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TAX UPDATES

TOKYO BUSINESS TAX RATES APPLICABLE FOR FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING ON OR AFTER 1 APRIL 2016

By virtue of the 2015 tax reform, the standard business tax rates applicable to a company which is liable for size-based business taxes (broadly, a company whose stated capital is over JPY100 million) were amended in two phases (i.e. fiscal years beginning on or after 1 April 2015 and those beginning on or after 1 April 2016).

Although the Tokyo Metropolitan Ordinance for Prefectural Taxes providing for the Tokyo business tax rates is required to be amended in consequence of the amendments to the standard business tax rates, the amended ordinance promulgated on 1 April 2015 includes only the tax rates for fiscal years beginning on or after 1 April 2015 and does not include the tax rates for fiscal years beginning on or after 1 April 2016.

This e-Tax News is to inform that the ordinance to amend the tax rates for fiscal years beginning on or after 1 April 2016 was passed by the Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly on 24 June 2015 and promulgated on 1 July 2015.

The amended Tokyo business tax rates for a company which is liable for size-based business taxes are as follows:

Taxable base (taxable income)	Before 2015 amendment	After 2015 amendment (fiscal years beginning in the following periods)				
		from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	on or after 1 April 2016			
Under JPY4 million	2.39% (1.69%)	1.755%	1.025%			
From JPY4 million to JPY8 million	3.475% (2.475%)	2.53%	1.585%			
Over JPY8 million	4.66% (3.26%)	3.4%	2.14%			

Tokyo - business tax rates (income component)

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- The tax rates in parenthesis in the column 'Before 2015 amendment' are tax rates applicable for fiscal years beginning before 1 October 2014.
- The reduced tax rates for taxable income of JPY8 million or less are not applicable to companies that have offices in three or more different prefectures.

	Before 2015 amendment	After 2015 amendment (fiscal years beginning in the following periods)		
		from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	on or after 1 April 2016	
Added value component	0.504%	0.756%	1.008%	
Capital component	0.21%	0.315%	0.42%	

Tokyo - size-based business tax rates

Under the 2015 tax reform, the effective corporate tax rates applicable to a company which is liable for size-based business taxes will be as follows:

Effective corporate tax rates

	Before 2015 amendment	After 2015 amendment (fiscal years beginning in the following periods)	
		from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	on or after 1 April 2016
Standard tax rates	34.62%	32.11%	31.33%
Tokyo tax rates	35.64%	33.06%	32.26%

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