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Road Tax Season Approaches for CFAY Vehicle Owners

Story by Sheryl Sullivan, CFAY Public Affairs

Kanagawa Prefecture tax officials are coming to CFAY on March 17-18 and April 9-10 to hold the 2026 CFAY Road Tax Rodeo at Fleet Theater, giving drivers a convenient way to obtain the required 2026 road tax sticker without leaving the base.

For drivers in Japan, spring doesn't just bring warmer weather and cherry blossoms. It also signals the arrival of road tax season, an annual requirement for anyone who owns a vehicle.

Road tax is collected annually throughout Japan and helps support the country's transportation infrastructure, including road construction, maintenance, and other public works projects. The amount paid varies depending on a vehicle's size and engine displacement, making it a routine part of vehicle ownership across the country.

For the CFAY community, the process is made easier through a partnership between the installation and Kanagawa Prefecture tax officials, who work together each year to host an on-base road tax rodeo. The event allows Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) personnel to pay the required tax and receive their updated windshield decal in a single visit.

By hosting the rodeo on base, CFAY officials aim to simplify what could otherwise be a time-consuming process for servicemembers, civilian employees, and their families.

When to Attend

The rodeo is held over two separate sessions to accommodate the large number of vehicles registered onboard the installation. The first session is scheduled for March 17-18, followed by a second opportunity on April 9-10. Each day, the event will run from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. The rodeo is open to owners of standard-sized vehicles displaying white Japanese license plates, including cars, trucks, vans, and sport utility vehicles

Mini Cars and Motorcycles

Owners of yellow plate vehicles, including mini cars, motorcycles, and scooters, are not eligible to participate in the on-base rodeo. Those vehicle owners must instead pay their road tax directly at Yokosuka City Hall beginning April 1, 2026, before obtaining their windshield decals from the installation.

A Two-Step Process

The road tax rodeo is designed to be straightforward, with participants completing two simple steps during the visit. First, representatives from the Kanagawa Prefecture tax office collect the required road tax payment. Participants must bring their 2025 road tax receipt, Japanese vehicle title, and the required fee in Japanese yen, as payments are accepted in cash only. Change is not provided so please bring the exact amount. The tax amount depends on the vehicle's license plate series and engine size.

Sailors and community members onboard Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) participated in the courtesy on-base road tax campaign hosted by CFAY's Security Department at the Fleet Theater, March 17, 2025. This event provides a simple one-stop tax payment service for car and motorcycle owners. (Photo by MC2 Quinton A. Lee, CFAY Public Affairs)

License Plate Series (Y and E plates)	Fee
400, 500, 501, and 529	¥7,500
300, 301, and 329 (4.5L or less)	¥19,000
300, 301, and 329 (4.6L or greater)	¥22,000
100 series	¥32,000

Once the payment is complete, participants move to the second station staffed by personnel from the CFAY Vehicle Registration Office (VRO). At that station, officials review the driver's paperwork and issue the 2026 (Reiwa 8) U.S. Forces Japan (USFJ) windshield decal, completing the process.

Documents to Bring

To receive the updated decal, vehicle owners should bring the following:

- Military or Department of Defense ID card
- 2026 road tax receipt
- Japanese vehicle title
- Vehicle inspection report
- Base Inspection Sheet (if applicable)
- Japanese Compulsory Insurance (JCI)
- Liability insurance
- Parking certificate reflecting the current residential address
- Valid driver's license

Civilian employees and contractors who have changed commands within the past year may also be required to provide a current letter of employment.

Representatives and Multiple Vehicles

Spouses are authorized to complete the process on behalf of their sponsor as long as they bring the required documentation. Any other individual acting on behalf of the vehicle owner must present a valid Power of Attorney.

If the servicemember or civilian owns multiple vehicles, all vehicles must be registered at the same time. Personnel should bring documentation to include the proper licensing for each vehicle and register them during the same visit to receive updated decals.

Important Deadline

All vehicles registered on base must display the 2026 (Reiwa 8) USFJ windshield decal by June 1, 2026. Vehicles still displaying the 2025 decal after that date may be denied installation access and could be subject to impoundment.

Installation officials encourage vehicle owners to attend one of the scheduled rodeo days early to avoid long lines and ensure they meet the annual requirement on time.

If drivers miss the scheduled on-base road tax payment window at the Fleet Theater, they will need to complete the process offbase through the Kanagawa Tax Office. Vehicle owners paying their road tax at the tax office or city hall are required to submit the same documentation and payments as they would during the open-base road tax rodeo. Taking advantage of the on-base rodeo is however the easier and more convenient option for most of the installation community.

2025 Civilian Firefighter of the Year

Katsuhiro Watanabe, a crew chief from Commander, Navy Region Japan (CNRJ) Fire & Emergency Services onboard Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY), was named the Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Civilian Firefighter of the Year for 2025 Friday, Feb. 27. Watanabe is in his 40th year of service at the department where he started when he was just 19-years-old. Watanabe led responses to over 500 incidents and spearheaded critical training initiatives for both enlisted and civilian firefighters while serving as crew chief. His efforts forged stronger U.S.-Japan integrated response teams and safeguarded more than $4.5 billion worth of 7th Fleet assets. (Photo by James Kimber, CFAY Public Affairs)

2026 Road Tax Season

Effective June 1, 2026, all vehicles **MUST** display the 2026 (Reiwa 8) USFJ Decal. Displaying 2025 decals after June 1 will result in denial of access and possible impoundment. **Pay the Japanese road tax to receive your new decal(s).**

One Stop Shop

When?

• March 17 (Tuesday), 18 (Wednesday), April 9 (Thursday), 10 (Friday) from 9 to 11:45 a.m./1 to 3:15 p.m. and for 100, 300 through 529 plates only. Pay Road Tax and get USFJ decal at Fleet Theater.

• This event is **NOT** for yellow plate car and motorcycle. Road Tax for yellow plate cars and motorcycles must be paid off base at Yokosuka City Hall starting April 1

• If you have a yellow plate car or motorcycle as an additional vehicle, you must wait until April 1 to receive decals.

• If you miss the events, pay your Road Tax at the Kanagawa Tax Office for normal and large vehicles, or pay your Road Tax at the Yokosuka City Hall for mini cars and motorcycles 125cc and above. Bring your documents to receive decal at VRO.

What to bring to pay road tax?

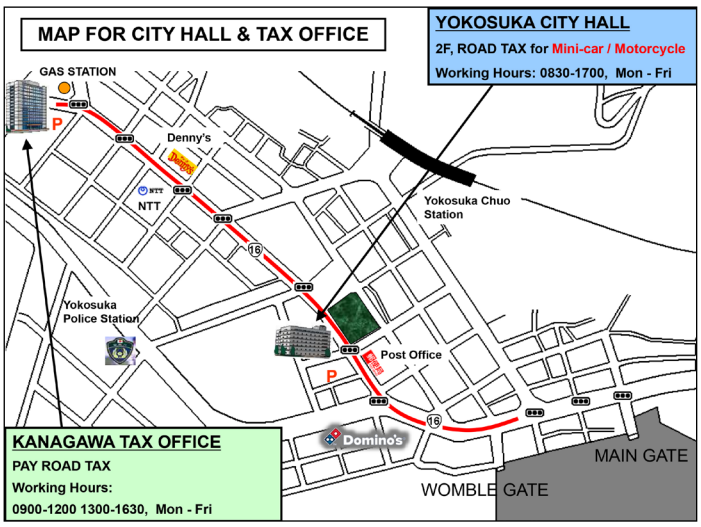
• 2025 Road Tax Receipt (last years)
• Japanese Vehicle Title
• Applicable Fees in YEN

What to bring to get decal?

• ID Card
• 2025 road tax receipt
• Japanese Vehicle Title
• Vehicle inspection report
• Base Inspection Sheet (if applicable)
• JCI Insurance
• Liability Insurance
• Parking Certificate with current residence (must be re-registered at LTO with the current address)
• Valid Drivers license (if you own more than one vehicle, bring all additional driver's license)

How much am I going to pay? CASH ONLY FOR PAYMENT (Yen)	
Mini Car (Yellow plate)	¥3,000
Motorcycle: 125cc and below	¥500
Motorcycle: 126cc and above	¥1,000
400/500/501/529	¥7,500
Y300/301/329 (Less than 4.5L)	¥19,000
300/301/329 (More than 4.5L)	¥22,000
100	¥32,000

Notes: Representatives other than Spouse are required to present a Power of Attorney (POA) to receive decals. If member owns more than one vehicle, all vehicles must be registered at the same time to receive decals.
• License plate from other prefectures as Sasebo, Iwakuni, Misawa, Yokota, Fuji, etc… need to be changed to Yokohama plate before March 31, 2026.
You can't pay Road tax at Kanagawa prefecture after April 1, 2026.



Did You Know:
Traffic Safety Trivia

A. *Sound a horn* — **1.**

B. *Track driving allowed* — **2.**

C. *Exclusive bus lane* — **3.**

D. *Motorized vehicle only* — **4.**

Answers: A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2

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BEYOND THE GATE

Nango Park Sakura Festival

March 21 (Saturday) - April 11 (Saturday)

Lantern light up 5 to 9 p.m. | Funakoshi Nango Park (4-minute walk from Keikyu Taura Station, KK-55)
Nango Park, just behind Keikyu Taura Station, is usually a quiet park, but 54 cherry blossoms will bloom in the cherry blossom season and the cherry blossoms in the park will be gorgeously colored.

Kitakurihama Sakura Festival

March 21 (Saturday)

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Negishi Traffic Park (5-minute walk from Keikyu Kitakurihama Station, KK-66)
The sakura blooms of Kitakurihama set the stage for a variety of activities like a flea market, bingo, dance, and performances.

Vernal Equinox Day (Japanese Holiday)

March 20 (Friday)

"Vernal Equinox Day" is on March 20 or 21. On this day, the sun is above the equator, and the length of day and night is equal. Buddhists believe that on the day of the equinox, the spirits of the dead can cross the river which divides this world and the other world. So, people visit their family graves, clean them, offer flowers, burn incense and pray for the peaceful repose of their ancestors. Public transport will operate on a holiday schedule.

Nostalgic Car Festa in Yokosuka

March 15 (Sunday)

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Verny Park (2-minute walk from Yokosuka Main Base Coaska Gate)/Ichigo Yokosuka Port Market (10-minute walk/3-minute drive from Yokosuka Base Womble Gate)
It will be held at two different locations this year! Enjoy an exhibition of more than 50 historic cars, food trucks and a local products fair.

Shonan Enoshima Spring Festival

March 14 (Saturday) - 15 (Sunday)

From 10 a.m. | Emoshoima and Katase Higashima Beach (10-minute walk from Enoden Enoshima Station, EN-06)
The Shonan Enoshima Spring Festival is a great way to experience wholesome mix of Japanese shrines, intriguing caves and beaches plus impressive horseback archery (Katase Beach, Saturday, at 12 p.m.). One of the festival's biggest draws is the Samurai Warrior Procession through Enoshima Benzaiten Nakamise Street (Saturday, 10 a.m.). There will also be a street performance and ninjya experience event.

NEWS AND NOTICES

YOKOSUKA VETERINARY TREATMENT FACILITY CLOSING DATE FOR MARCH

• Closed, Tuesday March 31
• Every Thursday, half day
• Front Desk only, March 12 and 13
• Normal hours of operation: From 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TACO BELL CLOSURE

Taco Bell is closed From Monday, March 9 to 13 (Monday - Friday) due to scheduled maintenence. Business will resume on March 14 or as soon as possible.

PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

Want to effect change and be a part of healthcare solutions that affect our Sailors and their families? Join the Patient and Family Partnership Council at U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Yokosuka. Engage directly with hospital leadership in matters that concern the health an welfare of CFAY. Join us at the upcoming meetings.

• April 7 (Tuesday) from 4 to 5 p.m. in the library at the Community Resource Center.

If there is a specialty or any medical personnel you are hoping to meet, please let us know so we can try our best to ensure attendance. You can also send in questions beforehand to our distro email: dha.yokosuka.yokosuka-nh.list.pfpc@health.mil

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Shipshape is a Healthy Lifestyle Change Program managed by USNH Yokosuka's Wellness Center.

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• Bodycomposition scans
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• Expert-led classes
• SMART goal setting
• Supportive group environment

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• April 17 - June 3
• July 8 - Aug. 26
• Sept. 16 - Nov. 4

Classes will be held Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 4:40 to 5:30 p.m. at Fleet Rec Center Room 323. Call 243-9776 or (046) 816-9776.

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CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES

Yokosuka: Partial Road Closures are required for cleaning of CHT lines at various locations on base. Two-Way Traffic will be maintained through flagmen. Partial closures will occur in one area at a time.

• Lawrence Avenue and Decatur Avenue: Until May 15.
• In front of building B-48: April 10 - May 20.
• Turner Street: April 10 - May 20.
• Sampson Avenue: April 13 - May 29.
• San Diego Streer: April 20 - June 19.
• Base taxi parking area near King Street: May 7 - June 1.
• Perry Avenue and Macdonough Avenue: May 7 - June 10.
• Rickert Drive partial road closure to remove and install a new high voltage cable until March 31. Work will be conducted on the weekends to minimize impacts to the community.
• Radford Road partial road closure to remove and install a new high voltage cable until March 31.
• Gridley Tunnel second closure. Second closure is for permanent high voltage power repairs. The second closure (until July 31, 2028) is only for vehicular traffic. Tunnel is open for pedestrian and bicycle traffic.
• The parking lot immediately in front of ATG is secured through 2027 in support of the NSST Shiphandling Trainer construction. Additionally, half of the 12-hour parking lot is also secured to support NSST construction material laydown and management.

Ikego: Ikego Gas Station. The Ikego Gas Station will be closed for electrical work from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 17. The gas station will reopen for normal business operations at 1 p.m.

Imattumi Road partial closure for general excavation work until Dec. 30, 2026.

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