



Japan to allow e-scooter riding without a driver's license from July

E-scooter users will no longer require a driver's license from July, though people under 16 will be banned from riding the vehicles, placing e-scooters under a newly created legal category of "Specific Small Motorized Bicycles".

The new rules apply to scooters with a maximum speed of 20 km/h, and riders must comply with the same traffic rules as cyclists, including, in principle, not riding on sidewalks. Scooter riders are advised to wear helmets, although it is not mandatory.

E-scooters must have...

Head lamp, Number plate, Light and Direction Indicator which satisfy the safety standards of the Road Transport Vehicle Law. Driving such a scooter on a road (footpath or roadway) without satisfying the regulations constitutes a violation of Article 62 (operation of improperly equipped vehicle) of the Road Traffic Law.

Insurance

As stipulated by the Road Transport Vehicle Law, a moped cannot be operated without automobile third-party liability insurance.

For inquiries regarding Road Transport Vehicle Roles: General Affairs Division 0261-72-7002
Regarding Taxation: Taxation Division 0261-85-0712

What's "Specific Small Motorized Bicycles"??

【SIZE】 Up to 190 cm in length and up to 60 cm in width.

【POWER】 0.6kW or less, maximum speed 20km/h

The highest speed cannot be changed while driving.

【Tax Amount】 2,000 yen



For those who has National Health Insurance Cards

From August 1, the color of National Health Insurance Card will change to "sky blue". In the upper right corner of the card, the expiration date will be printed as "July 31, 2024".

The new insurance card will be mailed to each household around the end of July in a blue envelope.

About My Number Insurance Card

This will be the last time that insurance cards will be issued, as each insurance card will be transferred to the My Number Card Insurance Card. If you do not have a My Number Card, it is recommend that you apply for it as soon as possible.

Your Individual Number Card can be used as your health insurance card.

For more information on how to use this service and eligible medical institutions and pharmacies, please visit the website of the [Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/).



https://myna.go.jp/html/index_en.html



Regarding to Health Insurance: Resident Division TEL 0261-85-0715
Health Insurance Tax: Taxation Davion 0261-85-0712



Local Discount Information



Tourism Commission of Hakuba Village
Hakuba village information
399-9301
5497,Hokujo,Hakuba,Kitaazumi,Nagano
Business hours : 9:00~17:00
TEL.0261-85-4210 / FAX.0261-85-4240

Please bring your I.D issued by a public institution with current address on it. (e.g.: Driver's license, Health Insurance Card, My number card etc.) ID for all who will use the discount are required.

	Period	Discount Price	For Operation Hours and More Details, Please Contact to :
Happo	~ November 5(Sun)	Happo Alpine Line (Gondola&Lifts) : Adult 2,000 yen Child 1,000 yen	Happo Gondola Station TEL: 0261-72-3280
		Gondola Only : Adult/Child 500 yen	
Iwatake	~November 12(Sun)	Gondola&Lifts : Adult/Child 500 yen	Iwatake Mountain Resort TEL: 0261-72-2474
Goryu	June 24(Sat) – October 22(Sun)	Gondola Only : Adult/Child 600 yen	Hakuba Goryu Escal Plaza TEL: 0261-75-2101
Tsugaike	July 1(Sat) – October 22(Sun)	Tsugaike Panorama Way	Tsugaike Gondola Station TEL : 0261-83-2255
		Gondola&Ropeway+Entrance fee of Nature Park) Adult/Child: 1,000 yen	
		Wow! Amidasu 60mins : Adult/Child 600 yen Pochadasu Weekday 90mins : Adult/Child 1,000 yen Weekend 90mins : Adult 1,400 yen/Child 1,000 yen	

SUBSIDIES AND GRANTS INFORMATION

Snow-Control Housing Improvement Project

A subsidy will be provided for a part of the construction cost of snow-control housing to reduce the physical burden of clearing snow from the roofs of houses and to prevent accidents such as falling down.



1. Eligible snow-control construction

(Except for combined dwellings where the residential area is less than 1/2 of the total floor area)

Snow-melting Type New construction, extension, renovation	A system that melts snow on the roof by using thermal energy (electricity, gas, kerosene, etc.) Natural snowfall type
Natural snowfall Type Renovation only	A system that melts snow on the roof by using thermal energy (electricity, gas, kerosene, etc.) Natural snowfall type
Snow removal Type Retrofit only	A system in which measures are taken to ensure the safety of snow removal work such as the installation of lifeline anchors, snow stop hardware, etc.

2. Subsidy Rate and Limit

	snow-control construction		
	Snow-melting type	Snow-falling type	Snow-removing type
Subsidy Rate	1/5 【1/4】	1/5 【1/4】	1/2
Limit	600,000 yen 【 750,000 yen】	450,000 yen 【 550,000 yen】	80,000 yen

1. In the case of an elderly household, etc., both the subsidy rate and the maximum amount will be in 【 】 .
2. Construction work eligible for subsidy must meet various conditions (slope of the roof, Construction Company, etc.).



Net Zero Energy House

To reduce CO2 emissions resulting from home use of electricity and gas, the government is promoting the spread of Net-Zero-Energy Housing (ZEH).

Hakuba Village will subsidize up to 300,000 yen per unit for "ZEH New Construction" or "ZEH renovation" that meet the following requirements, utilizing subsidy programs provided by the government and Nagano Prefecture.

【Eligible government or prefectural projects】

Eligible Projects	subsidiary organization
Subsidy for business expenses such as carbon dioxide emission control measures ZEH Support project	Ministry of the Environment
Housing Supply-Demand Integrated Subsidy for Energy Investment Promotion Project	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
Kodomo Eco Sumai (Subsidies for child rearing household etc)	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
Shinshu Kenko Zero Ene Housing Subsidies	Nagano Prefecture

For details, please refer to the official Hakuba Village government website or contact the Construction Division.0261-85-0724



Subsidy for Purchase of Wood Stove and Pellet Stove

1/3 of the purchase price (up to 100,000 yen) for the purchase of a pellet stove

1/2 of the purchase price (up to 100,000 yen) for wood stove

Applications

9:00 a.m. on September 1 (Fri) 2023.

Place: Hakuba Village Office Multipurpose Hall

Only 4 stoves available: 3 wood stoves and 1 pellet stove (up to 1 stove/person)

Notes

(1) Registration at 9:00 a.m-9:30am.

As the number of applicants is limited, the applicants will be selected by lottery.

The lottery will begin at 9:30 a.m. please make sure to complete the registration by 9:30 a.m. If the number of applicants is less than the number of places available, applications will continue at the Agricultural Division.

In that case, the decision will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.)

Important notes for Pellet Stove Purchase Subsidy

(1) Pellet stove must be a stove that uses pellets as fuel.

(2) Hakuba Village and the dealer will sign an agreement (for 3 years) regarding the supply of Shinshu-grown pellets as fuel.





Approximately 40% of the garbage generated by households is food waste, which represents a large portion of household garbage.

Reducing food waste leads to less garbage.

- **Drain food scraps** It is reported that approximately 80% of food scraps are water. Reducing the amount of water contained in food scraps will lead to a reduction of CO2 emitted by incinerating them.
- **Use Compost** The composted waste can be used in various types of gardening.

Subsidy for Garbage Composting Device

Hakuba Village has a subsidy for purchase of composts.

- ① Wooden Crate Compost / Plastic Bucket Compost
- ② Home Electric Food Scrap Processor
- ③ Disposal Machine

【Amount】Up to 2/3 of the purchase price with a maximum of 40,000 yen

Reducing Food Waste

How to purchase?
Which models are eligible for subsidies?

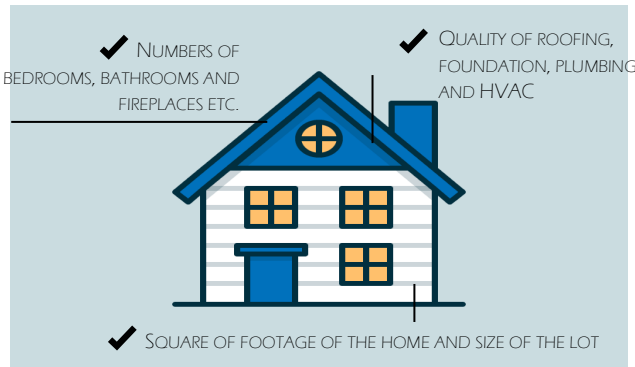
For any questions and more details,
Please contact to Resident Division

TEL 0261-85-0715

THE SURVEY OF THE CURRENT CONDITION OF BUILDING

Purpose of the survey

In order to accurately evaluate the current status of buildings, more appropriately manage the fixed asset taxation records, and ensure fairness in taxation, the village will conduct surveys to confirm the current status of buildings throughout the village beginning in 2023. This survey will be conducted by comparing aerial photographs with the village's fixed asset taxation records, and will mainly investigate buildings that have not been taxed and those that have already been knocked down but are still registered in the records.



What is buildings for property tax purposes?

Buildings for property tax purposes are considered to be the same as buildings under the Real Property Registration Law, and the criteria for recognition are as follows.

1. Exterior air separation...Roofed and enclosed on three or more sides by exterior walls.
2. Fixation to the land: The structure is fixed to the land (fixed to the foundation).
3. Usability...The property can be used for living, storage, preservation, or other purposes.

Accordingly, even garages, sheds, etc. are subject to property taxation if they meet conditions 1-3. There are no taxation or non-taxation standards based on the size of the floor area, whether or not an application for building permit is filed, or whether or not the property is registered.



Beware of Spoofing

The survey team members who conduct the survey must have a "Fixed Asset Valuation Assistant Certificate" and a nameplate with their name and department on it.

If you notice anything suspicious, please check his/her identification. The surveyor will not ask you to do anything other than the purpose of the survey.

Survey Period and Method

Two types of surveys will be conducted: a visual survey from a public road and an on-site inspection.

(1) Visual survey from public roads

Visual inspection from the public road to confirm that the current conditions of the building match the registration in the village's house taxation registry.

The property owner does not need to be in attendance, also the inspector will not come onto the property. The survey will be conducted during the fiscal year 2023.

(2) On-site inspection

This survey will be conducted when a more detailed survey is necessary, such as when the current conditions differ from those registered in the village's house tax registry as a result of a visual inspection from the public road. The property owner will be notified in advance, and a survey will be conducted in the owner's presence to confirm the structure, floor area, and finishing materials of the house. The survey is scheduled to be conducted in 2024 or later.

Payment Schedule of This month

For inquiries and information: Taxation Division TEL: 0261-85-0712

	Payment due date	Account transfer :Kouza Furikae	Payment Method			
			Cash	Account transfer	Credit card	Payment App.
2 nd of 10 payments National Health Insurance Tax	July 31(Mon)	July 25(Tue)	○	○	○	○
2 nd of 4 payments Fixed Assets Tax	July 31(Mon)	July 25(Tue)	○	○	○	○
Water & Sewer Bills	July 25(Tue)	July 25(Tue)	○	○	—	—

Payment Method	
Cash	Account Counter at Village Office Bank institutions Convenience stores
Bank Withdrawal	JA Bank Dai-Hoku, 82 Bank, Nagano Bank, Matsumoto Credit Union (Shin-Kin Bank), Japan Post Bank
Credit card	
Payment App	



"Smart Agriculture" represents a new agricultural technology that utilizes robotics, information and communication technology (ICT) to achieve labor savings, precision, and high-quality production.

Agriculture is not only facing a nationwide shortage of farmers due to the decreasing and aging of the population, but also many tasks rely on human hands and skilled labor. In order to solve these issues, "smart agriculture" is expected to promote labor-saving and burden reduction in agricultural work, secure new farmers, and pass on farming techniques.

Smart Agriculture" in Hakuba Village is still in its beginning stages, but we would like to introduce some examples in the village.



Remote-controlled water management system Automatic Water Plug (Field Water Management System)

Trial operations were done in 2021 and 2022 in rice paddies in the Fukasora area. This can remotely and automatically manage paddy filled water levels. This system reduces the burden of water management, but requires familiarity with the use of smartphones and other devices for operation.



Direct Sowing of Rice Paddy by Drone

In May 2023, JA (Japan Agricultural corporation), and a drone company conducted a demonstration of direct seeding of rice paddies in the Fukasora area (approx. 1 Ha). By directly sowing specially coated seeds in paddy fields using a drone, heavy labor such as carrying seedlings and labor hours for planting rice are greatly reduced. Although germination rates and yields remain to be determined, it is to be hoped that this will help to solve the shortage of rice farmers.



Radio-Controlled Mower

Demonstrations were held in the limori district in July 2021 and in the Nohira district in June 2023 with the support of the manufacture. Compared to hand-held grass cutters and riding mowers, this can be operated by remote control. It can work on the ridge between rice paddies and slopes. Another benefit is that the operator is not affected by dust or vibrations.

Smart agriculture has the advantage of enabling the data collection of the skills, knowhow of skilled farmers and eliminating labor shortages, while at the current stage, the disadvantages include the cost of installing the machines and acquiring the knowledge necessary to handle the machines. In the future, as such machines become more widely used and the number of young farmers' increases, these disadvantages will gradually be resolved. In addition, it is expected that agricultural machinery will be replaced by electric power in the future from the perspective of global warming.

For inquiries: Agriculture Division Hakuba Village Office Tel: 85-0766

■ Clinics open on holidays

- For emergency cases of pediatrics and internal diseases on weekday nights, please go to "North Alps Weekday Night Emergency Center for Pediatrics & Internal Medicine". TEL: 0261-26-6199
- Please do not request for the ambulance service for minor injury and illness or it will be overloaded when there is an emergency.

Opening Hours: 9 A.M. ~ 5 P.M.					Reception Hours: 9A.M. ~ 11A.M. (Please call before coming over)			Pharmacy On Duty in Hakuba	
M	D	Day of week	Clinic On Duty			Dental Clinic			
			Northern District (Hakuba • Otari)	Omachi City	Southern District (Ikeda • Matsukawa)				
	2	SUN	Kurita Clinic	Omachi Municipal General Hospital	Yoshimura Clinic	Oda Dental Clinic	Hakuba	0261-72-6482	Ota Pharmacy
	9	SUN	Yokosawa Clinic	Nomura Clinic	Azumi Hospital	Okuhara Dental Clinic	Omachi	0261-23-0500	Apple Pharmacy
	16	SUN	Kamishiro Clinic	Ito Clinic	Midori Clinic	Sato Dental Clinic	Omachi	0261-23-3211	Fujinoya Pharmacy
	17	MON	Hakuba Clinic	Ishizone Clinic	Herb-no-sato Clinic	Iizawa Dental Clinic	Omachi	0261-23-7050	Fujinoya Pharmacy
	22	SAT	Shintani Clinic	---	---	---	---	---	---
	23	SUN	Shintani Clinic	Kakishita Clinic	Wakabayashi Clinic	Otari Dental Clinic	Otari	0261-82-2762	Fujinoya Pharmacy
	29	SAT	Kurita Clinic	---	---	---	---	---	---
	30	SUN	Otarimura Clinic	Mogami Orthopaedic Clinic	Kondo Clinic	Azumino Dental Clinic	Matsukawa	0261-62-2332	---

■ Kosodate Shien Room

• Notices/Information from Kosodate Shien Room is posted on the Hakuba Village office official website and Hakuba Village Maternal and Child Health Handbook App "Ohisama Memories by BO-SHI-MO:母子モ". <https://www.mchh.jp/login>



For inquiries/
Child-Raising Support Division TEL: 0261-85-8101

■ Child Check-up

Venue: Fureai Center 1F

Date	Event	Eligible Child
July 19(Wed)	Baby Food Class	Born in November 2022- January 2023
25 (Tue)	Health check-up for 2-month-old	Born in May 2023 *at Shien Room
31 (Mon)	Physical Development Consultation	Appointment needed
Aug 1 (Tue)	Private Childcare Consultation	Appointment needed
9(Wed)	Childcare Consultation	Born in March 2023
	Childcare Consultation	Born in September 2022
21 (Mon)	Health check-up for infant	Born in March - May 2023
	Health check-up for toddler	Born in March - June 2022
22(Tue)	Health check-up for 2-month-old	Born in June 2023 *at Shien Room
24(Thu)	Health check-up for 1 and half year old	Born in November 2021- January 2022
28(Mon)	Physical Development Consultation	Appointment needed