

9. Tax

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There are two types of taxes on personal income: income tax (national tax) and municipal and prefectural taxes (local tax). Foreign residents in Japan are also required to pay taxes. Taxes paid by individuals to the city include municipal and prefectural taxes, light vehicle taxes, and fixed property taxes, and various public services such as welfare, education, and garbage disposal are covered by taxes.

Type	Target group
Municipal and prefectural taxes (Inhabitant tax)	Taxes are imposed based on the previous year's income on those who have an address in the city as of January 1.
Light vehicle tax	As of April 1 each year, the tax is imposed on owners of motorized vehicles, light vehicles, small special motor vehicles, and two-wheeled small motor vehicles.
Property tax	Fixed assets (land, houses, depreciable assets) in the city as of January 1. The tax is imposed on those who own.
Income tax	From January 1 to December 31, the tax is imposed on those who earn income.

◆Income Tax Payment Method

Business people, for example, calculate their own income, necessary expenses, and tax amounts, and file their tax returns directly to the tax office. This is called "kakutei-shinkoku" (final income tax return). On the other hand, salaried workers who receive salary and bonuses from their companies (salaried workers) do not need to file an income tax return. The company automatically deducts income tax from your salary each month and pays it to you, thus completing your tax payment. This is called "withholding tax."

◆How to pay taxes

The taxes you pay are calculated by the prefectural tax office or city hall. You will receive a "Tax Payment Notice" in the mail. Please pay the tax by the fixed date. Please pay your taxes at a bank, post office, or convenience store using the "Payment slip" included in the package.

※Tax Payment notice: A letter from the prefecture or city hall to let you know "how much money you have to pay" "when," "where to pay," etc.

※Payment slip: A piece of paper stating "when" and "how much" you will pay.

◆Tax payment certificate and income certificate

Tax Payment Certificate is a document that City Hall certifies "how much tax you paid". The income certificate is a document in which city hall certifies "how much money you received". You can get it at the city hall where you lived on January 1 of that year. You need the money. You will need it when you change your status of residence or when you receive city services.

◆When you cannot pay your taxes

If you do not have work and have no money to pay your taxes, you can ask the tax office or city hall for payment counseling ("Can I pay my taxes late?" or "Can I do installment payment?"). If you do not pay your taxes, you will not be able to receive prefectural or city services. You may have trouble when you renew your status of residence. Please consult with the Gifu Prefectural Taxation Office regarding taxes to be paid to Gifu Prefecture. Please consult with the tax division of the Hida City Hall regarding taxes to be paid to Hida City.

◆When you return to your own country

When you return to your own country or go abroad and do not return to Japan, you must pay all your taxes before leaving Japan. If you cannot pay all of your taxes, you must decide who will pay them on your behalf and notify the tax office or city hall before you leave Japan.