

Regarding the exemption from repayment for the Emergency Small Quantity Funds Special Loan in light of the spread of COVID-19

Concerning the exemption from repayment of the Emergency Small Quantity Funds Special Loan, we have stated that, “If reduction of income persists in households which are excluded from paying resident tax, they will be exempt from repayment, and we will consider the lives of those who are living in poverty.” We have decided on specific measures regarding this.

Points to note regarding exemption from repayment

- ✓ Exemption from repayment will be processed collectively, according to the fund. They are more specifically, the ① Emergency Small Quantity Funds, ② initial loan of the General Support Funds, ③ extended advance of the General Support Funds, and ④ further advance of the General Support Funds.
- ✓ If the borrower and householder are exempt from paying resident tax, they will be considered exempt from repayment. The tax status of other members of the household will not be in question.
- ✓ The judgement period and those who will be eligible will differ according to the fund. Please refer to the table below for details.

Tax statuses subject to judgement and periods

		First Year of Repayment (2022)	Second Year of Repayment (2023)	Third Year of Repayment (2024)
Emergency Small Quantity Funds		¥200,000		
General Support Funds	Initial Loan	¥450,000 ¥600,000	(Single-person Households) (Households made up by two or more persons)	
	Extended Advance		¥450,000 ¥600,000	※
General Support Funds Further Advance		(Grace Period Extended) →		¥450,000 ¥600,000 ※

Total Exemption

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Tax requisitions subject to judgement

Exempt from taxation on the third year of repayment

Exempt from taxation on the previous or initial year of repayment

Exempt from taxation on the second year of repayment

※We will follow-up the exemption of repayment with continued support from groups such as independence support and consultation organizations.

Q&A Regarding Exemption from Repayment of Special Loans

Q1: How should I apply for repayment exemption?

A1: You will be applying to the Municipal Council of Social Welfare for repayment exemption. The specific period and paperwork needed are currently being considered at the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

Q2: Where can I check whether I'm exempt from paying resident tax?

A2: You can confirm the status by receiving a certificate of tax exemption from the town or city you reside in. However, it is usually after June that you can receive your tax information for 2021. Please confirm with your local government.

Q3: Why am I not exempt from repaying the total amount?

A3: The Special Loans are administered, and periods are decided according to the denominations of Emergency Small Quantity Funds and General Support Funds (Initial, Extended, and Further Advances). Therefore, the judgement procedure of repayment exemption, loan amount, and orders were considered, resulting in the total exemption of repayment. We also consider the borrower's repayment amount and period in the case of repayment.

Q4: Regarding the parameters of resident tax taxation, are those who are exempt from paying the resident tax on only the income-based levy included?

A4: No, they are not.