

Important things to remember when considering gaimen-kirikae

If you consider gaimen-kirikae, please read this PDF File before taking the first driving test.

Gaimen Kirikae (especially driving exam) can be very frustrating for many people and here is why!

Fundamental reasons why gaimen kirikae is a pain

1. Need to follow very specific rules

During the driving exam, you are examined if you can strictly follow the Japanese traffic rules. This becomes very tricky. Japanese traffic rules are very specific and hard to find.

See the quote below.

"it is a difficult test to take as there are very specific things to do at very specific points. Most importantly, you need to realize that it is not a test of your driving skill, its a test of your test taking skills."

(You can find this quote [here](#))

This quote really hits the nail on the head about the success of gaimen kirikae.

Yes, you need not only driving skills, but also the knowledge and skills which are very specific to the gaimen kirikae driving exam.

2. Need a high level of driving skills

One of the hardest part of driving test is going through narrow roads (i.e. Crank and S-curve), and this requires driving skills at a high level.

If you hit the curb or poles aligned to these narrow roads, there will almost be no chance of passing.

Even if you are an experienced driver, you might want to practice on these roads many times before trying the first driving exam.

In summary,

You should have a high level of knowledge and skills which meet the passing criteria of gaimen kirikae driving exam.

Our best advice is ... get help from us or any driving instructors or professionals who are very familiar with the gaimen kirikae.

3. Bonus tips (Why you should take lessons before taking the first exam)

Ok, lastly we share this information.

The first exam is easiest.

If you take the exam for the first time, you will be instructed very kindly during the exam (which way to go, when to turn on signals etc)

Many graduates of our school told us that the exam was conducted in a very relaxed and chilled manner for the first try.

However, from the second test onwards, you will be expected to know a lot (because you were given the instruction during the first try) and they will not give them any more.

Thus many students feel more nervous and strict.

This is the honest reason why you should take lessons and be really ready before the 1st exam.