

1. 2025 Citizen and Prefectural Resident Tax Returns

Citizen and prefectural resident taxes are taxes that must be paid by anyone who has an address in Tochigi City on January 1 and receives a salary or other income over a certain amount, even if you are a foreigner.

Citizen and prefectural resident taxes are paid to the city or town where you live, and are also called "resident taxes. Resident's tax is paid by the residents of a community to share in the costs of that community, such as education, welfare, garbage collection, and other public services related to daily life.

The amount to be paid is determined by the wages received from January 1 to December 31 of the previous year. For those who work for a company, the company deducts the resident tax from the salary in advance and pays it to the municipal government in the form of a special collection called "Tenbiki". In principle, company employees do not have to pay the city tax themselves. The amount of the tax paid is shown on the monthly pay slip that you receive from the company.

The company is required to submit the "Certificate of Salary Payment" by January 31 for all employees whose addresses are in Tochigi City as of January 1, 2024, and whose salaries were paid during the fiscal year.

Those who have not submitted the "Salary Payment Report" from their employers to the Tochigi City Hall are required to submit a report.

The filing period is from February 17 to March 17. Applications for tax returns are accepted by appointment only by calling the appointment-only number.

Tax returns can also be filed at the city hall, but for those claiming deductions for overseas dependents, etc., it must be filed at the Tochigi Tax Office.

If you have not paid the resident tax due, your application for extension of stay, etc. may not be approved, so please do not forget to do so.

2. Pre-Entry School Supplies Allowance for Newly Enrolled Children

Households with children who will enter elementary or junior high school in April 2025 and who, due to financial difficulties, are unable to purchase necessary items such as school bags and uniforms prior to the start of school are eligible to receive the Pre-Entry School Supplies Allowance for Newly Enrolled Students in March prior to the start of school.

For details on eligibility, application procedures, etc., please contact the Education General Affairs Section, 0282-21-2462 on the 4th floor of the Main Building of City Hall. The application deadline is February 7.

3. "Yami Baito" is a crime

Yami Baito is a black market job often advertised on social networking sites such as X and Instagram, as well as online bulletin boards, with alluring phrases such as "You can make a lot of money in a short period of time."

If you apply, you run the risk of being used as a pawn in a criminal organization, such as a receiver or payer of a criminal or a robber, and becoming a criminal yourself.

Once you apply for a black market job, you will be asked to send your personal information when you apply, and even if you want to stop, you will likely be threatened and will not be able to stop until the police arrest you.

Do not be fooled by words such as "high paying job," "instant cash," or "easy high income".

There is no such thing as a part-time job where you can easily make a lot of money. If you suspect something is wrong, please tell your family, friends or the police as soon as possible. The police tip line is #(Sharp) 9110.

4. If you are told your blood sugar is high

Diabetes is a "systemic" disease that affects blood vessels and nerves throughout the body. Until the disease progresses, there are few subjective symptoms. If left untreated, it can lead to serious conditions such as stroke and heart disease.

To halt the progression of the disease and prevent complications, it is important to get screened to detect persistent high blood sugar and other symptoms early and to begin treatment and self-management. Improved diet and exercise are especially important.

To prevent and improve diabetes, get a health checkup once a year!