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Wakayama City Premium Gift Certificates – 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Applications

Applications for Round 2 open Thu, Aug 7, 2025. Winners will be selected by lottery.

Type	Unit	Certificate Availability
Digital	Usable in ¥1 units	54,600
Paper	Booklet of 13 × ¥500 tickets (no change given)	23,400

## How to Apply

※Choose either digital or paper.

## Digital Certificates

- Apply via the official website
- One mobile phone number required per applicant

**Paper Certificates:** Apply on the website or by postcard. Choose one pick-up location when applying.

**Pick-up Locations (choose one):** (1) All 65 post offices in the city.

## Postcard Applications (paper certificates only)

- Must be postmarked by Sat 16 Aug
- Leaflets with a pre-printed application postcard are available at 65 post offices across the city (and other locations). You may also use a regular postcard by writing the details below.

① Postal code & address ; ② Phone number  
③ Name ; ④ Furigana reading of name ⑤ Date of birth ; ⑥ Gender ; ⑦ Number of certificates (max 4) ; ⑧ Chosen pick-up location (one)

**Mail to:** Wakayamashi Puremiamutsuki Shohinken Jigyo Jimukyoku, 5-61 Misono-chō, Wakayamashi, Wakayama MIO 4 kai, 640-8331

※Incomplete postcards are invalid.



Official Website

- **Eligibility:** Must reside in Wakayama City at the time of application.
- You must be living in Wakayama City at the time of application.
- If you won and purchased in Round 1, you cannot apply again.
- If you were not selected in Round 1, your application automatically carries over to Round 2. (To change your application details, please contact the call center.)
- **Application Period:** Thu 7 Aug – Sat 16 Aug
- **Winner Notice:** Will be sent around Thu 28 Aug (Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified.)
- **Purchase Period:** Mon 1 Sep – Wed 10 Sep
- **Purchase limit:** Up to 4 per person (via advance application, lottery)
- **Period of Validity:** Until Fri 31 Oct

## How to Purchase

**Digital vouchers:** Follow the steps in the “Wakayama Pay” app; pay by credit card or convenience store payment.

**Paper vouchers:** Purchase/exchange in cash at the pick-up location you selected when applying.

**Pick-up locations:** (1) All 65 post offices in the city (excl. simplified post agencies); (2) AEON Style Wakayama (3) Nippon Travel Agency TiS Wakayama Branch; (4) Super Evergreen (Miyamae, Shikago, Wakayama-Kita IC, Fukushima, Furuya Branches)

## Enquiries

Wakayama City Premium Gift Certificate  
Call Center ☎ 0120-138-520 (9:00–17:30)

## The 23<sup>rd</sup> Wakayama Jazz Marathon

### Registration Now Open!

### Marathon Date: 9 Nov 2025 (Sun)

**Application Deadline:** 1 Sep 2025 (Mon)  
Application booklets are available in the city hall 1F lobby and at municipal gymnasiums.

**How to Apply:** (1) Online (event website);  
(2) Lawson convenience store kiosks “Loppi”  
(touch-screen terminals located near the cashier)

**Event Categories:** Half Marathon, 10 km, 5 km, 3 km, 2 km.  
Wheelchair users (non-racing chairs) can join the 2 km category (limited to the first 10 applicants). Please contact the Sports Promotion Division to register.

## Need more details?

See the booklet or visit the Wakayama City website (ID 1004393).

**Enquiries:** Sports Promotion Division ☎ 435-1364



Japan's top long-distance runner, Yuki Kawauchi, will join the race!



Guest Runner



## Race-Day Volunteer Staff Wanted!

Check the city website for application details.



# Work Local!

## Wakayama Career Support Project

We're hosting job events for a wide range of people—students, active job seekers, and working professionals—who want to build their careers in Wakayama City.



### Events (All are free to join)

#### ●Career Discovery Fair (students)

Tue–Wed, Sep 2–3 @ Wakayamajo Hall

Recommended for:

- Students considering returning to Wakayama City for a job.
- Those who want to talk directly with companies from a variety of industries.
- Those who want to start gathering information early.

#### ●Local Hiring: Potential-Based Recruitment Fair (general job seekers)

Sat, Feb 7, 2026; Online

Recommended for:

- People who want employers to value their potential as much as experience
- Career changers who wish to live and work locally in Wakayama

#### ●Tech Companies Fair (students & general job seekers)

Sun, Oct 12; Online

Recommended for:

- Those interested in working for tech-focused companies
- Those curious about the unique technologies of local SMEs
- Anyone who would like to ask about development environments

#### ●Online Joint Info Session (Local Companies) (students & general job seekers)

Wed–Thu, Mar 4–5, 2026; Online

Recommended for:

- Anyone looking for companies that are actively hiring new graduates.
- Students who plan to work in Wakayama City after graduation.

#### ●Work–Life Balance Employers Fair (students & general job seekers)

Sat, Nov 8; Online

Recommended for:

- Anyone aiming to balance family and work
- Those who want a stable job without transfers

For up-to-date details on each event, visit the dedicated website for the Wakayama Career Support Project. You can also register for events from the website.



## Promoting the Active Participation of Women at Work

## Supporting working women!

Join this multi-employer info session, featuring free on-site childcare to help match female job seekers with local companies. There will also be job-hunting support, various consultations related to child-rearing, and a beauty experience corner. Full details will appear in the September issue of the Wakayama City Newsletter “Shiho Wakayama.”

### Women's Job Support Fair 2025

**Date & Time:** Fri, Oct 3, 10:00–15:00

**Venue:** Wakayama Big Ai

**Eligibility:** Women seeking work (including those raising children, considering a career change, or seeking employment)



## Announcements



### Tax & Insurance Payment Deadline

**Mon, Sep 1**

**Adv. Elderly Medical Ins. (Period 2)**

Insurance Gen. Affairs Div. ☎435-1062

**Nat'l Health Ins. (Period 3)**

Nat'l Health & Pension Div. ☎435-1214

**Nursing Care Ins. (Period 3)**

Nursing Care Ins. Div. ☎435-1334

**Municipal/Prefectural Inhabitant Tax & Forest Environment Tax (ordinary collection) (Period 2)**

Please pay by the due date. Bank account transfer is an easy way to pay city taxes. Apply at your bank counter or online (only at certain financial institutions) **Enquiries:** Tax Revenue Division ☎435-1038

### Income Status Report for Disability Allowances

You must submit this report once a year. If we do not receive it, your payments will be suspended temporarily. If you cannot submit during August, please contact us.

**Submission Period:** Aug 1 – Aug 29

**How to Submit:** At the service counter (mail submission also accepted).

**Who Needs to Submit (all subject to income limits)**

- Special Disability Allowance
- Disability Welfare Allowance
- Special Child Rearing Allowance

**Submission & Enquiries:** Division for the Support of People with Disabilities (City Hall, East Annex, 1F) ☎435-1060

### Hello Work Temporary Consultation Desk Single-Parent Support Campaign

▼ **Dates & Times:**

Fri Aug 1 & Mon Aug 4, 10:00–16:00

▼ **Location:** Child & Family Division

▼ **Registration:** Not required

▼ **Enquiries:** Hello Work Wakayama, Placement Services Division I ☎424-9771

### J-Alert Test Broadcast Wed, Aug 20, from 11:00AM

“Kore wa J-arato no tesuto desu” (this is a J-Alert test) will be broadcasted simultaneously over the loudspeakers of the Disaster Broadcast System. ※Test cancellations due to weather or seismic activity will be promptly announced on the city website. ▼ **Enquiries:** Disaster Prevention Division ☎ 435-1199

# Apply Online for Oversized Trash Pickup

**Enquiries:** Waste Collection Center (Stockyard) Tel. 435-5560



Starting 9:00 a.m., August 1, 2025, you can apply online, anytime, 24 hours a day for oversized trash pickup.  
(<https://www.sodai-wakayama-city.jp/>)


**Eligibility:** Wakayama City residents only. Available only for oversized trash you have generated within Wakayama City. You cannot apply for someone else's trash or for business/industrial waste.

Online applications are available to residents who have previously booked oversized trash pickup by phone on or after April 1, 2021.


※If this is your first time applying, please call the Oversized Trash Reception Center (Tel. 0570-666-202).

- Number of items per application: 2–15
- Online applications are limited to items listed in the city's Accepted Items List.
- For other items or questions, please contact the Oversized Trash Reception Center.

## Online Applications for Oversized Trash Pickup Start August 1!





**Until July 31**  
Phone applications



**From August 1**

- Online Applications
- Phone Applications



Application Form

# Top-Up Payment for Fixed-Amount Tax Reduction Shortfalls

**Enquiries:** Wakayama City Secretariat for Rising Price Allowances ☎0120-969-861 • ☎499-5184

If the amount paid to you under the Initial Adjustment Payment in FY2024 was insufficient, an additional payment will be made.

**Context Note:** In summer 2024, advance payments had been made to people who were expected to have a shortfall in their fixed-amount tax reduction. These payments were calculated using the estimated shortfall amount at that time.

### Who May Be Eligible

Residents of Wakayama City as of January 1, 2025 to whom I or II applies:

I. A shortfall arose in the amount paid as the Initial Adjustment Payment in 2024. (After your 2024 income tax and your actual fixed-amount tax reduction, etc. were finalized, there was a difference between the amount that should have been paid and the amount actually paid.)

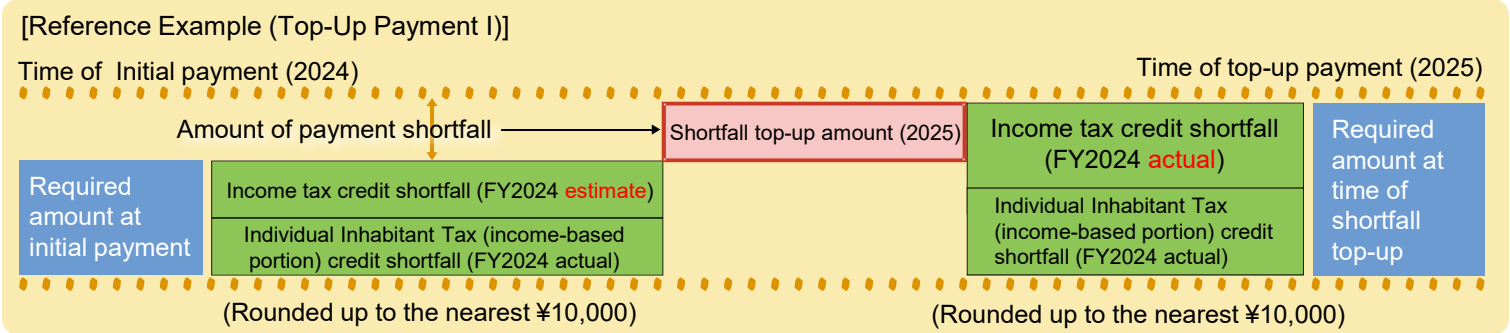
II. You may be eligible if you were outside the scope of the fixed-amount tax reduction and did not receive the separate benefit for low-income households, and both of the following apply:

※For both your 2024 income tax and FY2024 Individual Inhabitant Tax (income-based levy), the tax amount before the fixed-amount reduction is ¥0; and

※For tax purposes, you are not treated as a “dependent relative” (e.g., you are a family employee of a blue-return taxpayer, or a family employee of a non-blue-return taxpayer (white-return), or your total income amount exceeds ¥480,000.).

### Payment Amount

- **Category I:** [Required amount at Shortfall Adjustment Payment] – [Required amount at Initial Adjustment Payment]
- **Category II (standard): ¥40,000** ※For example, those who moved to Japan from overseas in 2024, or those who were claimed as a dependent relative and received a ¥10,000 reduction based on their FY2024 Individual Inhabitant Tax status—the payment is ¥30,000 (or another amount not equal to ¥40,000).



**What You Need to Do:** In August, people who may be eligible will be contacted by mail:

①If you receive a postcard notice → In general, no action is required.

②If you receive a letter with a confirmation form → Complete it and return it.

※If you must apply, obtain the application form from the secretariat or Wakayama City website and submit it.

### Submission deadlines (must arrive by):

- Confirmation form: October 31 (Fri), 2025
- Application form: September 30 (Tue), 2025

**Payment timing:** After your documents are reviewed and approved, payments will be made in order.

For details, see the city website (ID: 1065074).



City Website





## Group Cancer Screenings (Stomach • Lung • Colorectal • Breast)

Sept.	Time	Place	Screening				Application Deadline
			Sto-mach	Lungs	Colo-rectal	Breast	
No. ① 1 Mon	14:00-15:30	Minami Health Center (HC)		○	○		8/12 Tue
No. ② 3 Wed	13:30-15:30	Kita HC			○	○	8/13 Wed
No. ③ 9 Tue	9:00-11:00	Nishi HC	○		○		8/19 Tue
No. ④ 17 Wed	17:30-19:30	Wakayama Big Ai		○	○	○	8/27 Wed
No. ⑤ 20 Sat	8:30-10:30	Wakayama Big Ai			○	○	8/28 Thu
No. ⑥ 24 Wed	9:00-11:00	Kita HC	○		○		9/3 Wed
No. ⑦ 24 Wed	13:30-15:30	Minami HC			○	○	9/3 Wed

### Screening Details

#### ● Stomach Cancer (Upper GI X-ray with barium)

▼**Eligibility:** Ages 50+ with even-numbered ages (those with odd-numbered ages who did not get screened last fiscal year may also attend) ▼**Capacity:** 20 (lottery)

▼**Fee:** Ages 50–69: ¥1,000 / Ages 70+: ¥500

#### ● Lung Cancer (Chest X-ray) ▼**Eligibility:** Ages 40+

▼**Capacity:** 50 (lottery) ▼**Fee:** Free

#### ● Colorectal Cancer (Fecal Occult Blood Test)

▼**Eligibility:** Ages 40+ ▼**Capacity:** 50 (lottery) ▼**Fee:** Free

● **Breast Cancer (Mammography)** ▼**Eligibility:** Women ages 40+ with even-numbered ages (those with odd-numbered ages who did not get screened last fiscal year may also attend) ▼**Capacity:** 20 (lottery) ▼**Fee:** Ages 40–69: ¥1500 / Ages 70+: ¥700 ※Not available if you are currently breastfeeding or within six months after stopping breastfeeding. ※If you are currently under treatment or in follow-up care, please consult your medical provider promptly.

▼**How to Apply:** Apply by phone or postcard. Please include: Address, Name, Date of Birth, Phone Number, Preferred Screening Date, and the Screening(s) you want.

▼**Applications & Enquiries:** Regional Health Division ☎488-5121



Apply for No. ①



No. ②, ⑤, ⑦



No. ③, ⑥



No. ④

## Have you tried generic medicines?

Generic (post-patent) medicines are considered equivalent to brand-name drugs in quality and safety. They are less expensive, helping you save on medical expenses. Make use of them to reduce medical costs.

**Enquiries:** National Health Insurance & Pension Division ☎435-1215

## HPV Vaccination (Cervical Cancer Prevention Vaccine)

Up to 90% of cervical cancers can be prevented with vaccination. If you are in the high school first-year age group, please start your first dose by around September, as it takes about six months to complete the 3-dose series.

▼**Eligibility:** Girls of the age group from Grade 6 through first-year of high school ▼**Doses:** 2 or 3 doses

▼**Cost:** Free ▼**How to get vaccinated:** Book an appointment with a medical institution and bring your Maternal and Child Health Handbook and pre-vaccination questionnaire.

### ▼**Enquiries:**

Health Policy Division ☎488-5118

For details, see the Infectious

Disease Information Center website.



## Notice: Child-Rearing Allowance Status Report (Annual Update)

This is the annual update to confirm eligibility and income status. If you do not submit this report, you will not be able to receive the allowance for November and thereafter.

▼**Submission Period:** Fri Aug 1 – Fri Aug 29 ▼**Who Must Submit:** All current recipients of the allowance (incl. those whose payments are fully suspended) ▼**How to Submit:** Bring the required documents. The recipient must come in person to complete the procedure. If five years have elapsed since you first began receiving the allowance, please also submit the designated “Notification of Grounds for Exemption from Partial Suspension of the Child-Rearing Allowance” and related documents.

▼**Submissions & Enquiries:** Child & Family Division (East Building, 2F) ☎435-1219

※If meeting the deadline is difficult, please contact us.

## FY 2025 National Census

### A Survey of All People and Households Living in Japan

The national census is Japan's most important statistical survey, conducted once every five years. All people and households (as well as foreign residents) living in Japan are included.

### From mid-September

Census enumerators with official ID badges will survey their assigned areas.

### From late-September

Enumerators will visit each household to deliver the questionnaire. At that time, they may ask a few simple questions, such as your name and the number of people in your household, so please cooperate. You can complete the census online (smartphones may be used), or submit by mail.

**Enquiries:** Planning & Policy Division ☎435-1325

## August is Food Hygiene Month Let's prevent food poisoning!

Three principles to prevent food poisoning  
During the hot summer months, take these three steps to prevent bacteria-related food poisoning:

Keep bacteria off food.

Keep bacteria from multiplying on food.

Kill bacteria on food and kitchen utensils.

### **Enquiries:**

Healthy Lifestyle Division ☎488-5111