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will take effect on April 1st.**

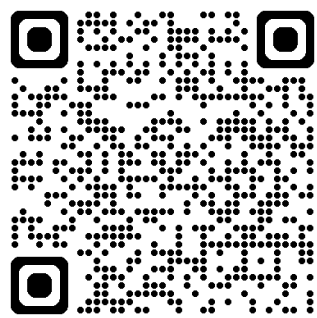




# **New bicycle rules in Japan will start on April 1, 2026 !**

From April 1, 2026, new bicycle traffic rules will take effect in Japan. People aged 16 and older who violate traffic rules will be issued a "blue ticket" (Ao-kippu, a traffic infraction ticket) by the police. This system, aimed at enforcing traffic regulations, requires offenders to pay a penalty fine.

Shiojiri City's website



## **What is the reason for the rule change ?**

Bicycle accidents are on the rise. To ensure everyone's safety, a new "blue ticket" fine system will be introduced for traffic violations. Violators will have to pay a fine.

### **Where can you pay the fine?**

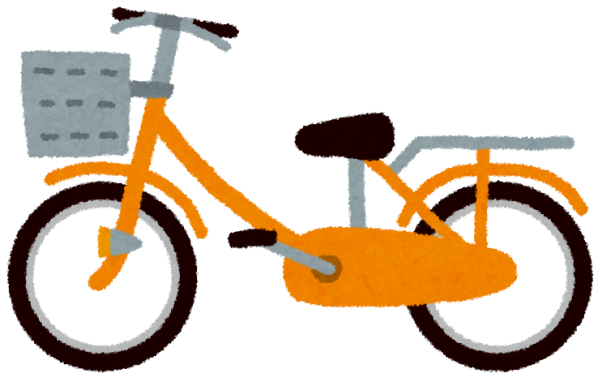
: You make a fine payment at a bank or post office.

### **What happens if you don't pay the fine?**

: If you don't make the payment within the set period, you may face legal action

# What is a "blue ticket"?

If you receive a blue ticket (traffic violation ticket) from a police officer, you must pay the penalty fee at a bank or post office within the designated period.



## ✘ Traffic Violations on Blue Tickets

Traffic violation for which a fine must be paid

**Running a red light** : A fine of 6,000 yen

**Failing to stop at designated places** : A fine of 5,000 yen

**Riding on the wrong side of the road** : A fine of 6,000 yen

Keep left when riding a bicycle.

**Using a smartphone while riding** : A fine of 12,000 yen

**Riding a bicycle with an umbrella** : A fine of 5,000 yen

**Using earphones while riding** : A fine of 5,000 yen

# Red Ticket : For severe offenses

"A 'Red Ticket' is a traffic violation ticket issued for serious or malicious offenses (Drunk cycling / Tailgating / Using a smartphone causing a traffic hazard). A Red Ticket leads to criminal proceedings and can result in a criminal record.



**You must carry your residence card with you.**

You need to show your ID when you are stopped by the police.

**Wear your helmet**

It is not legally mandatory, but it's important for saving lives.



Bicycles are vehicles too. Follow the rules, stay safe, and enjoy your ride!

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