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# A new traffic ticket system (known as "blue tickets") for cyclists will be introduced in Japan.

## Key Points of the Revision

- Cyclists who commit relatively minor traffic violations will be subject to fines
- If the fine is paid, you will not face criminal penalties.
- To pay the fine, you must bring the paperwork (citation/ticket) received from the police and the fine amount to the payment counter at a bank, credit union, or post office.

Cyclists aged **16** years or over are subject to fines!

## Examples of Violations and Fines

<p>Using or holding a mobile phone (while riding)</p>  <p>12,000 yen</p>	<p>Entering a closed railroad crossing</p>  <p>7,000 yen</p>	<p>Disobeying a traffic light</p>  <p>6,000 yen</p>	<p>Riding on the right-hand side of the road</p>  <p>6,000 yen</p>
<p>Failure to stop at a stop sign</p>  <p>5,000 yen</p>	<p>Riding with no lights</p>  <p>5,000 yen</p>	<p>Defective brakes</p>  <p>Riding a bicycle with no brakes or poorly functioning brakes</p> <p>5,000 yen</p>	<p>Using earphones (while riding)</p>  <p>In cases where essential sounds (like traffic or warnings) cannot be heard</p> <p>5,000 yen</p>
<p>Riding side-by-side</p>  <p>3,000 yen</p>	<p>Riding double</p>  <p>3,000 yen</p>	<p>Enforced since November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024</p> <p>Riding a bike while drunk</p>  <p>Imprisonment for up to 3 years or A fine of up to 500,000 yen</p>	