

# Bic Sim (IJMio) SIM Card

## Important Changes in Policy

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As of March 2018, IJMIO, one of the largest MNVO SIM operators in Japan, has started screening credit cards linked to IJMIO accounts once every month to ensure that payment methods are up to date and to reduce cases of expired cards being registered.

Japanese Announcement: <https://www.ijmio.jp/info/ijj/1523009739-15639.html>

One unfortunate result of this new policy is that some foreign-issued cards are being flagged and are becoming unusable even though they were initially approved at time of contracting.

When your overseas credit card is not accepted, you will receive a notice email and a bill by post. The bill sent by post is payable at your local convenience store so please be sure to make this payment as soon as possible.

If you have a Japanese credit card, a simple solution is to update your payment method to that card. As the IJMIO website is in Japanese, please find a guide that H&R Consultants has created below to help ease you through the process.

Please note that if you do not update your payment method to an accepted credit card, your service will be suspended at the end of your current cycle and contract cancelled at the end of the next cycle.

If you do not have a Japanese credit card and your foreign credit card does not work and you wish to change phone company please find other popular options below that may work for you. In addition to these options, there are also Softbank, Docomo, and AU, although generally monthly fees and cancellation costs are generally much higher than SIM-only plans.

OCN mobile one <https://www.ntt.com/personal/services/mobile/one.html>

UQ mobile <http://www.uqwimax.jp/plan/?brand=mobile>

