

Don't Forget to Check!

Minimum Wage



Employers and workers alike should check 

Minimum wage in Kumamoto

Hourly rate
from
January 1,
2026

¥ **1,034**

YoY **UP**
¥82 

英語版

It's a rule that guarantees the minimum amount of pay (minimum wage) for all workers.

Check it on the
website!
**Minimum wage
website**
(in Japanese only)



最低賃金 特設サイト

検索

For inquiries,
please contact the Kumamoto
Labour Bureau or
your nearest Labour
Standards Inspection Office.



熊本労働局

検索

**Wage hike
webpage**

(in Japanese only)
Information on support
for raising wages.



賃金引上げ特設ページ

検索

For Small and
Medium-sized
Enterprises (SMEs)



**業務改善
助成金**

Subsidies of up to
6 million yen



Ministry of Health,
Labour and Welfare

Employers and workers alike, be sure to check the minimum wage!

The minimum wage system applies to all workers,
including part-time workers and student workers,
regardless of their age and working hours.
Fill in your salary ^(*) and the applicable minimum wage
in your prefecture ^(*) into the form to check!

Calculation methods

Fill in your salary and the applicable minimum wage in your prefecture. ^(*)

A For hourly pay

Your hourly pay ¥	≥	The minimum wage (hourly rate) ¥
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B For daily pay

Your daily pay ¥	÷	Average scheduled working hours per day hours	=	Your hourly rate ¥	≥	The minimum wage (hourly rate) ¥
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C For monthly pay

Your monthly pay ¥	÷	Average scheduled working hours per month hours	=	Your hourly rate ¥	≥	The minimum wage (hourly rate) ¥
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D If your pay is calculated by a combination of A, B, or C above

For example, if your basic pay is paid daily and benefits (such as a duty allowance) are paid monthly

① Basic pay (daily pay) → Calculate the hourly rate using method B
② Benefits (monthly pay) → Calculate the hourly rate using method C
③ Total amount of ① and ② ≥ the minimum wage (hourly rate)

(*) The following forms of pay are not considered when you compare your pay with the minimum wage.

① Wages paid in special circumstances (marriage allowance, etc.) ② Wages paid covering a period of more than one month (bonuses, etc.) ③ Wages for work that exceeds scheduled working hours (premium pay for overtime work, etc.) ④ Wages for work other than scheduled working days (premium pay for work on a statutory day off, etc.) ⑤ Of the wages paid for time worked between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., the portion that exceeds pay for normal working hours (premium pay for night work, etc.) ⑥ Perfect attendance allowances, commuting allowances, and family allowances

(*) For more detailed calculation methods and calculation methods including commission, consult your local Labour Bureau or the Labor Standards Inspection Office.

業務改善 助成金

Subsidies of up to
6 million yen

For Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)

Utilize General Grant for SMEs
to get support to help you raise wages.

General Grant for SMEs

This general grant for SMEs subsidizes part of the cost of capital investments depending on certain criteria in order to help increase the lowest wages in the workplace (minimum wage of the workplace) and productivity.

General Grant for SMEs Call Center

0120-366-440

Check the website for details
(in Japanese only)

業務改善助成金 検索



Criteria



Increase in the minimum
wage in the workplace



Payment of the
new wages



Introduction of
productivity-enhancing
equipment and facilities



No disqualifying factors,
such as dismissals
or wage cuts

Subsidizes part of
the cost of capital
investment, etc.

Check the
summary
video!



Grant Process

1



Submit the application, project
plan, etc., to the prefectural labour
bureau for your place of business



Review

2



Implement your project
according to the
submitted plan

3



Submit the outcome report
and application to your
labour bureau



Review

4



Payment

Check the
procedure
video!



Free consultation with experts

If you have any concerns related to raising wages,
please consult the Work-Style Reform Promotion Support Center.

Check the website for details (in Japanese only)

働き方改革推進支援センター 検索

Loans to support promotion of work-style reforms

Japan Finance Corporation (JFC) provides facility loans and operating loans for businesses that make efforts to raise the pay for the lowest-paid workers in the workplace.

Check the website for details (in Japanese only)

働き方改革推進支援資金 検索

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