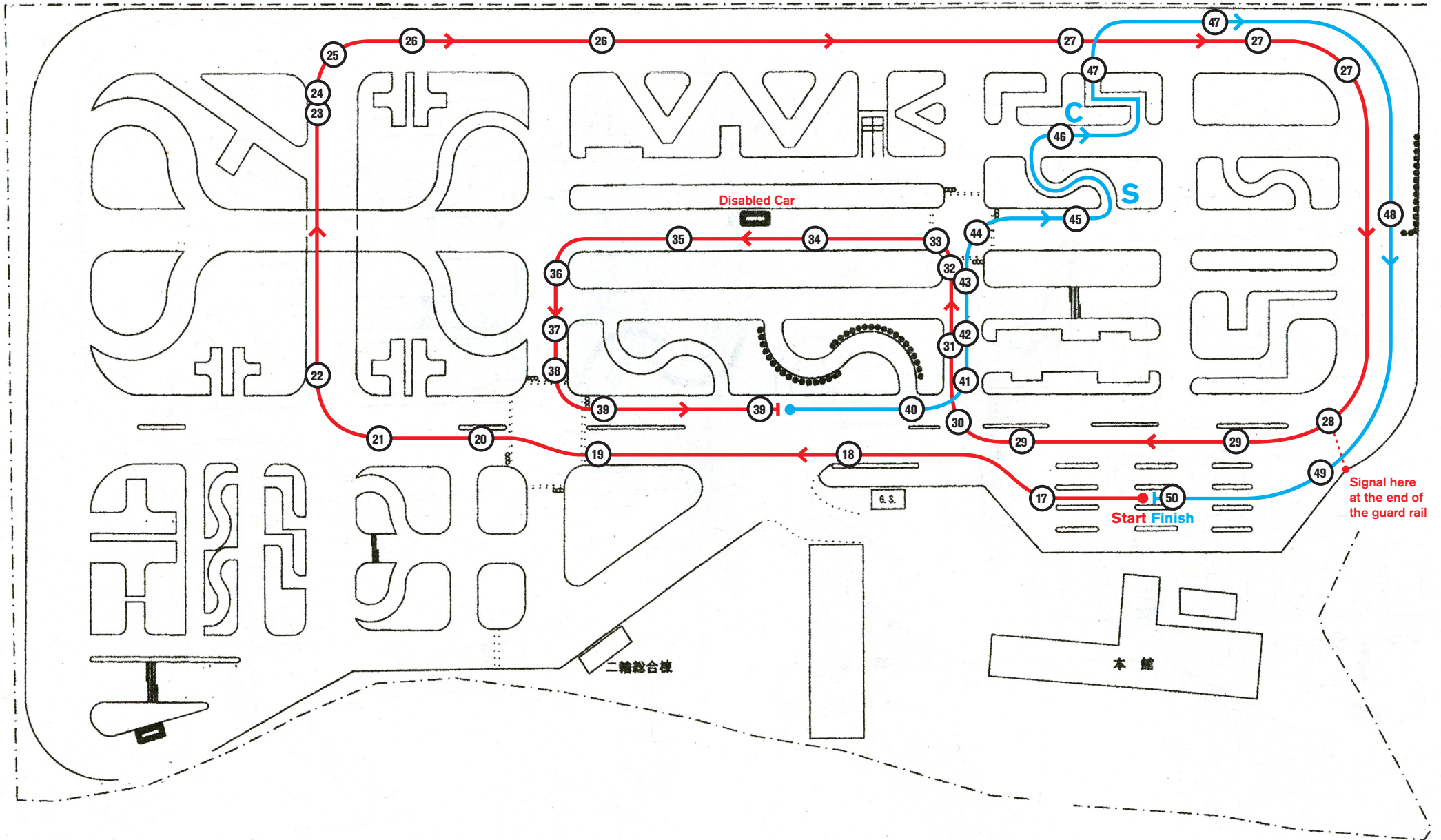
now approaching the S-Curve. As you get closer to the turn, look over your left shoulder a second time.

45. The S-Curve itself is not that difficult. You will be nearly hugging the curb on your approach, but remember that you can't swerve to the right before entering the turn to give yourself a better angle. As you approach the turn (after checking over your shoulder a second time) push the clutch and brake in and prepare to turn. You will keep the car in 2nd throughout the S, balancing the clutch, brake and gas to make it through. The key is to turn at the last possible moment. It will seem like the car is definitely going hit the curb, but you actually have enough clearance even if your timing is a bit off. Once you are successfully in the turn, make sure you turn off your signal. Take the turn really easy. After the halfway point, turn on your right signal and begin to look right, then left. If all is clear, exit the turn without coming to a stop. *(note: in one case during practice, another car was approaching the S from the other direction. I came to a complete stop before exiting the curve, checked right and left again, then proceeded in 1st instead of 2nd)*
46. Now you are approaching the Crank. As you exit the S, turn into the left side of the lane, turn on your left signal, and look over your left shoulder. Check over your shoulder a second time just before turning. The approach to the Crank is the same as the S-Curve, only you will want to be extra careful that the nose or tail of your car does not clip the PVC pipes that they have suspended throughout this turn. Again, after entering the turn switch off your signal and take it slow. You'll be in 2nd gear throughout this turn as well. At the halfway point signal right and begin to look right, then left. If all is clear, pat yourself on the back mentally for clearing the "technical" portion of the course, and exit to the main road. *(note: again, during practice I had to come to a complete stop due to another car entering the crank from the main road. Same situation as the S-Curve, just check right, left, then start in 1st.)*

47. When you exit the crank, you'll want to accelerate straight for a little bit so that your turn puts you into the far left lane. Once you straighten out accelerate and shift into 3rd. Brake and check your rear mirror when you come to the sign post on your left. Again slow down in the corner, then accelerate once you straighten out. Stay in 3rd.
48. As you approach the final turn of the course, you need to look over your left shoulder and signal just past the halfway point. The landmark for this is the mock bus stop on your left, which is a row of giant PVC pipes. After this, you are on the home stretch.
49. Stay in the left side of the lane as you approach the parking bay. Ask which number bay to pull into if your proctor does not tell you. Keep your left signal on. Use the first bay as a gauge for how close you are to the curb (check your left mirror). Only after you clear the first bay, push the clutch and brake in and coast to a stop with both hands on the wheel. Park just barely behind the yellow/black stop pole on your left side (not the one on your right!).
50. Pull up your emergency brake, put the car in reverse, turn off your left signal, turn the engine off, then release the clutch pedal and brake pedal (in that order). Leave the keys in the ignition. Take your seat belt off, but before opening your door, make sure you check over your right shoulder one last time.

Course 2

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Course 2

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After leaving the parking bay, the courses start to differ:

17. Check over your right shoulder and accelerate into the left lane. Stay in 3rd.
18. Shortly after you are fully in the left lane you will see a diagonal road intersecting on your left. Slow down

briefly and check left, then continue to accelerate towards the light.

- 19a. As you approach the intersection, prepare to turn into the right lane. If the light is green, check over your right shoulder and signal right just as you enter the intersection. You need to cross over into the right lane in the intersection, not before or after.
- 19b. If the light is red, come to a stop with your brake, and push the clutch in only when you are just about to stop. (I got yelled at for pushing the clutch in too soon). When the light goes green, keep your feet on the brake and clutch, look over your right shoulder, then check right and left before proceeding. Signal to the right and drive into the right lane.
20. Stay to the right side of the lane as you accelerate towards the next intersection. Shift into 3rd and turn your right signal on.
21. You will approach a semi-blind intersection, so check right and left twice before making your turn. Check once as you approach the turn, and a second time once you can see into the oncoming traffic lanes. Shift into 2nd and take the turn slow. Keep the car aimed towards the right side of the lane you are turning into.
22. Once straight in the lane, accelerate, shift into 3rd and put your right signal on. (*note: its hard to tell on the map, but you do not need to check right and left in the middle of this block since you are going under an mini overpass*)
23. As you approach the stop, stay in 3rd and begin to brake. Only push the clutch in just before you come to a complete stop. Keep your right turn signal on.
24. This part is the same as Course 1 #35-40: This turn has two massive walls on either side of you, forcing you to crawl forward and check both directions. You need to check right and left 3 times before proceeding with your right hand turn. When starting from the stop, in 1st tap the gas a bit and just feather the clutch to creep forward slowly. Check once when you can't see anything, again when you can see a little bit, and

a third time when you would likely be struck by oncoming traffic.

25. Once clear, accelerate and make your right turn into the left most lane of the two lane road. Again, be careful that your front wheel does not clip the painted turn diamond in the intersection. Shift into 2nd during the turn.
26. Accelerate and shift into 3rd (around 35-40km/h) once you straighten out in the lane. Really get on it in 3rd gear and shift into "top" or 4th gear before you see the first 50km/h sign. You should maintain a speed between 48-52 km/h. Don't go over 52 and don't chicken out under 48. Just hit 50 and hold it. (note: the digital speedometer on the dash differed from the mechanical gauges in my practice car by 2km/h. Not sure what to expect from the test vehicle, just be careful.)
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30. Take the turn slowly (10km/h) and this time (different from Course 1) keep the car towards the left side of the lane.

31. Accelerate and shift into 3rd. You will come up on another crossroad before the intersection, so slow down a bit and look right then left. Immediately after checking, signal to the left and accelerate towards the blinking yellow intersection.
32. As you approach the intersection, brake and look right, left, then over your left shoulder. If all is clear, shift into second and proceed with your left hand turn.
33. Take this turn very slow (10km/h or less) and hug the curb.
34. Once straight in the lane, accelerate like a bat out of hell and get it up into 3rd. You will see a "disabled" vehicle on your right in the other lane. You will hit 3rd and turn on your left signal before passing this landmark. *(note: I realize the wording is confusing here, but you don't need to "pass" this car since it is in the other lane. I noticed that the instructor used it as a timing point so pay attention to it.)*
35. After passing the disabled car, you really need to exaggerate your braking for the instructor. As you get close to the corner, check right, left, then over your left shoulder. Shift into 2nd and take this left turn very slow as well.
36. Be careful at this turn as immediately after you are into the next lane, you will be at a crossroad and need to check to your left before proceeding. Slow down and exaggerate looking left. Immediately after checking, turn on your left signal.
37. Accelerate and shift into 3rd as you approach the stop light.
- 38a. If the light is green, check right, left, and over your left shoulder before the light, then proceed with the left turn.
- 38b. If the light is red, brake and come to a stop with your hands on the wheel. Just before a complete stop push the clutch in. Make sure your left signal is still on. Shift into first and wait for the light to change. Once green, check right, left, and over your left shoulder (with the clutch and brake still in!), then proceed with the left turn.
39. Once straight in the lane, accelerate into 3rd. At the halfway point of this block, turn on your left signal.
40. As you approach the corner, look over your left shoulder and shift into 2nd. Before turning, check right and left for good measure, then proceed.
41. Just as you straighten out from the turn, switch your signal directly from left to right (in one motion), then accelerate towards the right hand side of the lane.
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Parking Bays



Intersection (#19) on both maps



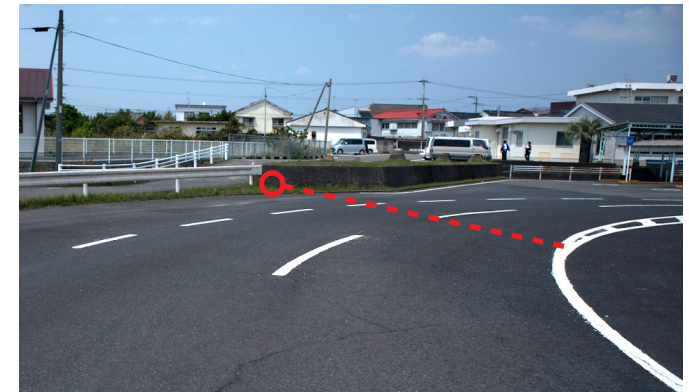
Blind corner. Course 1 (#34,35) / Course 2 (#23,24)



Blind corner. Course 1 (#32,33)



Main road (50k). Course 1 (#36-38) / Course 2 (#25-27)



The guard rail signal point. Course 1 (#39) / Course 2 (#28)



The S Curve. Course 1 and 2 (#45)



The Crank. Course 1 and 2 (#46)



自動車運転免許試験のご案内

1. 受験資格等

(1) 年齢

- ① 18歳以上 普通一種・大特・けん引・大自二
- ② 16歳以上 普自二・小特・原付
- ③ 20歳以上 中型一種免許
- ④ 21歳以上 第二種免許・大型一種免許

(2) 経歴年数

① 第二種免許、大型免許は、有効な中型免許、普通免許又は大特免許のいずれかを有し、経歴年数が3年以上の者

※ けん引二種免許は、けん引免許を有し、かつ有効な大型免許、中型免許、普通免許又は大特免許のいずれかの免許を有している者、または他の二種免許を有している者

② 中型免許は、有効な普通免許又は大特免許を有し、経歴年数が2年以上の者

(3) 住所

鹿児島県に住所のある方、但し県外住所でも 特定届出校の教習所に限り、仮免許試験及び検査は受験できます。

(4) 原付講習

原付試験を受験される方は、実技講習を受講しないと試験に合格されても免許証の交付はできませんので、事前に講習の予約をして下さい。(予約電話099-269-4493)

2. 申請書類等

- (1) 運転免許申請書
- (2) 受験票 (仮免許、審査は除く)
- (3) 写真2枚 (但し、県内指定校卒の方は1枚、仮免許受験の方は4枚)
- (4) 住民票の写し1通 (本籍地の入ったもの、但し免許証をお持ちの方は免許証)
- (5) 卒業証明書 (指定校卒業者のみ)
- (6) 身分を証明する書類 (健康保険証・官公庁発行の許可証等)
- (7) 外国免許を日本免許に切替える方

- ア 運転免許申請書
- イ 写真2枚
- ウ 住民票の写し (本籍地の入ったもの、外国籍の方は外国人登録証明書)
- エ 外国運転免許証 (有効期間内であること)
- オ 外国運転免許証の翻訳文 (JAF発行のもの)
- カ パスポート

(8) 運転免許の有効期間が過ぎて失効した方

※事前に「講習」を受講しなければ申請できません。

- ア 運転免許申請書
- イ 写真1枚
- ウ 住民票の写し1通 (本籍地が入ったもの)
- エ 失効した免許証

試験手数料等一覧

| 申請者区分 | 試験手数料 | 試験車使用料 | 交付手数料 | 合計 |
|----------|----------|--------|-------|--------|
| 大二・中二・普二 | 未指定校 | 4,500 | 2,100 | 9,800 |
| | 指定校卒 | 2,000 | | 4,100 |
| | 特定失効 | 4,950 | | 10,750 |
| 大一・中一 | 未指定校 | 4,950 | 2,100 | 10,750 |
| | 指定校卒 | 1,850 | | 3,950 |
| | 技検査合 | 2,000 | | 4,100 |
| 大自二・普自二 | 未指定校 | 2,950 | 2,100 | 6,700 |
| | 指定校卒 | 2,000 | | 4,100 |
| | 特定失効 | 2,400 | | 5,500 |
| 普通一種 | 未指定校 | 2,400 | 2,100 | 5,500 |
| | 指定校卒 | 2,100 | | 4,200 |
| | 技検査合 | 2,050 | | 4,150 |
| 上記種別 | 併記 | | 200 | 200 |
| 原付・小特 | 未指定校 | 1,650 | 2,100 | 3,750 |
| | 特定失効 | 2,050 | | 4,150 |
| 仮免許 | 未指定校 | 3,100 | 1,200 | 5,950 |
| | 指定校卒 | 2,000 | | 3,200 |
| | 再取得 (失効) | 1,650 | | 2,850 |

| 申請者区分 | 試験手数料 | 試験車使用料 | 合計 |
|-----------|-------|--------|--------|
| 大一・中一技能検査 | 3,950 | 3,700 | 7,650 |
| 普一技能検査 | 4,300 | 1,000 | 5,300 |
| 再試験 | 普通一種 | 2,050 | 3,050 |
| | 自動二輪 | 1,900 | 3,550 |
| | 原付 | 1,150 | 1,150 |
| 限定解除審査 | 1,700 | 1,650 | 3,350 |
| 取消処分者講習 | | 2日間 | 33,800 |
| 取得時講習 | 二種 | | 18,900 |
| | 大一・中一 | | 18,800 |
| | 普通一種 | | 9,800 |
| | 大自二 | | 12,600 |
| | 普自二 | | 12,300 |
| 応急救護措置 | 二種 | | 7,200 |
| | 普一・二輪 | | 3,600 |
| 技能講習 | 原付 | | 4,050 |

What to bring with you:

(7) License Application Documents

- a. Driver's License Application form (get on test day)
- b. 2 photographs
- c. Proof of Residency and Alien Registration Card
- d. Driver's License from home country *
- e. Driver's License translation from JAF
- f. Passport
- g. Cash for the test, then for the license if you pass

* IMPORTANT:

1. Make sure that your home country's license has an "issued on:" date. That date needs to be longer than three months prior to your arrival in Japan. Otherwise, you need a written statement from your Motor Vehicle Department (DMV in the US) stating your original license date of issue.

2. If you have a valid "issued on:" date on your license, don't make the same mistake I did by telling *Chiyosa / Unten Menkyo Shikenjo* (License Center) that my original license was issued 10 years before this current renewed copy. As soon as I said this, they told me I had to show them a document stating the date of issue for my original license from the DMV in America... even though the letter they receive will be in English and they won't be able to read it.

All I did was call the center to ask when I should arrive and take the test, and it ended up with me having to wait an unnecessary 2 weeks to get this form sent from home. See how frustrating it is? Don't ask, don't tell.