

Framework of the Law for Special Zone for Reconstruction



Municipalities listed in the relevant legislation due to the damages they sustained can formulate Plans on the Special Zone for Reconstruction in pursuit of a package of special measures.

Basic Guidelines for the Special Zone for Reconstruction (decision by the Cabinet)

- Outline and strategic goals of the plans to be formulated by the municipalities
- Basic policy on the measures to be taken by the Government to meet the goals
- Basic components to be included in the plans and procedures for approval thereof
- Special measures applicable to the municipalities in the Special Zones

Consultative body of Central and Local Governments

- established in each prefecture within the regions disrupted by the disaster
- organized by the Reconstruction Agency to discuss proposals from local authorities on special measures (working groups may be established on municipality basis)

Add and/or enhance special measures

Reconstruction Promotion Plan

Plan to seek special measures on deregulation, simplified procedures, tax breaks and other special measures.

Formulated by Prefectures alone or jointly with municipalities. Private enterprises are entitled to submit proposals to local governments.

Approval by the Prime Minister

- Deregulation and reduced procedures for such sectors as housing, industry, town-building, medical services, and nursing care.
- Tax breaks to promote employment and industrial activities
- Interest rate compensation for loan lenders

Land Restructuring Plan

Plan to seek special measures on approval/authorization and procedures for land restructuring

Formulated by municipalities alone or jointly with Prefecture.

- Public hearings, announcement and display for public when necessary
- Consultation for subsequent agreement on the plans in the meeting on land restructuring

Disclosure of Plans

Special measures for land use restructuring

- Special permits granted needed for the conduct of reconstruction projects
- Unified contact for municipalities in seeking approval/authorization
- Creation of new types of project to facilitate land restructuring

Plan for Funding Reconstruction Projects

Plan to seek funding for projects (projects for reconstruction in areas severely damaged by the disaster)

Formulated by municipalities alone or jointly with Prefecture.

Submission to the Prime Minister

Reconstruction Grant to support regional reconstruction

- 40 projects for municipalities consolidated into a single package as “core projects”
- Resources secured to enable flexible use for local governments
- Central government funds the reconstruction projects in entirety
- Flexible implementation with simplified procedures