

Motor Vehicle Tax – Essential Revenue for Our Daily Living!

— May 31(Tuesday) is the deadline for payment —



Tax payments are an essential revenue for operation of our basic daily services, such as welfare, health services, public facilities, etc. Not paying taxes such as this Motor Vehicle Tax “*Jidousha-zei*” places these services into jeopardy, leading to roads with dangerous holes in them and other serious situations. Taxpayers who own a car must pay the Motor Vehicle Tax promptly, especially from the standpoint of keeping our living environment safe.

The Motor Vehicle Tax is one of the most common taxes. It is collected annually from any person registered as the owner of a vehicle on the base date of April 1 of the year. Persons who do not pay this tax cannot have her or his vehicle go through the mandatory automobile safety inspection “*shaken*.” This tax is returned to the taxpayer in the form of a refund for any months left over in case she or he disposes (gets rid) of a vehicle.

The tax notice “*nouzei tsuuchisho*” for the Motor Vehicle Tax will be mailed to taxpayers this year on May 1. Payment is due on May 31. It can be paid at banks, convenience stores, and the Administrative Affairs and Prefectural Taxation Office “*Gyosei Kenzei Jimusho*.”

Various General Amounts of Motor Vehicle Tax

The amount levied as Motor Vehicle Tax depends on the purpose, engine displacement, etc., of the vehicle. Check beforehand what the corresponding tax amount is for your car.

In case of cars that are gasoline engine cars registered as new on or prior to March 31, 2003, an approximately 15% higher motor vehicle tax is levied (Higher-rate Motor Vehicle Tax”).

Table of Motor Vehicle Tax Amounts

	Engine displacement	Regular Motor Vehicle Tax	Higher-rate Motor Vehicle Tax
Passenger Vehicle	1,000cc or less	¥29,500	¥33,900
	1,001cc~1,500cc	¥34,500	¥39,600
	1,501cc~2,000cc	¥39,500	¥45,400
	2,001cc~2,500cc	¥45,000	¥51,700
	2,501cc~3,000cc	¥51,000	¥58,600

Reduction of or Exemption from Motor Vehicle Tax

Persons with physical disability or severe psychological disability for whom it is recognized that the car is an important means of transportation can in certain cases apply for reduction of or exemption from Motor Vehicle Tax that they would have to pay. Such persons can consult the closest Administrative Affairs and Prefectural Taxation Office “*Gyosei Kenzei Jimusho*” or the Motor Vehicle Tax Office “*Jidoushazei Jimusho*.”

In case of the following...



- **“I haven’t received my tax notice for the Motor Vehicle Tax...”**
 - ① There was a change of ownership of vehicle on or prior to March 31, 2016
⇒ The tax notice is sent to the person registered as the owner of the vehicle on the base date of April 1, 2016
 - ② You moved to a different address ⇒ Please notify the Administrative Affairs and Prefectural Taxation Office “Gyosei Kenzei Jimusho” or the Motor Vehicle Tax Office “Jidoshazei Jimusho” to have the tax notice sent to your new address.
- **“I don’t have sufficient funds to pay the total amount of the tax at once”**
 - ⇒ The Administrative Affairs and Prefectural Taxation Office “Gyosei Kenzei Jimusho” will accept payment of the tax in installments in case it is not possible for you to pay the whole Motor Vehicle Tax at once. Please consult with the office above for making the necessary arrangements.
- **“I have the money but I don’t feel like paying this tax”**
 - ⇒ Persons who have overdue tax will be sent collection letters and letters of demand urging payment as soon as possible. Such persons who still do not pay will face having their property seized. This is done to maintain fairness with taxpayers who comply with paying this tax.
- **“What I should be careful of when selling or buying a car”**
 - ⇒ To have your car go through mandatory automobile safety inspection “shaken,” the taxpayer needs to obtain a tax payment certificate “Nouzei Shoumei.” When transferring the car to someone, you need to hand this tax payment certificate along with the car. Also, when someone transfers a car to you, make sure to receive the tax payment certificate from this person.

Where to contact concerning the Motor Vehicle Tax:

- The Administrative Affairs and Prefectural Taxation Office “Gyosei Kenzei Jimusho” for the Tomo region:

Name	Location	Telephone
Ota Gyosei Kenzei Jimusho Kenzei-Ka	Ota-Shi Nishihon-Cho 60-27	0276(31)3261
Kiryu Gyosei Kenzei Jimusho Kenzei-Ka	Kiryu-Shi Aioi-Cho 2-331	0277(53)2113
Tatebayashi Gyosei Kenzei Jimusho Kenzei-Ka	Tatebayashi-Shi Naka-Machi 11-10	0276(72)4461
Isesaki Gyosei Kenzei Jimusho Kenzei-Ka	Isesaki-Shi Imaizumi-Cho 1-22-1	0270(24)4350

- The Motor Vehicle Tax Office “Jidoshazei Jimusho”:

Name	Location	Telephone
Jidoshazei Jimusho	Maebashi-Shi Kamiizumi-Machi 397-5	027(263)4343