

◇ **Automobile Tax**

The Automobile Tax is an annual tax levied on individuals that own cars on April 1.

The taxable amount is determined by the type of vehicle and its engine displacement.

Additionally, the Automobile Tax must be paid by the specified deadline (usually the end of May) indicated on the payment notice sent by the prefectural tax office in early May.

Note that light vehicles and motorcycles are subject to the Light Vehicle Tax (Municipal Tax).

◇ **Amount to be paid**

Vehicle category		Private use			
		Standard tax rate		Increased tax	Decreased tax
		New vehicles registered before September 2019	New vehicles registered after October 2019		
Annual fee (JPY)					
Passenger vehicles	Electric vehicles (including fuel cell vehicles)	29,500	25,000		6,500
	Total displacement : 1 liter or less	29,500	25,000	33,900	6,500
	Total displacement : More than 1 l ~ 1.5 l or less	34,500	30,500	39,600	8,000
	Total displacement : More than 1.5 l ~ 2 l or less	39,500	36,000	45,400	9,000
	Total displacement : More than 2 l ~ 2.5 l or less	45,000	43,500	51,700	11,000
	Total displacement : Over 2.5 l ~ 3 l or less	51,000	50,000	58,600	12,500
	Total displacement : More than 3 l ~ 3.5 l or less	58,000	57,000	66,700	14,500
	Total displacement : More than 3.5 l ~ 4 l or less	66,500	65,500	76,400	16,500
	Total displacement : More than 4 l ~ 4.5 l or less	76,500	75,500	87,900	19,000
	Total displacement : More than 4.5 l ~ 6 l or less	88,000	87,000	101,200	22,000
	Total displacement : Over 6 liters	111,000	110,000	127,600	27,500

◇ **Main payment methods for the Automobile Tax**

① Payments via a smartphone app

Scan the eL-QR (Electronic Local QR - the unified local tax QR code) under the receipt date stamp on the payment slip (receipt notification piece) to pay using a smartphone payment app.

Visit the [“Local Tax Payment Site”](#) for information on participating smartphone apps.

See [here](#) for more information. (tax payment procedures can be done through a smartphone payment app).

② Paying taxes by credit card

Taxes can be paid via credit card by accessing the [“Local Tax Payment Site”](#) online and scanning the eL-QR (Electronic Local QR) located under the receipt date stamp on your payment slip (receipt notification).

A System Usage Fee (paid by the user) will be charged according to the amount of tax paid.

For more information, see [here](#) (payment procedures are can be done through the “[Local Tax Payment Site](#)”).

③ Paying taxes at convenience stores

This tax may be paid at the following convenience stores nationwide. [Cash payments only](#)

Seven-Eleven, Family Mart, Ministop, Lawson, Daily Yamazaki, etc. Stores equipped with MMKs (supermarkets, drug stores, etc. with MMKs)

See [here](#) for more details.

④ Paying taxes at financial institutions and prefectural tax offices

Taxes can be paid at financial institutions or prefectural tax offices. [Cash payments only](#)

See [here](#) for participating financial institutions.

※ The Local Tax Payment Site is slated to be renamed as the “eL Payment Site” in September 2026.

◇ **Contact information**

For inquiries regarding Automobile Tax, get in touch with us [here](#) .

For inquiries regarding tax payments, see [here](#).

When making an inquiry, please let us know your name, address, vehicle registration number, etc.

※You can use the Tax Department website for information on ([Automobile Tax](#) and [tax payment](#)) or the chatbot.