Procedures to Deactivate Safety Belt Reminders

- No system exists to easily deactivate the reminder for front occupants, e.g., with a button.
- However, the reminder needs to be deactivated if an occupant is unable to wear a safety belt (due to physical disability, etc.).
- For this reason, the government issues a certificate, for each individual vehicle, authorizing deactivation of the reminder in cases where such deactivation is necessary.
  * Certificates bear effective and expiry dates.
- A user will present the certificate to a manufacturer-designated repair service (dealer, etc.) to request the deactivation of the reminder.
- Penalties will be imposed on repair services and users in the following cases:
  * The reminder has been deactivated illegally without having the certificate issued; or
  * The reminder has been kept deactivated even after expiration of the certificate.
Safety Belt Reminder Deactivation Flowchart

(Vehicle user)

Apply for reminder deactivation

(Government: MLIT)

Approve reminder deactivation

Have the reminder deactivated
(by manufacturer-designated repair service)
* Effective and expiry dates
* Names of users specified

Enter the statement "Reminder deactivated" in Motor Vehicle Inspection Certificate
* Effective and expiry dates
* Names of users specified

Have the reminder restored
(by manufacturer-designated repair service)

Apply for reminder restoration

Confirm reminder restoration

Delete the statement "Reminder deactivated" in Motor Vehicle Inspection Certificate