

# Guidance on Kutchan Town Accommodation Tax Collection

(Outlines on Handling of Accommodation Tax Affairs)

Accommodation Tax



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<sup>\*</sup> To create this guidance, we refer to the materials on accommodation tax provided on the websites of advanced areas, "Tokyo Metropolitan Government," "Osaka Prefectural Government," and "Kyoto City." We appreciate your understanding.

## **Chapter 1 About Accommodation Tax**

1 Objectives and Purpose of Use of Accommodation Tax

## (Objectives)

The accommodation tax is a special tax for specific purposes\*1, which Kutchan Town has uniquely introduced. It has been introduced to cover costs involved in promoting tourism and enhancing the attractiveness of Kutchan Town as it develops into one of the world's leading resort towns.

## (Purpose of Use)

- The revenue from the accommodation tax will be used to solve the problems of the town and to increase visitors' satisfaction and revisit rate.
- Tourism policies are as follows.

	Policy	Individual policy	Issues to be addressed (solved)
ı	mproving		Make transportation operate more
ŀ	Kutchan Town's	Inproving	efficiency.(Transport integration between
6	quality as a	Transportation	public bus and private bus shuttle services)
r	esort town	Systems in Kutchan	Support for the acquisition of a bus/taxi
		Town	driver's license and support for promoting in-
П	As a town in		vehicle reading equipment using IC cards
	the Niseko	Environmental	Support for human resource development for
	Resort Area,	Environmental	permanently maintaining the "Niseko Rules"
	make broad-	Conservation of	Support for the development of human
П	based efforts	Niseko Area and Mt.	resources engaged in ski patrol and mountain
П	to improve	Youtei	guides
П	Kutchan		
П	Town's quality		
П	as a resort		
	town (area)	Maintaining the Safety	Installing crime prevention lights/cameras and
	and increase	and Security of the	establishing a temporary police box
	visitors'	Resort Areas	Disaster and fire prevention measures
	satisfaction.		

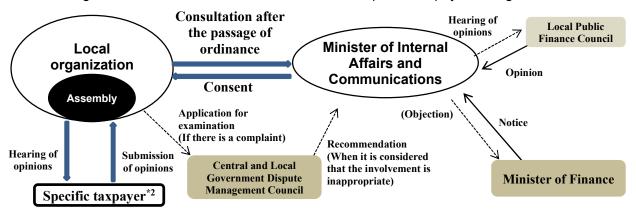
Increasing Kutchan Town's attractiveness as a resort town Increase the attractiveness of Kutchan Town as a resort town	Inproving Tourism infrastructures	<ul> <li>Improvement in the traffic access connecting downtown Kutchan and Hirafu district</li> <li>Re-development of the Hirafu #1 parking area</li> <li>Natural environment and landscape conservation</li> <li>Support for the development of tourism guides, interpreters, and human resources engaged in tourism promotion</li> <li>Strengthening the Destination Management Organization (financial/human resources) as</li> </ul>
and improve		the core of tourism activities
satisfaction.	Preparation for the	Establishment of a traffic terminal function
	Shinkansen (Bullet-	that will serve as a secondary traffic hub
	train) Line Extension	Communication space around the station

\*Note: Specific individual projects (including an annual plan) will be <u>determined in</u> consultation with related organizations, etc., considering related individual plans.

## \*1 Special tax for specific purposes

Local organizations may newly establish tax items by ordinance, in addition to those referred to in the Local Tax Act (statutory taxes). These are called "non-statutory taxes." With the revision of the Local Tax Act in accordance with the decentralization laws in April 2000, the permit system for non-statutory ordinary taxes was changed to a consultation system requiring consent, and special taxes for specific purposes were created.

With the revision of the tax system in FY 2004, procedures for consultation with and consent from the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications became unnecessary for reducing the rate of an existing non-statutory tax, abolishing the tax, or shortening the taxable period. In addition, a system was created to allow the assembly to hear specific taxpayers' opinions before enacting an ordinance when the tax revenue rate for specific taxpayers is high.



The Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications must agree to this unless the Minister considers that any of the following apply. (Article 261, Article 671, and Article 733 of the Local Tax Act):

- (1) The same tax base as national taxes or other local taxes is applied, and the burden on the residents is extremely heavy;
- (2) A serious obstacle is caused to the distribution of goods between local organizations;
- (3) Other than those listed in the preceding two items, it is not appropriate in light of national economic policies.

## \*2 "Specific taxpayer"

A party that is expected to meet both of the following two requirements as a party whose amount of non-statutory taxes is expected to continuously exceed one-tenth of the total amount of taxes of all taxpayers

- 1. The total amount of taxes of a taxpayer is expected to exceed one-tenth of the total amount of non-statutory taxes of said taxpayer in a total of five years after the enforcement of the ordinance.
- 2. The total amount of taxes of a taxpayer is expected to exceed one-tenth of the total amount of non-statutory taxes of said taxpayer for three or more years in five years after the enforcement of the ordinance.

## 2 Method to Collect Accommodation Tax

## (1) Special collection system

Guests who stay in facilities located in Kutchan Town that operate a hotel business defined by the Inns and Hotels Act (except for the lodging business referred to in the Act) and facilities that operate a private lodging business in accordance with the Private Lodging Business Act (hereinafter referred to as the "Accommodations" in this guidance) will pay the accommodation tax. The accommodation tax is not directly collected by Kutchan Town but is collected by the Accommodations together with accommodation fees, and the Accommodations file and pay the tax to Kutchan Town. This system is called the "special collection system."

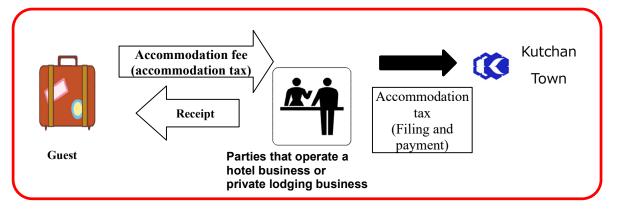
Under the special collection system, even if a taxpayer has an unpaid amount equivalent to the accommodation tax, the <u>party responsible for special collection</u>\* has obligations to file and pay the amount equivalent to the accommodation tax to be collected when "accommodation services" subject to taxation are provided.

<sup>\*</sup> In this guidance, the party responsible for special collection refers to (2) below.

## (2) Party responsible for special collection

The party responsible for special collection of the accommodation tax refers to the party that operates the hotel business or private lodging business.

However, if there is another party that is actually responsible for the management of the accommodation facility (such as a party who is entrusted with the entire management of the facility, etc.), the party may be the party responsible for special collection. In such cases, please contact us.



In addition to the collection, filing, and payment of the accommodation tax, the party responsible for special collection has an obligation to make applications and keep registers.

## 3 Department in Charge of Accommodation Tax

Kutchan Town Office Tax Division in charge of <u>Accommodation Tax</u> will handle affairs related to the filing, imposition, and collection of the accommodation tax.

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## **Chapter 2 Structure of Accommodation Tax**

## 1 Taxable Object and Taxpayer

An act subject to the accommodation tax (taxable object) is to stay in the Accommodations. The accommodation tax will be levied on guests when they stay in Accommodations after the enforcement date of the Accommodation Tax Ordinance (scheduled on November 1, 2019).

#### (1) Accommodation services

Accommodation services generally means to provide accommodation facilities, including bedding, from evening to the next morning. In principle, whether accommodation services are subject to the accommodation tax or not is judged based on the following criteria.

## [Criteria for judging "accommodation services" subject to taxation]

- 1 Whether the services fall under the definition of accommodation services for which the permission of the Inns and Hotels Act is required
- 2 Whether the services are provided over two days with bedding
- 3 Whether the services are specified as the "accommodation services" in the contract between the Accommodations and the guest

\*(Accommodation services for which the permission of the Inns and Hotels Act is required)
Accommodation services that fall under all of the following requirements:

- 1) The services collect accommodation fees (the name does not matter);
- 2) The services have a social nature (when accommodating unspecified guests, an advertisement is created to inform the general public of the services);
- 3) The services have continuity and a repetitive nature (continuously advertise for guests);
- 4) The services are not provided in the principal place of daily activity (a period of use is less than one month, or the facility provider cleans rooms and provides bedding, etc. when the period is one month or longer).

## [Examples]

	Examples	Taxable or not
	When a guest arrives late	It is taxable if the contract specifies that
	and checks in after midnight	accommodation services are provided over two days and
1	(the check-in date is the day	the accommodation fee is collected based on said
	after the scheduled check-in	contract.
	date)	

		1
		It is not taxable if the arrival is in the morning on the
		day after the scheduled check-in date and the
		Accommodations do not charge the accommodation fee.
		It is not taxable because the act does not involve
		accommodation services.
		*If a guest made a reservation and paid an
		accommodation fee including the accommodation tax on
	***	a travel reservation website and canceled his/her
2)	When a guest cancels his/her	reservation, the Accommodations or a company that
	reservation	operates the website will refund an amount for "said
		accommodation tax." The party to refund the
		accommodation tax is determined based on the
		agreement between the Accommodations and the
		operating company.
		It is not taxable as accommodation services are not
	When a guest uses the	provided over two days although the services fall under
3)	Accommodations in a single	the accommodation services for which the permission of
	day ("day use")	the Inns and Hotels Act is required.
	When the contract specifies	•
	"rest," and accommodation	
4)	services are provided for six	Unlike "day use," it is considered to be substantially the
<b>"</b>	hours or longer over two	accommodation services and taxable.
	days	
	uays	It is not toyoble as the seminar de mat full and a dis
	W/L	It is not taxable as the services do not fall under the
5)	When accommodating a	accommodation services for which the permission of the
	toddler free of charge	Inns and Hotels Act is required (no accommodation fee
		is charged).
		It is not taxable as it is not considered that fees are
	When accommodation	charged in exchange for accommodation services, and
6)	services are provided to	the services do not fall under the accommodation
	company employees in their	services for which the permission under the Inns and
	company training	Hotels Act is required (no accommodation fee is
		charged).

## (2) Guest

A guest refers to a person who is provided accommodation facilities from the

Accommodations and uses said facilities for staying overnight in the Accommodations. A person who actually stays in the Accommodations will be the guest, even if the accommodation fee is paid by a third party other than the person.

## 2 Tax Base and Accommodation Fee

The tax base of the accommodation tax will be the accommodation fee corresponding to the calculation type of the fee listed in the table below. Accommodation fees are to be rounded down to the nearest hundred yen.

Calculation type	Tax base
When the accommodation fee is calculated per person	Accommodation fee
	for a person
When the accommodation fee is calculated per room	Accommodation fee
	for a room
When the accommodation fee is calculated per	Accommodation fee
building	for a building

The accommodation fees above refer to fees that exclude those relating to the items listed in the right column of the table below (items not included in the accommodation fee) from fees to be paid by the guest in exchange for or to bear the cost of accommodation services provided in the Accommodations.

Items included in the accommodation	Items not included in the
fee	accommodation fee
O Cleaning fee, bedding fee, bathing	○ Fees relating to food, drink, and
fee, nightwear fee, and service fee, etc.	entertainment provided in
charged in exchange for or to bear the	association with accommodation
cost of accommodation services	services
	○ Fees relating to conference
	facilities, rest, and other similar acts
	○ Taxes such as consumption tax,
	local consumption tax, and bathing
	facility tax, etc.
	(National and local taxes)
	○ Charges for cars, tobacco,

	telephone, cleaning, and souvenirs
	paid by the guest
	○ Tips and money gifts, etc. voluntarily
	given by the guest
O Commissions paid by lodging	○ Fees taken from guests by travel
facilities to travel agencies	agencies

## [Q&A about accommodation fees]

	Types of accommodation	Note
	fees	
1)	Accommodation fee in an accommodation plan with meals and other plans	<ul> <li>☐ If meals or entertainment, etc. are provided in association with accommodation services, the amount equivalent to the cost of meals, etc. will not be included in the accommodation fee.</li> <li>☐ If meals, etc. are provided free of charge, the accommodation fee will include the cost of meals, etc., assuming that there is no amount equivalent to the cost of meals, etc.</li> </ul>
2)	Accommodation fee in planned and arranged travel	□ For planned travel, the accommodation fee will be that per person, which is determined by the contract between the travel agent and the Accommodations. □ For arranged travel, the accommodation fee will be that per person, which is determined by the contract between the traveler and the Accommodations. However, if handling charges to be received by the travel agent are deducted from the accommodation fee, the amount before deducting the handling charges will be the accommodation fee.
3)	Accommodation fee in case of a discount or special offer	<ul> <li>☐ If the Accommodations discount a fixed percentage or amount of the regular accommodation fee, such as general/membership discounts or shareholder benefits, etc., the amount to be paid by the guest after the discount will be the accommodation fee.</li> <li>☐ If a discount is offered through points given by a travel agent or card company to a traveler, the amount of the accommodation fee will be that before the discount.</li> </ul>

	Accommodation fee	☐ If a payment is made by a third party to the
	when a payment is made	Accommodations in nominal terms other than the
	by a third party by using	accommodation fee, such as a subsidy and grant, etc.,
	a subsidy or grant, etc.	and the payment is made in exchange for
	a substuy of grant, etc.	
•		accommodation services and is directly handled as all or
4)		part of the accommodation fee of the guest, the sum of
		the amount to be paid by the guest and the amount of
		said subsidies, etc. will be the accommodation fee.
		☐ If a subsidy or grant, etc. is not paid in exchange for
		accommodation services, the subsidy or grant, etc. will
		not be included in the accommodation fee.
	Accommodation fee in	☐ If a discount rate is specified for each day, the
	case of a discount on	accommodation fee will be calculated by applying the
	stay for two or more	discount rate to the regular accommodation fee for each
5)	consecutive nights	date.
3)		☐ If a discount is offered collectively for a period of stay
		for two or more consecutive nights, the total
		accommodation fee after the discount will be the
		accommodation fee.
	Accommodation fee in	$\ \square$ If a fee for extending the time is charged separately from
	case of an extension of	the accommodation fee, said extension fee will not be
6)	stay	included in the accommodation fee. If the extension fee is
		charged as the accommodation fee, said extension fee
		will be included in the accommodation fee.
	Accommodation fee	☐ If the consumption tax and local consumption tax are
	including tax	included in the accommodation fee, or other taxes are
7)		included in the total accommodation fee, the amount
		excluding these taxes will be the accommodation fee.
	Accommodation fee in	☐ In principle, if a payment for the accommodation fee is
	case of a foreign	made in foreign currency, the accommodation fee will be
	currency payment	the amount converted into yen at the exchange rate of
	J FJ	the Telegraphic Transfer Middle rate (TTM) at the spot
8)		exchange rate as of the date of stay. (For calculation,
		please refer to the "Accounting Standards for Foreign
		Currency Transactions" (Fundamental directives of
		corporate tax).)
		corporate taxj.j

#### 3 Tax Rate

The accommodation tax rate is 2% of the accommodation fee to be the tax base.

## 4 Tax Exemption

- Tax exemption for students on school trips
   No accommodation tax will be levied on persons listed below.
- (a) Infants, children, students, and escorting persons of the schools (excluding universities) referred to in Article 1 of the School Education Act who are on school trips organized by said schools and other school events provided for in the Regulation
- (b) Students of the junior high schools, compulsory education schools (except for the first semester), high schools, secondary education schools, special needs schools (except for kindergarten and elementary school), universities, and colleges of technology referred to in Article 1 of the School Education Act or the specialized training colleges referred to in Article 124 of the School Education Act, who are on workplace experience in Kutchan Town

Please refer to the Certification of School Trips, etc. issued by schools for judging whether they fall under persons on school trips or not. The Accommodations must keep the certificate issued by school for five years.

## [Sample of the certificate to be submitted by a school]

	Date
To the Mayor of Kutchan Town	
	Address
	School Name
	Principal's Name
Cer	tification of School Trip, etc.
I hereby prove that the following overnig Article 5 of the Kutchan Town Accomm	ht stay falls under the school trips or other school events referred to todation Tax Ordinance.  Details
	odation Tax Ordinance.
	odation Tax Ordinance.
Article 5 of the Kutchan Town Accomm	odation Tax Ordinance.  Details
Article 5 of the Kutchan Town Accomm	Details  From (date) to (date)
Article 5 of the Kutchan Town Accomm	Details  From (date) to (date)  School trips
Article 5 of the Kutchan Town Accomm  Date of Stay  Type of Activity	Details  From (date) to (date)  School trips
Article 5 of the Kutchan Town Accomm  Date of Stay  Type of Activity  Name of Accommodation  Number of People to Be Exempt from	Details  From (date) to (date)  School trips

"Other school events" subject to tax exemption refer to school events considered to be those in the curriculum outlines and held for two or more days on a school-wide level, such as camping school, etc. Therefore, training camps of extracurricular activities and club activities are not subject to tax exemption.

The schools referred to in Article 1 of the School Education Act, excluding universities, are subject to tax exemption. Specifically, the schools refer to kindergartens, elementary schools, junior high schools, high schools, secondary education schools, special needs schools, and colleges of technology. Students of professional training colleges (specialized training colleges and miscellaneous category schools, etc.) and overseas schools are not subject to tax exemption, even when they participate in school events.

Escorting persons are defined as persons involved in schools who lead students, from the viewpoint of school education, and nurses or guardians who help students needing assistance due to physical or mental disabilities, etc. Conductors from travel agencies and photographers do not fall under the definition of escorting persons.

(2) Tax exemption for accommodation services provided to diplomatic personnel for carrying out their missions

## Handling of the exemption of accommodation tax for diplomatic personnel Kutchan Town Office Tax Division

The accommodation tax will not be levied on accommodation services provided to diplomatic personnel for carrying out their missions, from the perspective of reciprocity based on the Vienna Convention on Foreign Relations and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

- \* Tax exemption will be handled in the same manner as the "handling of the exemption of consumption tax pertaining to the transfer of taxable assets to diplomatic establishments of foreign countries located in Japan."
- \* Those eligible for tax exemption are those who have received a tax exemption card, which will be a certificate of tax exemption, from the Deputy Chief of Protocol, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through procedures for consumption tax.

## [Diplomatic personnel who are exempt from the accommodation tax]

Diplomatic personnel who are exempt from the accommodation tax are those who have received a certificate (consumption tax exemption card) from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as those who are exempt from the consumption tax.

Embassy, etc.	Embassies, legations, general consulates, consulates (except honorary (general)
	consulates), foreign government representative offices, and similar foreign
	government agencies approved by the government of Japan
Ambassador, etc.	1) Ambassadors, ministers, acting ministers, temporary acting ambassadors
	(ministers), and embassy (legation) staff (counselors, clerks, assistant
	diplomats, representatives of Navy, Army and Air Force, and other
	diplomatic officials and administrative technical staff)
	2) Consul generals, consuls, and other administrative technical staff of
	consulates (except honorary consulates) and (general) consulates
	3) Foreign government representatives
	4) Staff of foreign government agencies approved by the government of Japan
	as those equivalent to embassies, legations, or consulates
	5) Family members of 1) to 4) above

### [Procedures for tax exemption]

(1) The Accommodations shall be presented a "consumption tax exemption card" for exemption

of the consumption tax and receive submission of a "tax-free purchase list for diplomatic establishments of foreign countries located in Japan" from diplomatic personnel before their stay.

(2) The accommodation tax is exempted when the consumption tax is exempted.

## Chapter 3 Registration of Party Responsible for Special Collection

1 Registration of Party Responsible for Special Collection

Managers of the Accommodations operated after obtaining the business license provided for in Article 3, paragraph 1 of the Inns and Hotels Act or making the registration provided for in Article 3, paragraph 1 of the Private Lodging Business Act are required to be registered as the party responsible for special collection of the accommodation tax. The registration must be made according to each accommodation facility that has obtained the business license.

Application period for registration of the party responsible for special collection
When starting operation of the Accommodations
5 days before the start of operation
After receiving a designation as a party having advantages to collect the
accommodation taxWithin 10 days from the date of designation

Application documents for registration of the party responsible for special collection Application to Register as the Party Responsible for the Special Collection of the Accommodation Tax (Appended Form 2)

Original of the certificate of registered information (certificate of present matters or certificate of registry records)

Resident record (when the manager is an individual) \*Excluding cases where the individual number is provided in the application form

Copy of the hotel business license or copy of a document that proves the Accommodations have been registered under the Private Lodging Business Act Copy of the accommodation agreement

Copy of a document providing accommodation fees

\* When the party having advantages to collect the accommodation tax (substantial manager) referred to in Article 9, paragraph 2 of the Kutchan Town Accommodation Tax Ordinance is designated as the party responsible for special collection, copies of the following documents need to be attached with the documents above.

Application as a substantial manager

Copy of a contract concluded between the license holder and the substantial manager

Copy of a document that can confirm the attribution of business profit/loss of the Accommodations

\* If there are partners, addresses/locations and names of all the partners must be written. In addition, documents that can confirm the contents of minutes of a board of directors meeting must be attached.

## Sample

### Appended Form 2

 $Application \ to \ Register \ as \ the \ Party \ Responsible \ for \ the \ Special \ Collection \ of \ the \ Accommodation \ Tax$ 

Mayor of Kutchan Town

Please circle the item in parenthesis below which applies.

I /we apply for (registration/change of registration) as the party responsible for special collection, pursuant to the provisions of (Article 10, paragraph 1 / Article 10, paragraph 3) of the Kutchan Town Accommodation Tax Ordinance.

	for on	Address	Telephone							
2	Party Responsible for Special Collection	Name In the case of a corporation,				Stamp				
	ty Re	the name of the representative (Individual Number or Corporation Number								
	Par S <sub>l</sub>	Relationship with the Party Licensed to Operate the Hotel, etc.								
	for otels	Address or Location of Buisiness			Telephone					
3	e, etc. n of Ho	Name								
	License, etc. for Operation of Hotels	In the case of a corporation, the name of the representative								
	Oı	*Classification		License Nun	nber					
		Location of Buisiness			Telephone					
	<b>x</b>	Name								
4	Facility	Overview	Floor Area:	Number of Floors above Ground: Number of Floors below Ground:	Number of Guest Rooms:	Maximum Number of Guests Accommodated:				
		Scheduled to Be Opened or Was Opened	Date							
	vner	Address or Location of Buisiness			Telephone					
5	Facility Owner	Name								
	Facili	In the case of a corporation, the name of the representative								
	_	Address or Location of Buisiness			Telephone					
6	Partner	Name								
	Pa	In the case of a corporation, the name of the representative								
	ıry	Address or Location			Telephone					
\_ <sup>7</sup> \>	Delivery Address	Name of Representative								
	Note									

st hotel, simple lodging, ryokan, private residence

## (Items to be written on the registration application form)

1	1 "Submission Date" column	
	☐ Write the submission date of the application form.	
2 '	2 "Party Responsible for Special Collection" column	
	$\square$ Write the address/location, the name, and the telephone number of the	manager of the
	Accommodations who becomes the party responsible for special collectio	n. In the case of
	a corporation, write the name of the corporation and the title and name of the	e representative.
	$\hfill\Box$ If the party responsible for special collection is a corporation, place	the seal of the
	representative.	
	☐ Make sure to attach hiragana to Chinese characters.	
	$\ \square$ If the party responsible for special collection and the license holder are diffe	erent, specify the
	relationship between them.	
	$\hfill \square$ Make sure to write the corporate number. If you have any questions, p	lease check the
	"National Tax Agency Corporate Number Publication Site (URL: ht	<u>:tp://www.houjin-</u>
	bangou.nta.go.jp/kensaku-kekka.html)."	
3	3 "License, etc. for Operation of Hotels" column	
	$\hfill\Box$ Transcribe the contents described in the hotel business license under the	Inns and Hotels
	Act or a document that proves the Accommodations have been registered u	ınder the Private
	Lodging Business Act. For the "Type" column, write any of the following c	ategories: hotel,
	inn, simple lodging, or private lodging.	
4 '	4 "Facilities" column	
	$\square$ Write the location, the telephone number, and the name (that has rece	ived a business
	license) of the Accommodations.	
	☐ Make sure to attach hiragana to Chinese characters.	
	$\ \square$ For the items in the "Outline" column, write the Accommodations' current flo	or area, number
	of floors, number of guest rooms, and maximum number of guests accom	modated, based
	on the registration with the fire department and the building confirmation a	application form,
	etc. If the Accommodations have a basement, please state so.	
	$\hfill \square$ Write the date when the Accommodations started (will start) operation.	
5 '	5 "Facility Owner" column	
	$\Box$ Write the owner's address/location, phone number, and name stated on	the certificate of
	registered information on the building of the facilities. If the owner is a corpo	oration, write the

location, the corporate name, and the name of the representative.

- ☐ If there are two or more owners, attach a separate document (any form) providing the information of all the owners.
- ☐ Make sure to attach hiragana to Chinese characters.

## 6 "Partner" column

- ☐ In this column, describe partners other than the party responsible for special collection.

  "Partner" refers to the partner provided for in the joint venture agreement or minutes of a board of directors meeting.
- ☐ If there are two or more partners, attach a separate document (any form) providing the information of all the partners.

## 7 "Delivery Address" column

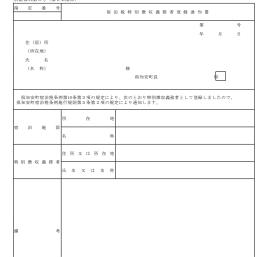
☐ Write the address/location and the name, including the department name, in charge of inquiries about the application and to which related documents are sent. Write the direct phone number if any.

## Procedures after the registration of the party responsible for special collection

After registration is made, a "Notice of Registration as the Party Responsible for the Special Collection of the Accommodation Tax" will be sent. Please display the notice on an easy-to-see place such as the front desk, etc.

In case of any loss of or damage of the "Notice of Registration as the Party Responsible for the Special Collection of the Accommodation Tax," please apply for the reissuance of the notice.

 Notice of Registration as the Party Responsible for the Special Collection of the Accommodation Tax



2 Accommodation Tax special collection card



## 2 Changes in Registered Items

## (1) Application for Changes in Registered Items

If there is any change in the registered items of the party responsible for special collection (name of the representative, facility name, address, etc.), please submit an "Application to Register as the Party Responsible for the Special Collection of the Accommodation Tax (Appended Form 2)\*1."

In such cases, please attach the documents listed below.

New: Article 10, paragraph 1 of the Ordinance Change: Article 10, paragraph 3 of the Ordinance (change/suspension, resumption/discontinuation)

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Requirements	Registration type	Timing	Attached				
			documents				
A change in the address or name of an individual registered as the party responsible for special collection	Change	When there is a change	Resident record				
A change in the representative or the name of the corporation	Change	When there is a change	Certificate of registered information (certificate of registry records)				
A change in the business license/specific certification, the location, the name, or the owner of the Accommodations	Change	When there is a change	Notice of change under the Inns and Hotels Act or a document that can confirm the fact				
Other changes							
Business transfer or	Change (discontinuation)	When there is a					
succession (gift)	New	change					
Merger that the registered party responsible for special collection becomes the merged corporation	Change (discontinuation) New	When there is a change					
Transfer of operations to a	Change (discontinuation)	When there is a					
new corporation by split,	New	change					

etc.			
A sole proprietor is changed to a corporate organization	Change (discontinuation) New	When there is a change	
A corporation registered as the party responsible for special collection breaks up and is operated as a sole proprietor	Change (discontinuation) New	When there is a change	
The operation of the Accommodations is suspended for one month or more	Change (suspension)	Before suspension	Discontinuation (suspension) under the provisions of the Inns and Hotels Act or "Announcement of suspension"
The operation of the Accommodations is resumed after being suspended without setting a period of time	Change (resumption)	Before resumption	Notice of change under the provisions of the Inns and Hotels Act or "Announcement of resumption"
Discontinuation of the operation of the Accommodations	Change (discontinuation)	Within 10 days from the date of discontinuation	Certificate of registered information (certificate of all removed matters) or notice of discontinuation (suspension) under the provisions of the Inns and Hotels Act

\*1 Since the same form is used for an application for registration (Article 10, paragraph 1 of the Ordinance) and an application for change (Article 10, paragraph 3 of the Ordinance), please enclose words in , as provided below, in the case of an application for change.

Appended Form 2

Application to Register as the Party Responsible for the Special Collection of the Accommodation Tax

Date

Mayor of Kutchan Town

Please circle the item in parenthesis below which applies.

I /we apply for (**registration/ehange of registration**) as the party responsible for special collection, pursuant to the provisions of (**Article 10**, **paragraph 1** (**Article 10**, **paragraph 3**) of the Kutchan Town Accommodation Tax Ordinance.

\*Please fill in columns for items to be changed only.

## **Chapter 4 Filling and Payment of Accommodation Tax**

## 1 Filing and Payment

(1) Filing and Payment Due Date

In principle, the party responsible for special collection will fill out and submit the "Statement of Accommodation Tax Return" on the accommodation tax pertaining to accommodation services provided from the first day to the last day of each month, according to each accommodation facility, to the Tax Division by the end of the following month, and pay the tax by using the "Accommodation Tax Payment Slip."

If the tax is filed and paid after the due date, additional charges and delinquent charges may be imposed on the original tax amount.

- \* When the end of the month falls on Saturday, Sunday, or a public holiday, the next weekday will be the tax filing and payment due date.
- \* The due date of December is January 6 of the following year (when the date falls on Saturday, Sunday, or a public holiday, the next weekday).
- (2) Exception to Accommodation Tax Filing and Payment Due Date

  For reducing tax return procedures taken by the party responsible for special collection, an

exception to the tax filing and payment due date can be applied upon application when certain requirements are satisfied.

If the exception is applied, the tax filing and payment due date will be four times a year (once every three months) as shown in the following table.

Months when accommodation services are provided	Filing and payment due date	Months when accommodation services are provided	Filing and payment due date
March April May	See the note above with an asterisk on previous page	September October November	See the note above with an asterisk on previous page
June July August	See the note above with an asterisk on previous page	December January February	See the note above with an asterisk on previous page

- ☐ Requirements for application (\*All the following items must be satisfied.)
  - 1) If the application submission has been cancelled, one year has passed since the date of the cancellation.
  - 2) Additional charges for understatement are not ordered and the tax has been filed properly in the target period.
  - 3) There is no unpaid town tax in the target period.
  - 4) The permission has been obtained under the Inns and Hotels Act or the registration has been made under the Private Lodging Business Act, by the first day of a month 12 months before the month which the application is submitted.
  - 5) It is recognized that the collection of the accommodation tax will not be affected by the financial status or other circumstances of the party responsible for special collection.
  - 6) The amount provided for in the Regulation in Article 11, paragraph 2 of the Ordinance shall be 3,600,000 yen for the total amount of the accommodation tax of said Accommodations to be paid for 12 months preceding the month to which the date the application form of paragraph 4 is submitted to be subject to the application referred to in Article 11, paragraph 2 of the Ordinance belongs.

	Application method
	To apply for the exception, please submit an "Application for an Exception to the Accommodation Tax Return Submission Due Date" to the Tax Division, according to each accommodation facility.
	Once the exception has been applied, an application does not need to be made each year as the exception continues unless it is cancelled. However, if the manager of the Accommodations subject to the exception changes, the "Application for an Exception to the Accommodation Tax Return Submission Due Date" needs to be submitted again in order to confirm the intention of the manager.
	Cancellation of application  If it is recognized that the requirements for the application of the exception are no longer satisfied, such as failure of filing and payment by the due date, etc., the application of the exception will be cancelled.
	Application for Compiling Multiple Accommodation Tax Filings and Payments As a general rule, the party responsible for special collection of the accommodation tax must submit the "Statement of Accommodation Tax Return" per accommodation. However, if the party responsible for special collection operates multiple accommodations, a lump sum payment can be made by submitting the "Application for Compiling Multiple Accommodation Tax Filings and Payments" to avoid having to file separately for each accommodation.
(3)	Statement of Accommodation Tax Return  In the "Statement of Accommodation Tax Return," please write the total amount of accommodation fees for the accommodation tax, the amount of the accommodation tax, and the total number of stays exempt from taxation in a month when accommodation services are provided.  Attention needs to be paid to the following matters for filling out and submission of the "Statement of Accommodation Tax Return."
	Please submit the statement to the Tax Division. (The statement can also be submitted by mail.)
	The statement needs to be submitted even if the amount of accommodation tax to be filed is 0 yen.
	If the exception to the filing and payment due date has been applied, please write information on the accommodation tax for three months in the "Statement of

## Accommodation Tax Return."

## (4) Payment Slip

Please pay the accommodation tax collected for the previous month that is written in the "Statement of Accommodation Tax Return" by the end of each month, by using the "Accommodation Tax Payment Slip" through the financial institutions listed in the table below. If the exception to the filing and payment due date has been applied, please prepare the "Accommodation Tax Payment Slip" for each month.

## [Places for payment of the town tax]

Town office	Kutchan Town Office Receipt and Disbursement Room (1F)
Bank	Hokuyo Bank (head and branch offices)
Credit union	Hokkaido Shinkin Bank Kutchan Branch
Workers' credit union	Hokkaido Worker's Credit Union Kutchan Branch
Agricultural cooperative	JA Youtei main office
Japan Post Bank	Japan Post Bank or post offices in Japan

2 Examples of Statement of Accommodation Tax Return, Register of Collection of Accommodation Tax, and Accommodation Tax Payment Slip [Designation number column] Write the designation number (eight-digit number) assigned [Statement of Accommodation Tax Return] by Kutchan Town to each accommodation facility. \*The number of digits has Appended Form 4 [Applicant column] not been determined yet. Write the address and name of the Statement of Accommodation Tax Return person who runs the Write the submission date Accommodations (in of the statement the case of a Designation Number corporation, the To the Mayor of Kutchan Town Date location, the name, Filer's Address (in the case of a corporation, the location | Filer's Name (in the case of a corporation, the name of the corporation and the and the name of the of the main office) name of its representative) representative). • If the applicant is a corporation, place Seal the seal of the Telephone representative. Individual Number or Corporation Number [Column of the Location Accommodation Accommodations for for This Statement this statement] Name Write the location and name of the I (We) file an accommodation tax return pursuant to the provision of Article 11, paragraph 1 of the Kutchan Town Accommodations. Accommodation Tax Ordinance • The Statement of Accommodation Tax Return needs to be Туре Accommodation Number of Guests Accommodation Fee A Tax Rate B Amount of Tax  $(A \times B)$ prepared for each accommodation Per Person (4) (people) yen yen facility. A party who (Maximum (2) (5) Per Room 2% Year yer y en yer runs two or more Capacity) Гах accommodation (Maximum (3) (6) facilities is required Capacity) Accommodation Fee mount of Tax to to prepare as many Number of Guests (a Month Subject to Taxation Be Paid statements as the + b + c) ((1) + (2) + (3))X) + (6)) number of the facilities. Tax Exemption Accommodation Number of Guests Accommodation Fee A ax Rate B t of Tax (A × B Type Amou [Column of filing for a Fee month] Per Person 1) Write the total (people) amount of (Maximum Year Per Room yen (2) (5) yen accommodation fees Capacity) (Maximum paid by guests and (3) (6) Per Building yen y ei y ei the total amount of Accommodation Fee Amount of Tax to Number of Guests (a accommodation fees Subject to Taxation Month yeı Be Paid as the tax base (the ((1) + (2) + (3))((4) + (5) + (6))yen amount rounded Amount of Tax Tax Exemption down to the nearest Exemption Total hundred yen after Type Accommodation Number of Guests Accommodation Fee A Tax Rate B Amount of Tax  $(A \times B)$ deducting the consumption tax, Per Person etc.) according to the (people) yen month when (Maximum (5) Year Per Room (2) 2% ven ven ven accommodation ZaX (Maximum services are Per Building (3) (6) yen yen Capacity) provided.

Note: Please describe accommodation services provided in the previous month in this statement and submit the statement by the end of each month. If you have obtained the approval referred to in Article 11, paragraph 2 of the Kutchan Town Accommodation Tax Ordinance, please submit the statement by the end of March, June, September and December.

Accommodation Fee

Subject to Taxation

((1) + (2) + (3))

Amount of Tax

Number of Guests (a

+b+c)

Month

In "Accommodation Fee A," please write the total accommodation fee (per person, room, or building) rounded down to the nearest hundred yen.

Amount of Tax to

Be Paid

((4) + (5) + (6))

2) Write the amount

multiplying the tax

rate (2%) and the total amount.

For filling out the

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Collection of Accommodation Tax.

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## (Accommodation fee A)

## Accommodation fee

Date of stay	Room number	Consumption tax included	Consumption tax excluded	Amount rounded down to the nearest hundred yen	Accommodation tax
Nov. 1, 2019	201	9,200	8,364	8,300	166
Nov. 1, 2019	202	9,200	8,364	8,300	166
Nov. 1, 2019	203	9,200	8,364	8,300	166
Nov. 1, 2019	204	9,200	8,364	8,300	166

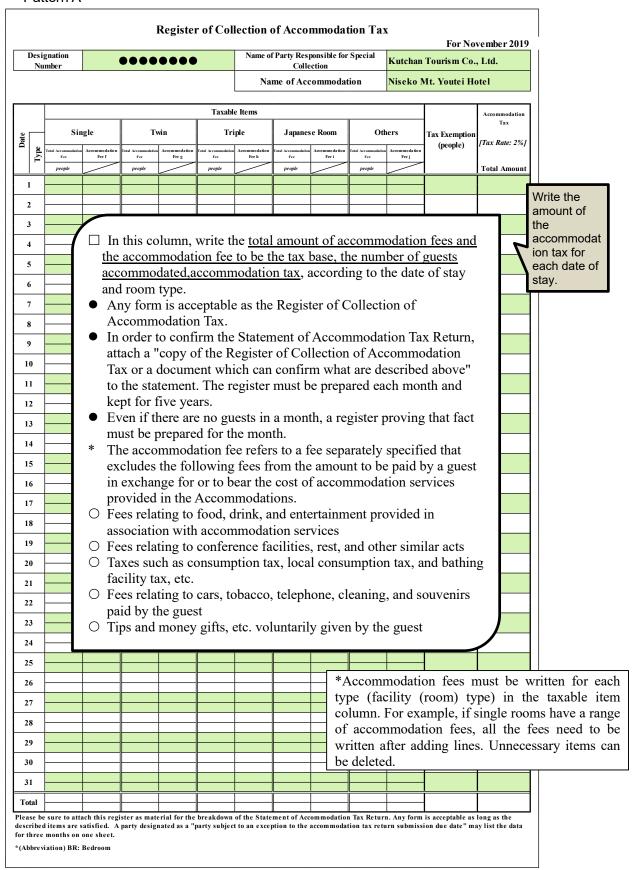
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Nov. 30, 2019	201	7,300	6,636	6,600	132
Nov. 30, 2019	202	7,300	6,636	6,600	132
Nov. 30, 2019	203	7,300	6,636	6,600	132
Nov. 30, 2019	204	8,500	7,727	7,700	154
Nov. 30, 2019	205	8,500	7,727	7,700	154
Nov. 30, 2019	301	7,300	6,636	6,600	132
Nov. 30, 2019	302	7,300	6,636	6,600	132
Nov. 30, 2019	303	7,300	6,636	6,600	132
Nov. 30, 2019	304	7,300	6,636	6,600	132
		105,500	95,910	95,400	1,908

Accommodation fee A (Amount of tax base)

## [Register of Collection of Accommodation Tax] (Sample)

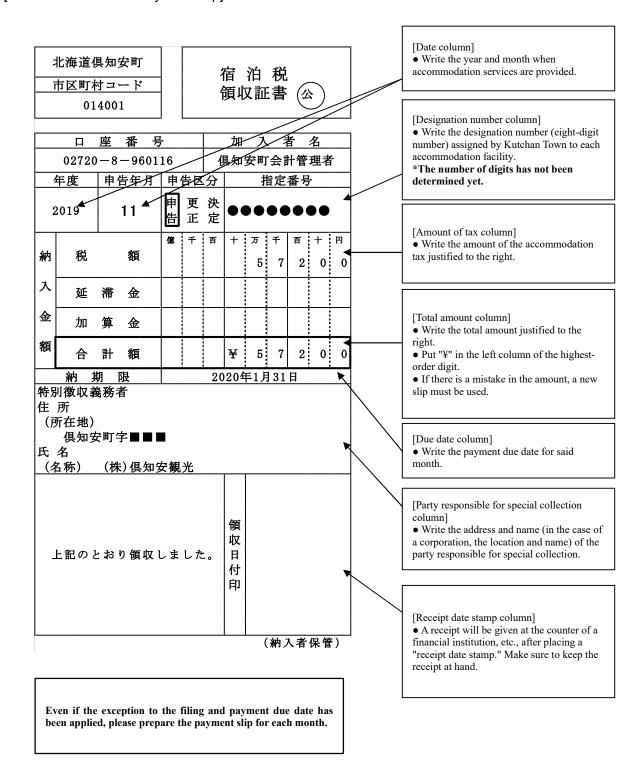
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\*(Abbreviation) BR: Bedroom

## [Accommodation Tax Payment Slip]



## 3 Exemption from Tax Obligations and Refund

## (1) Exemption from Tax Obligations

Even if the party responsible for special collection does not receive the accommodation tax from guests, the party has an obligation to file and pay the accommodation tax when accommodation services subject to taxation are provided.

However, if it is recognized that the party responsible for special collection is unable to collect all or part of the accommodation fees and the accommodation tax from guests due to legitimate grounds, or if it is recognized that the party responsible for special collection has lost the accommodation tax collected by the filing and payment due date due to a natural disaster, fire, theft, or any other unavoidable events, the party will be exempt from the tax obligations after an investigation is conducted based on an application.

## (2) Refund

In the case of (1), the accommodation tax will be refunded if said tax has already been paid.

[Examples of reasons for exemption from tax obligations and refund]

- The taxpayer is unable to receive the accommodation tax as the taxpayer becomes insolvent due to legal proceedings, such as bankruptcy and liquidation, etc.
- The taxpayer is unable to receive the accommodation tax due to death, disappearance, missing, or punishment of the taxpayer.
- The party responsible for special collection is unable to pay the accommodation tax due to a natural disaster.

## (3) Appropriation of Refund

In case of a refund of the accommodation tax paid, and if the party responsible for special collection has unpaid town tax, the amount of the accommodation tax to be refunded may be appropriated to the unpaid town tax.

## (4) Persons who Apply for Exemption from Tax Obligations and Refund

To apply for an exemption from the tax obligations or a refund, documents that prove the reason need to be prepared. For more information, please contact the Tax Division in charge of Accommodation Tax.

## 4 Request for Reclamation

### (1) Request for Reclamation

If the party responsible for special collection has filed a higher amount of the

accommodation tax than the actual amount to be paid due to a calculation error, etc., the party can make a request for reclamation.

(2) Period for Which Request for Reclamation Can Be Made In principle, a request for reclamation can be made within five years from the payment due date.

(In cases where the exception to the filing and payment due date has been applied, within five years from the payment due date for the exemption)

## **Chapter 5 For Proper Filing and Payment**

## 1 Tax Payment Administrator

When the party responsible for special collection of the accommodation tax does not have its address and office (hereinafter referred to as the "Address, etc.") in Kutchan Town, the party must, in principle, appoint a party having an Address, etc. in the town as the agent (called the "tax payment administrator") and report the agent to the mayor in order to have the agent "handle all the matters pertaining to tax payment."

### 2 Record and Preservation of Registers

In order to have a proper understanding of the amount of the daily accommodation tax, the party responsible for special collection is required to make entries in registers, create documents, and keep the registers and documents.

The party responsible for special collection (manager of the Accommodations) is required to write necessary items on registers, using the example of "Register (Register of Collection of Accommodation Tax)" provided on page 27 or 28, and keep the registers for five years. In addition, sales slips and other documents describing the date of stay, the number of guests, and the amount payable by guests for accommodation services are required to be kept for two years.

## 3 Investigation

For proper accommodation tax return and confirmation of the tax filed, staff of Kutchan Town may provide instructions on tax return and carry out field investigation of the Accommodations. For the management of fair tax administration, we would like to ask for your cooperation.

## 4 Reclamation and Determination

Reclamation refers to a process to be performed when there is a mistake in the amount of the accommodation tax filed. Determination refers to a process to be performed when no report is made on the amount of the accommodation tax to be filed. If it is found out through an investigation, etc., that the amount of the accommodation tax is not properly filed, reclamation or determination will be made for a proper payment of the accommodation tax.

After reclamation or determination, notification of the amount of the accommodation tax to be paid and the payment due date (designated payment due date) will be given by the "Notice of Reclamation and Determination of Accommodation Tax." Make sure to make a payment by the due date.

## 5 Additional Charges

If the accommodation tax is not properly filed, the following additional charges will be imposed.

### (1) Additional Charges for Understatement

When the "Statement of Accommodation Tax Return" is filed by the due date, and the amount of the tax filed is reclaimed because it is smaller than that to be filed

[10% of the deficient amount found out by reclamation]

\* An additional 5% will be charged on the portion in excess of a certain amount of the deficient amount.

## (2) Additional Charges for Failure to File

- When the "Statement of Accommodation Tax Return" is filed after the due date
   [15% of the amount of tax filed]
- When determination is made due to failure to file the "Statement of Accommodation Tax Return" [15% of the amount of tax filed]

3) When reclamation is made in 1) or 2)

[15% of the deficient amount found out by reclamation]

4) When 1) is performed without predicting that determination is made

[5% of the amount of tax filed]

- \* Concerning 1) to 3) above, an additional 5% will be charged on the portion in excess of 500,000 yen of the amount payable.
- \* In the case of 4), additional charges may not be imposed when certain requirements are satisfied, such as a case when the "Statement of Accommodation Tax Return" is filed within one month from the original due date, etc.

## (3) Heavy Additional Charges

When the tax is filed not based on facts, is filed through improper procedures, or is not filed

1) When falling under the additional charges for understatement

[35% of the additional charges for understatement instead of 10%]

2) When falling under the additional charges for failure to file

[40% of the additional charges for failure to file instead of 15%]

\* If a tax return is not filed or an amended return not based on facts is filed repeatedly in a short period of time, an additional 10% is charged on the percentage of the additional charges.

## 6 Delinquent Charges

When the accommodation tax is not paid by the payment due date, the following delinquent charges will be imposed for the year 2019\*1, according to the number of days until the payment is made.

- 1) Until the day on which one month has elapsed from the day following the date of statutory payment due date: 2.6% per year
- 2) After the following day of 1): 8.9% per year

# \*1 The percentages above are those for the year 2019. The percentages for a year will be decided by December 15 of the previous year.

\* Delinquent charges will be rounded down to the nearest thousand yen. When the total amount of the accommodation tax is less than 2,000 yen, delinquent charges will not be imposed.

\* If the "percentage adding 1% per year to the percentage for a year announced by the Minister of Finance pursuant to the provisions of Article 93, paragraph 2 of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Taxation by December 15 of the previous year" is less than 7.3% per year, the percentages of delinquent charges will be calculated based on the percentage for the year (hereinafter referred to as the "Special Base Rate"). The percentage of delinquent charges until the day on which one month has elapsed from the day following the date of the payment due date will be a percentage adding 1% per year to the Special Base Rate (up to 7.3% per year). The percentage of delinquent charges after the following day of the date above will be a "percentage adding 7.3% per year to the Special Base Rate."

## 7 Request for Examination

If you are dissatisfied with the process performed by the mayor of Kutchan Town, you can make a request for examination.

## (1) Processes subject to Request for Examination

Processes pertaining to the accommodation tax subject to the request for examination are as follows.

- Reclamation or determination of the amount of tax
   Determination of additional charges
   Denial of request for reclamation
   Individual designation and cancellation of the party responsible for special collection
   Determination of exemption from the tax obligations (refund)
   Disapproval and cancellation, etc. of a party to which an exception to the filing and payment due date has been applied
- (2) Period for Which Request for Examination Can Be Made

A request for examination must be made within three months from the day following the date on which you know that the process is performed.

#### (3) Procedures

You are required to fill out an examination request form and submit the original and a copy of the form to the Kutchan Town Government.

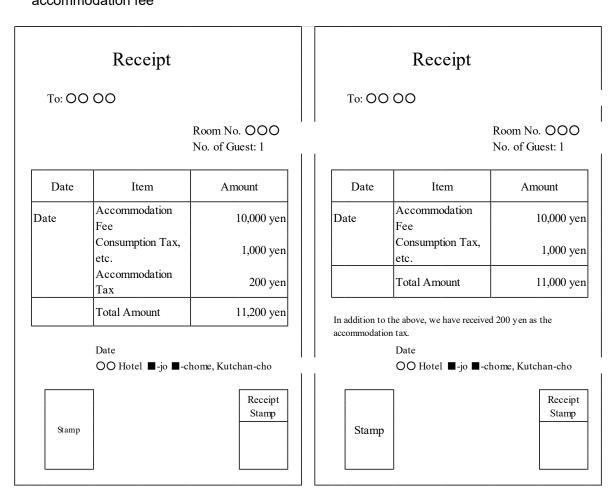
The form should be submitted to the General Affairs Division.

## **Chapter 6 Others**

## 1 Indication on Receipts

The name and the amount of the accommodation tax are required to be indicated on the receipt. The name of the tax to be indicated on the receipt must be that determined by Kutchan Town. The name of the tax is "accommodation tax."

- <Example 1> The accommodation tax is not included in the accommodation fee.
- When the accommodation tax is specified in the breakdown of the total accommodation fee
- When the accommodation tax is separately specified



<Example 2> The accommodation tax is included in the accommodation fee.

Receipt				
To: OO OO				
		Room No. OOO No. of Guest: 1		
Date	Item	Amount		
Date	Accommodation Fee	10,000 yen		
	Total Amount	10,000 yen		
The amount ab	Date  OO Hotel ■-jo ■-c			
Stamp		Receipt Stamp		

## 2 Collection Incentive for Party Responsible for Special Collection

## (1) Purpose of Incentive

The collection incentive is granted with the aim of rewarding the party responsible for special collection of the accommodation tax for affairs on special tax collection and increasing their motivations to make payments within the due date.

## (2) Period and Timing of Incentive

The period subject to the collection incentive is from payments for March to February of the following year, and the timing to grant the incentive is in November of a fiscal year following the fiscal year to which the last day of the period subject to the collection incentive belongs (hereinafter referred to as the "Grant Year").

However, the period subject to the collection incentive for the FY 2019 is from payments for November 2019 to February 2020.

## (3) Criteria and Rate of Incentive (To Be Granted in FY 2020)

Criteria		Amount
	When payments for March 2020 to February	Amount of tax paid within the due
1	2021 are completely made within the due date	date × 3.0%*
		(General: 2.5%)
	When a payment is not made within the due	Amount of tax paid within the due
2	date in the period provided in 1	date × 2.5%*
		(General: 2.0%)
	In the case of 1 and 2, when a reclamation	Amount of tax paid within the due
3	(increase in the amount of tax) or a	date × 1.5%*
	determination with additional charges is made	(General: 1.0%)

 The rates of incentive with an asterisk are those under the special measures for five years from FY 2019. After the period of the special measures, the rates in parentheses will be applied.

### ■ Recommendation for account transfer registration

- O We recommend account transfer registration to receive the collection incentive for the party responsible for special collection.
- O After the registration, the incentive for the following years will also be paid to the account registered.
- Otherwise you need to go through procedures to receive the incentive at a branch office of a bank designated by the town, by using the payment notice to be sent.
- O In this case, a revenue stamp needs to be placed according to the amount of incentive, pursuant to the provisions of the Stamp Tax Act.