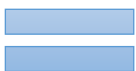


Extract from Act on Special Zones for Reconstruction in Response to the Great East Japan Earthquake (2021 onward)

Areas of local governments for which plans can be produced as special reconstruction zones



Areas where it is recognized that it is necessary to promote initiatives for recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake as a matter of priority (86 cities, towns, and villages)

Basic Guidelines for Special Zones for Reconstruction (Decided by Cabinet)

Main Details

- Significant matters related to the smooth and rapid promotion of reconstruction in special reconstruction zones
- Basic policy regarding support for local governments and other measures that should be steadily implemented by the government for smooth and rapid promotion of reconstruction in special reconstruction zones
- Basic matters regarding certification of reconstruction promotion plans
- Planning of measures the government should take to promote smooth and rapid reconstruction in special reconstruction zones
- Other matters necessary for the smooth and rapid promotion of reconstruction in special reconstruction zones etc.

Central and local consultative councils

- Discussion of new special measures proposed from local areas, etc.
- Established by each prefecture (It is also possible to establish sub committees in each area, etc.)
- Held locally
- The Reconstruction Agency operates from the point of view of the disaster-affected areas

Addition or enhancement of special measures

Production of reconstruction promotion plans

These are produced by prefectures, cities, towns, and villages, either individually or jointly
Private sector businesses, etc., can make proposals

Plans for availing of special regulations, exceptions to procedures, special tax measures, etc.

Approval of the Prime Minister

- Special measures for regulations and procedures in fields such as housing, industry, urban development, medical treatment, welfare, etc.
- Special taxation measures contributing to ensuring employment opportunities, etc.
- Financial special measures (interest subsidies)

Production of reconstruction and maintenance plans

Produced by cities, towns, and villages, either individually or jointly

Plan for availing of special provisions, such as for projects and procedures related to land use reorganization

- If necessary, public hearings, public notices, and public inspections
- Discussion and agreement by the Reconstruction Development Consultative Council

Publication of plans

Special measures for land use reorganization

- Special measures regarding permits required for projects
- One-stop processing of procedures
- Utilization of a unique project system