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a vehicle on Okinawa, sometimes referred to as “junking”, is a multi-step process requiring the owner to have the correct paperwork, additional means of transportation, Japanese Yen and directions to the Joint Service Vehicle Registration Office (Bldg 5638) on Camp Foster and the Land Transportation Office near Camp Kinser.

***Notes:** You must own the vehicle outright, there can be no lien on the vehicle. If you are driving the vehicle yourself to the junk yard, both the Japanese Compulsory Insurance Policy (JCI) and Property Damage Insurance (PDI) must be current to legally drive the vehicle. If you use an agency or company that offers towing (either free or for a fee), both of these policies may be expired. If the vehicle’s owner is not available to deregister the vehicle, a special power of attorney is needed.

Step 1: Take the vehicle to a junk yard (all are located off-base) and provide them your registration paperwork. The official weight on the vehicle paperwork (usually located in the blue plastic folder that came with the car) is used to determine how much money you will get for your vehicle.

Step 2: Have them **stamp** the recycling “B” ticket and provide you a certified junk receipt. Additionally, they should remove the JCI sticker (small blue square sticker) and road tax sticker (round sticker) from your windshield and give them both to you. Lastly, they should remove your license plates (Japanese license plates have seals on them that require tools to remove).

Step 3: Proceed to the Joint Service Vehicle Registration Office (JSVRO) Bldg 5638 on Camp Foster. At the counter straight across from the front door, they will check your paperwork and license plates and take the remains of your road tax sticker. You’ll then be directed to the LTOA counter to the right where you will need to pay a **¥1,000 fee (yen only)** to deregister the vehicle. They will stamp the paperwork and direct you to proceed [with remaining paperwork and license plates] to the Land Transportation Office (LTO) near Camp Kinser, on the northern end of the camp. (The LTO is located off-base). **If you are having someone else (insurance agency or other junking agency) take care of the rest of the steps required at the LTO, the fee is approximately ¥3,500.**

Step 4: At the LTO, proceed to Bldg #1, window “D” and surrender your license plates. They will stamp your paperwork.

Step 5: Proceed to Bldg #7, (behind Bldg #1) window #2 to receive your deregistration certificate.

Step 6: Proceed to Bldg #9, window #11 to settle your road tax fees. If your road tax is current, you will receive a refund on the remaining balance left. **Your road tax refund will not include the month you deregister your vehicle, even if you complete the process on the first day of the month. They will calculate your refund beginning with the next month until 1 April.**

Step 7: Proceed to the JSVRO to have them disassociate your name from the deregistered vehicle. If you are leaving the island, you must provide the deregistration paperwork to the JSVRO before they will sign your check-out sheet.

Disclaimer: This information is compiled from local Okinawa websites and is intended as a quick reference guide only. III MEF does not imply ownership of this information nor endorsement of any particular junk yard or insurance company. For further details, contact the Joint Services Vehicle Registration Office at 645-7481 or visit them at <http://www.mcbbutler.marines.mil/BaseInformation/VehicleRegistration.aspx>