

Local Employment Measures

Overview

Outline of Local Employment Measures

Creation of employment in regions with severe employment situation

Support in accordance with the Act on Promotion of Job Opportunities in Certain Regions (enforced on August 4, 2009)

★ The government is providing support to the following types of regions

[Prefectures or municipalities formulate plans → the government then provides approval → local support measures prescribed in the plans are implemented]

○ Support for employment development promotion regions (regions where the employment situation is extremely severe)

- Subsidy for promoting employment for local job seekers

○ Support for voluntary employment creation regions (regions highly motivated to create employment)

- Local employment creation promotion projects
- Local employment creation realization projects

Support for other regions in need of employment development

○ Support for 21 prefectures (*1) where the employment/unemployment situation is not improving as expected

(* Hokkaido, Aomori, Iwate, Miyagi, Akita, Yamagata, Fukushima, Nara, Wakayama, Tottori, Shimane, Ehime, Kochi, Fukuoka, Saga, Nagasaki, Kumamoto, Oita, Miyazaki, Kagoshima, and Okinawa)

- Subsidy for establishing small- and medium-sized enterprises in contributing to local revitalization (the 10 underlined prefectures receive favorable treatment with regard to the rate of subsidies for use with establishment expenses and the amount of subsidies for employment expenses)
- Local contribution activities support projects

Employment Creation Fund in consideration of worsening employment/unemployment situation

- Hometown Employment Reproduction Special Fund Projects (FY2008 second supplementary budget)
- Immediate employment creation projects (FY2008 second supplementary budget, FY2009 first supplementary budget)
- Project involving job creation in priority areas (FY2009 second supplementary budget, FY2010 reserve fund, FY2010 supplementary budget)

Measures for Okinawa

- Subsidy for promoting employment of young people in Okinawa
- Adaptation support projects for early job leavers in Okinawa

Measures for seasonal workers

- Subsidy for promoting year-round employment
- Subsidy for promoting trial employment
- Projects involving the promotion of year-round employment of seasonal workers

Measures for U/I-turn phenomenon

- (U/I-turn phenomenon: a tendency for young people in big cities to return to their hometowns (U-turn) or other small local cities/towns (I-turn) to find employment)
- Local employment seekers activation projects