

# DIY JCI

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First and foremost, ALWAYS carry your car paperwork folder with you!!! I had the following paperwork with me: road tax receipts, Military Registration and Certification of Title of Motor Vehicle, Japanese Car Title, JCI policy, Automobile Insurance Policy, and one piece of paper in Japanese (I don't know what it is for). Disclaimer: I am not sure which of these documents is required for the process. I gave them everything every time I encountered someone.

1. Purchase a JCI policy from the same place you purchase your car insurance. For my van, 300 series plate, the price was around 13500 yen.
2. Take the hubcaps off your car. If for some reason you forget, you can do this when you go back for reinspection.
3. Go to the Foster Vehicle Registration building. It is across the street from the Commissary and Bowling Alley.
4. Write down your mileage.
5. Go inside the front of the building to the counter on the far right. Here you need to pay your weight tax and other fees. For my van, this was around 19800 yen.
6. Go outside and around the building to your right to Door #6. Here you will pay for the inspection, \$20.
7. Get in your car and drive through lane #5. This is the inspection lane. You are not allowed to have anyone in the car with you. When you drive through, you will be instructed to perform a variety of maneuvers, i.e. turning lights off and on. This also includes a fun ride to the ceiling, so they can inspect underneath the car.
8. When the inspection is complete, you drive to another lane and will be given a checklist with required repairs marked.
9. Take your car and have the repairs completed. With one of my cars, I was able to have the repairs done at Auto Hobby on Kadena. This was great since I got the club card discount. On my other car, I had to take it to a mechanic off-base to have my headlights aligned and other repairs. (Repairs were \$30 for one car and 29000 yen for the other.)
10. If by some miracle you are able to get repairs done and get back to Foster for the re-inspection on the same day, you won't have to pay any additional money at Foster. You have up to 2 weeks to complete the re-inspection. If you go back on a different day, you have to go back inside the front of the Vehicle Registration building and pay an additional 1500 yen (same place where you paid for weight tax).
11. Drive through lane #5 again. With both of my cars, they only inspected the problems they found the first time. When you pass, they will give you your paperwork back.
12. Go back inside the front of the building. Take your paperwork to the corner of the counters (next to where you paid road tax). They will go through your paperwork. They will instruct you to drive through one of the lanes again (I think it was lane 3.)
13. Your last trip through the lane is for the application of your JCI sticker. A Marine will come out with a razor blade, scrape off the old JCI sticker and apply the new one.

TA DA, you are done!!

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