

Taxes in Kobe

People living and working in Japan have to pay taxes.

Tax money is used for schools, firefighting, garbage disposal, and other city services.



How to pay taxes

Taxes must be paid by the due date.

1. USING YOUR TAX INVOICE (納付書) のうふしよ

A tax invoice will be mailed to you along with your tax notice.

This tax invoice can be used at:

- banks, post offices and convenience stores
- Shin-Nagata Government Office (新長田合同庁舎) しんながたごうどうちようしゃ

2. DOMESTIC BANK TRANSFER

If you set up a bank transfer, your taxes will be automatically withdrawn from your bank account in Japan.

3. CASHLESS PAYMENTS

You can pay these taxes on your computer, smartphone or tablet device at any time using one of the following options:

- Payment apps:
LINE Pay bill payment, PayPay bill payment, PayB,
Rakuten Bank Convenience Store Payment Service

- Credit cards



- Internet banking

Municipal/Prefectural Residence Tax

All of the following individuals must pay this tax:

- Individuals who were living in Kobe as of January 1st of this year, or
- Individuals who were not living in Kobe as of January 1st, but have an office or house in the city

We will send you a Municipal Residence Tax Notice

しけんみんぜい のうぜいつうちしょ
(市県民税 納税通知書) in June.



Fixed Property Tax/City Planning Tax

All individuals or legal entities that owned fixed assets in the city on January 1st of each year, must pay the Fixed Property Tax/City Planning Tax.

Fixed assets include land, houses, apartments and workplace equipment.



We will send you a Fixed Property Tax Notice

こていしさんぜい としけいかくぜい のうぜいつうちしょ
(固定資産税・都市計画税 納税通知書) in April.

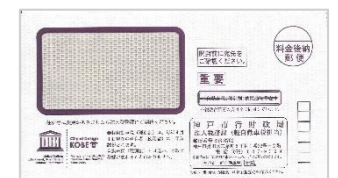


Light Vehicle Tax

All individuals who owned a motorbike, light motor vehicle (K car), small-sized special motor vehicle, or two-wheeled small motor vehicle as of April 1st must pay a Light Vehicle Tax.

We will send you a Light Vehicle Tax Notice in May.



You must pay it by May 31st.



Q & A



What happens if I don't pay my taxes?

1. You cannot renew your visa.
2. Kobe City will forcibly withdraw the tax money from your salary and savings. 
3. You will have to pay late fees. 



What do I do if I'm leaving Japan (to move to another country)?

Before leaving Japan, please pay all taxes you were subject to while living in Japan.
Please appoint a tax representative and submit the necessary documents to Kobe City.



Do students need to pay taxes?

Students who are receiving a salary or own a motorcycle must also pay taxes. This includes people with part-time jobs.



Where can I ask questions about income tax?

Please inquire with the tax office that has jurisdiction over the area where you live.



If you have questions about taxes in Kobe

Please have someone who can speak Japanese and interpret for you when you call.

Inquiries about Municipal Residence Tax	Municipal Residence Tax Division TEL : (078)647-9300 FAX : (078)647-9560 E-mail address : kazeikikaku-kazei@office.city.kobe.lg.jp
Inquiries about Fixed Property Tax	Fixed Property Tax Division TEL : (078)647-9400 FAX : (078)647-9429 E-mail address: koteishisanzeika@office.city.kobe.lg.jp
Inquiries about Light Vehicle Tax	Corporate Tax Division TEL : (078)647-9399 FAX : (078)647-9570 E-mail address: keiji@office.city.kobe.lg.jp
When you are having trouble paying your taxes, lose your tax invoice, or don't know how to pay taxes	Tax Collection Management Division TEL : (078)647-9530 FAX : (078)647-9591 E-mail address: syuno-kanri@office.city.kobe.lg.jp