

Offices for Research & Development (IT, digital content, medicine, environment, etc.) Offices of Foreign & Foreign-affiliated Companies

1. Eligibility

Business Fields	Business Contents
Knowledge creation industry (Software and digital content development, etc.)	Software development related to ICT, automobiles and robotics, creation of digital content and design, nanotechnology-based R&D, semiconductor design such as system LSI design, machine design, etc.
Medicine, healthcare and welfare industry	R&D related to medical and welfare devices and pharmaceuticals, and health functional foods etc.
Environment and energy-related industry	Energy-related R&D in solar cells, hydrogen energy, etc., R&D related to technologies for recycling and purifying soil and water, biotechnology-based R&D
Foreign & foreign-affiliated companies (*1)	First Expansion into Japan The first business project conducted in Japan Second Expansion into Japan R&D or services related other business fields and financial business (*2) * In both cases B2C businesses are excluded except financial business.

(*1) Foreign companies (companies incorporated under foreign law or companies whose principle offices are located outside Japan) and foreign-affiliated companies (companies in Japan in which more than 50% of the total outstanding shares or equity investment is owned by a foreign company or a foreign national).

(*2) Banks, insurance companies, auditing firms, and security companies licensed under the law are entitled.

2. Main Requirements and Subsidy Details (Leased type)

Classification (*1)

Standard

Total floor area 60 m² or over
Regular employees 3 or more

Large

Total floor area 200 m² or over
Regular employees 10 or more

Subsidy for Rent (*2)	Amount	1/4 of annual rent	1/4 of annual rent
	Number of payments	1 time	<u>2 times</u>
	Maximum amount	JPY 15 million (JPY 4,000/month per m ²)	JPY 50 million (JPY 8,000/month per m ²)

Subsidy for Employment (*3)	Amount (per person)	Permanent staff (*4)		Regular employees	
		Fukuoka City residents (*5)	(Standard) JPY 500,000 () (Large) JPY 1 million	JPY 150,000	
		Non-Fukuoka City residents	JPY 100,000		JPY 50,000
	Eligible employees (1 time per person)	Employed when business starts (Within 5 years of starting business: Employed 3 years at most) (*7)			
Maximum amount	(Standard) JPY 50 million (Large) JPY 100 million				

Foreign or foreign-affiliated companies entering Japan

Subsidy for incorporation expenses	Amount	1/2 of eligible costs
	Eligible costs (*8)	market research, interpretation, acquisition of all permits, necessary expenses for registration or hiring staff to setup a business base *Excluding taxes and public dues (If sister city agreements or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) have been signed with Fukuoka City, we will also cover the travel expenses(*9) for firms(*10) expanding operations into Fukuoka)
	Maximum amount	JPY 3 million

(*1) Requirements must be met when the company begins operations. (*2) Rent expenses to be subsidized include the annual lease fee for research and development facilities (common service expense excluded; consumption tax included). (*3) To receive employment subsidy, employment status of employees must be confirmed upon commencement of business operations and employees' continuous employment for at least 1 year must be confirmed. (*4) Full-time employees and other regular employees whose employment status is confirmed through submitted documents, such as employment contracts, etc. are eligible. (*5) Eligible employees are those who have been confirmed as registered residents in Fukuoka City through submitted documents, such as certificate of residence, etc. (*6) JPY 1 million for an employee exclusively engaged in research of nanotechnology, healthcare, and biotechnology. (*7) The spin-off of a regional office or other similar cases that may not be regarded as new business establishment are not eligible. In the cases where a company has been established within 5 years and whose Head Office location is registered in Fukuoka City, subsidies will be provided to new employees who have been employed in each year (employees must be continuously employed for at least 1 year) after starting business operations (max. 3 years) (1 person, 1 time). (*8) Costs within one year prior to the date of commencement of business. (*9) Two roundtrip airfares for up to two persons. (*10) In the cases where an MOU is concluded with economic organizations, eligible companies must be a member of such organizations.

Trial Calculations

Two Cases (assuming office rent: JPY 8,000/m²)

Case 1: Standard

- An IT company in Tokyo sets up a system development base
- Office area: 65m²
- Number of employees: 3

- Permanent (Fukuoka City residents): 1
- Permanent (Non-Fukuoka City residents): 1
- Contract(Fukuoka City residents): 1

	Subsidy	Breakdown
Subsidy for rent	JPY 780,000	Annual office rent of JPY 3.12 million (65 m ² × JPY 4,000 × 12 months) × 1/4
Subsidy for employment (*1)	JPY 750,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent (Fukuoka City resident): 1 × JPY 500,000 = JPY 500,000 • Permanent (Non-Fukuoka City resident): 1 × JPY 100,000 = JPY 100,000 • Contracted (Fukuoka City resident): 1 × JPY 150,000 = JPY 150,000
Total	JPY 1.53 million	

Case 2: Large

- A foreign-affiliated financial company establishes a second base following the establishment of offices in Tokyo.

- Office area: 300m²
- Number of employees: 30

- Permanent (Fukuoka City residents): 15
- Contract (Fukuoka City residents): 14
- Part-time (Non-Fukuoka City residents): 1 + 10 dispatched staff

	Subsidy	Breakdown
Subsidy for rent (*2)	JPY 14.4 million	Annual office rent of JPY 28.8 million (300 m ² × JPY 8,000 × 12 months) × 1/4 × 2.(Large)
Subsidy for employment (*1)	JPY 17.15 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent (Fukuoka City residents): 15 × JPY 1 million = JPY 15 million • Contract (Fukuoka City residents): 14 × JPY 150,000 = JPY 2.1 million • Part-time (Non-Fukuoka City residents): 1 × JPY 50,000 = JPY 50,000 <small>* Excluding temporary employees (Subsidies are only provided for direct hiring)</small>
Total	JPY 31.55 million	

(*1) Subsidies for employment will be provided after confirming at least 1 year of continuous employment of employees from the date of business commencement.
 (*2) Subsidy of JPY 3.6 million issued each year for a period of two years (2 times).

3. Other Important Notes

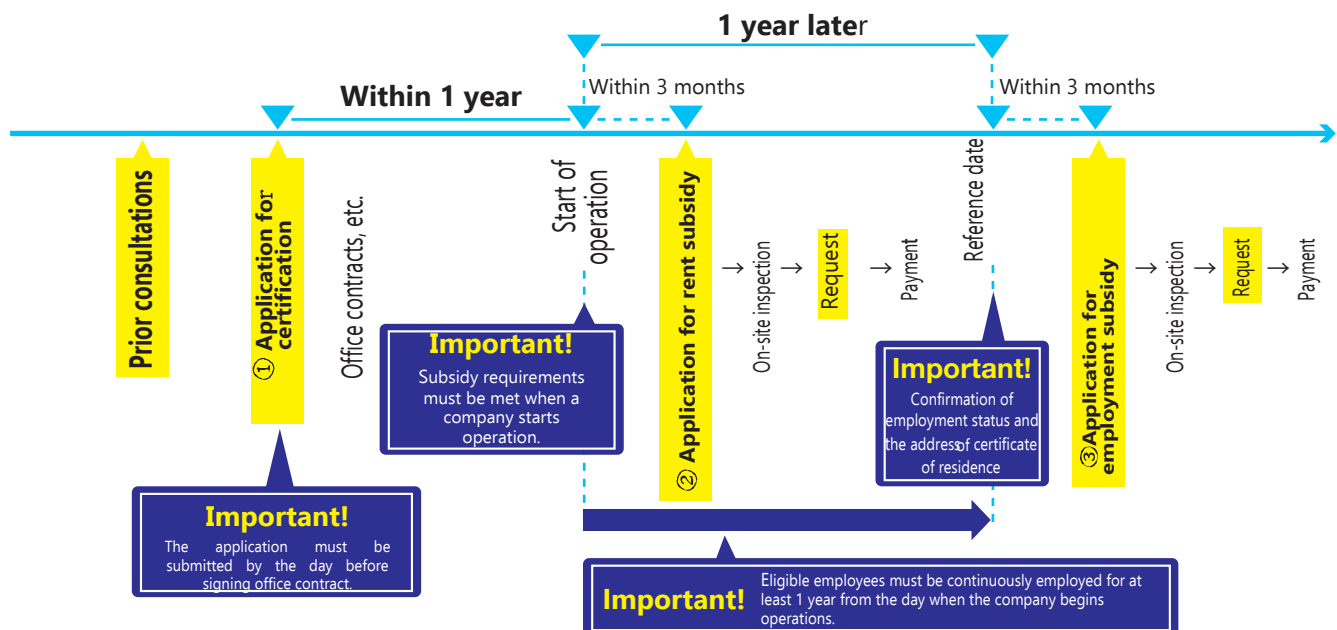
[Application period] Applications for certification must be received up to the day before signing the rental contract

[Period to start operation] Within 1 year of the date of application * Within 3 years for ownership type

[Required period to continue] 5 years for office rent subsidy * 10 years for ownership type * If the company downsides or withdraws its business operations during the required period, the total or part of subsidy must be returned.

Please read the "Fukuoka City Enterprise Location Promotion Ordinance" and other relevant provisions when applying for business establishment support program. Please submit applications after agreeing to comply with the stipulated provisions.

Procedures



* If the company downsides or withdraws its business operations during the required period, the total or part of subsidy must be returned.

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