



1. Purpose

The Government of Japan provides *Ichiji-Shienkin*, or ***Urgent Support Benefit***, of maximum 600,000 yen for SMEs and 300,000 yen for individual owners to support their businesses under the Emergency State Declaration in January 2021 in Japan. It is noted that this benefit is not required to pay back.

2. Eligibility and Conditions

- a. SMEs with less than 1 billion yen in capital or 2,000 or less employees, and individual owners
- b. Sales decrease in any month of January, February or March 2021 at 50% or more compared with the same month in 2019 or 2020
- c. Affected by time-shortened restaurants and food/drink shops or refrains from going outside under the Emergency State Declaration in January 2021

Note: Restaurants and food/drink shops which are already supported and regulated by Infection Prevention Benefit of the Government are NOT eligible

3. Amount of Benefit

- a. Calculation: Total sales between January and March 2019 or 2020 minus sales in selected month in 2021 multiplied by 3 (months)
- b. Maximum amount: 600,000 yen for SMEs and 300,000 yen for individual owners

4. Application Deadline: 31st May 2021