

## Tax & Insurance Payment Deadlines

### Jan 31 (Wed)

**Fixed Asset Tax / City Planning Tax (period 4)**

**Inquiries:** Tax Revenue Division ☎ 435-1038

**National Health Insurance (period 8)**

**Inquiries:** National Health Insurance and Pension Division ☎ 435-1214

**Nursing Care Insurance (period 8)**

**Inquiries:** Nursing Care Insurance Division ☎ 435-1334

**Elderly Medical Care Insurance (period 7)**

**Inquiries:** Insurance General Affairs Division ☎ 435-1062

※A report of your insurance payments made between January and December 2023 will be sent in mid January.

## J-alert Test Broadcast

● **Date & Time:** 1100AM Feb 09 (Fri)

● **Contents:** "kore wa J-arato no tesuto desu" (this is a J-alert test) will be simultaneously announced through the emergency broadcasting system. ※The broadcast may be suddenly canceled depending on meteorological and seismic activity. Any cancellations will be immediately announced on the city website.

**Disaster Prevention Division** ☎ 435-1199

## Receive School Subsidies before School Starts

The school subsidy provides financial support for school supplies and school lunches. You can apply for the supplies of students newly entering school to be subsidized ahead of time.

▼ **Applicability:** Guardians to whom both ① and ② apply. ①Guardians with children expected to enter a municipal elementary or compulsory education school in FY 2024; or guardians residing in Wakayama, with children attending the elementary school attached to Wakayama University's Faculty of Education.

②Those receiving the full amount of the Child Rearing Allowance (児童扶養手当/jidofuyoteate), or those who meet the requirements to receive the school subsidy.

※Excluding recipients of public assistance.

▼ **Application period:** 8:30-17:15, Jan 9 (Tues) ~ 19 (Fri) ※Incl. weekends ▼ **Application Submissions and Inquiries:** School Support Division ☎ 435 • 1139

## "From sludge to compost" Join our educational bus tour!

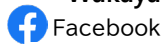
Across FY2023, the Aogishi Sludge Recycling Center has been implementing an experimental project for composting waste. This educational field trip will explore composting facilities and areas where composted materials are being used to revive farming land.

- **Date & Time:** Gather at 0900 Jan 27, disperse at 1200 (subject to change)
- **Gathering/dispersing location:** Wakayama Castle Bus Parking Lot
- **Destination:** Vioco Momoyama Recycling Center • Yoshimura Farms
- **Capacity:** 25 people (chosen by lottery)
- **Applications:** by Jan 12 (Fri) via mail or postcard (must arrive by deadline) ※Write your address, name, and number
- **Application submissions/inquiries:** Aogishi Energy Center ☎ 428-4153 ☎ 640-8404 ☎ Minato 1342-3

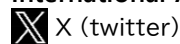
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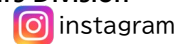
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## Wakayama Online Business Seminar and Exchange Event

▼ **Date:** Jan 20 (Sat) 1000-1500 ▼ **Location:** Online ▼ **Applicability:** Students expected to graduate in Mar 2024 • 2025; general job seekers (excl. high school students) ▼ **Details:** Business PR sessions in the morning followed by an exchange event with individual companies in the afternoon; viewing of an informational job-hunting video. ▼ **Applications:** via QR code  
▼ **Inquiries:** Wakayamaken Eigyo-sha Kyokai (Wakayama Prefecture Managers Association) ☎ 497 • 8115



## Jinan City Photo Exhibition

A photo exhibition between Wakayama City and its Chinese sister city, Jinan. Vote for your favorite photo! **Period:** Jan 30 (Tues)-Feb 4 (Sun) 1000-1500 ▼ **Time:** 1000-1700 ※1400-1700 on Jan 30 (Tues); 1000-1600 on Feb 4 (Sun) ▼ **Location:** Wakayama-Jo Hall Exhibition Room ▼ **Related Events:** Opening Ceremony, 1400 on Feb 4; Chinese Culture Performance (Bian Lian & Erhu performance), Feb 3 (Sat); Chinese Culture Performance (Chinese tea, Tai chi Performance), Feb 4 ▼ **Inquiries:** International Affairs Division ☎ 435 • 1010 ※More details on Wakayama City's website (ID:1055213)

## Women's Job Support Seminar

① **Excel for Beginners**

▼ **Date:** 1000-1500, Feb 4 (Sun), 11 (Sun), 18 (Sun) ▼ **Applications:** via phone or in person from Jan 11 (Thurs)-17 (Wed)

② **Word for Beginners and Power Point Basics**

▼ **Date:** 1000-1500, Feb 24 (Sat), Feb 25 (Sun), Mar 2 (Sat)

▼ **Applications:** via phone or in person from Feb 6 (Tues)-12 (Mon) **Both ① and ②**

▼ **Location:** F5 Training Room (kenshu-shitsu), Wakayama Aiai Center ▼ **Target:** Females living in Wakayama City who are seeking employment and can participate in all three sessions. Must have basic computer skills (how to use a keyboard etc). ▼ **Capacity:** first 10 people to apply ▼ **Fee:** ¥1,500 (for learning materials)

▼ **Inquiries:** Gender Equality Promotion Division ☎ 436 • 8704



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# Benefit Announcement

~ Special Benefit for Rising Living Costs (additional payment of ¥70,000) ~

With the rising price of commodities, to support the livelihood of households that are exempt from resident tax and vulnerable to price hikes, the city will provide a benefit of 70,000 yen per household. For details on how to apply, please refer to the city website.

- **Target:** Households exempt from inhabitants tax for the fiscal year 2023. ※excl. households consisting solely of the dependents of persons who are subject to inhabitants tax.
- **Base Date:** Dec 1 (Fri), 2023
- **Procedure:**
  - Households that receive a notification in late December ⇒ No procedures required.
  - Households that receive a confirmation form in mid January ⇒ Return the form via mail after confirming the contents and filling out the necessary items.
  - Households who receive no notification (and need to apply) ⇒ After inquiring with the secretariat, submit the application form and supporting documents.
- **Application Deadline:** Feb 29 (Thurs), 2024
- **Inquiries:** Secretariat for the Rising Living Costs Benefit (Wakayama City) ☎0120-969-861, ☎073-499-5184 (excl. weekends and the new year holiday period)

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Processing starts in February

## Inhabitants Tax Declaration for FY 2024

**Inquiries** Residential Tax Division ☎435-1036

From February, Wakayama City Hall and municipal branch offices will begin accepting inhabitants tax declarations for FY 2024. To avoid congestion, **please submit your declaration by post if possible.**

### Submission at City Hall (F2 Desk 4)

- **Submission Period:** Feb 16 (Fri)-Mar 15 (Fri)

### Submission at Branch Offices

- **Hours:** 【AM】 9:30 ~ 12:00  
【PM】 13:00 ~ 16:00



Branch	Date	AM	PM	Branch	Date	AM	PM
Wasa	2/5	○	○	Yasuhara	2/9	○	○
Yamaguchi	2/5	○	—	Kada	2/9	○	—
Kii	2/6	○	○	Higashisan do	2/13	○	—
Kawanaga	2/6	○	○	Nishiwasa	2/13	○	—
Nishi sando	2/7	○	○	Isao	2/14	○	○
Okazaki	2/7	○	○	Ogura	2/15	○	○
Nishiwaki	2/8	○	○	Nogawa	2/15	○	—

## Main Tax Revisions Coming into Effect from FY 2024

### ■ New Forest Environment Tax (National Tax)

From FY2024, anyone with an address in Japan will be required to pay the forest environment tax. ¥1,000 will be taxed on a per-capita basis, in junction with the municipal and prefectural inhabitants tax.

To acquire funds for disaster preparedness programs in the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake, a special surtax of ¥1,000 had been added to inhabitants tax (¥500 for municipal+ ¥500 for prefectural). This surtax will end in FY2023.

### ■ Unification of taxation methods for dividend income and capital gains derived from listed shares

Until now, tax payers have been able to choose different taxation methods for inhabitants tax and income tax levied on dividend income and capital gains derived from listed shares. However, from FY 2024, the taxation methods for income tax and inhabitants tax will be unified.

This means that the taxation method you choose for income tax will also apply to your inhabitants tax, possibly influencing your eligibility for nontaxation, and dependency/spousal exemptions. Be sure to carefully deliberate about the taxation method you choose when submitting your tax declaration.

The taxation method may also influence your national health insurance, elderly medical care insurance, and nursing care insurance calculations, or other government services, so please exercise care in choosing.

	FY 2023	From FY 2024
Municipal Inhabitants Tax (per capita)	¥3,500	¥3,000
Prefectural Inhabitants Tax (per capita)	¥2,000	¥1,500
Forest Environment Tax (National Tax)	—	¥1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>¥5,500</b>	<b>¥5,500</b>

The total amount remains ¥5,500 for both FY 2023 & 2024

## Announcement from the Wakayama Tax Office

**Inquiries:** Wakayama Tax Office ☎424-2131

You can create income tax return forms simply and without any calculation mistakes on the National Tax Agency's website (search 確定申告書等作成コーナー). eTax (electronic declaration) is a simple, efficient, and safe way to declare taxes.

