



**METI's special webpage to introduce various measures to support businesses to mitigate the impact of COVID-19**

<https://www.meti.go.jp/covid-19/index.html> (Japanese)

<https://www.meti.go.jp/english/covid-19/index.html> (English)

### **Consultation Services**

Program	SME Financial Consultation Counter
Outline	The counter will open at 9:00 a.m., March 11 (Wed.), 2020. Service hours: From 9:00 to 17:00 on weekdays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays Direct line: 03-3501-1544
Target	SMEs and small enterprises
website	<a href="https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/0311_003.html">https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/0311_003.html</a>

Program	Consultation Counters on Business Operation for Addressing the Novel Coronavirus
Outline	Consultation counters in the following organizations, targeting SMEs and small enterprises that are or may be affected by the recent epidemic of the novel coronavirus. The consultation counters provide consultations on business management in response to requests from SMEs and small enterprises.  The Japan Finance Corporation; the Shoko Chukin Bank, Ltd.; Credit Guarantee Corporations; Chambers of Commerce and Industry; the Federation of Societies of Commerce and Industry; the Federation of Small Business Associations; and Yorozu Support Centers; as well as: the National Federation of Shopping Center Promotion Associations; the Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation, JAPAN; the Regional Bureaus of Economy, Trade and Industry and other entities.
Target	SMEs and small enterprises
website	<a href="https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/0129_004.html">https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/0129_004.html</a>

### **Support in Financing (Loan / Guarantee)**

Program	No. 4 Safety Nets for Financing Guarantee
Outline	Financing Guarantee for supporting financing of SMEs whose sales and other profits are declining more than 20% because of the impact of the novel coronavirus. In this system, the Japan Federation of Credit Guarantee Corporations (JFG) will guarantee the full loan amount for such SMEs under a framework separate from a general financing guarantee.
Target	SMEs whose sales and other profits are declining more than 20% because of the impact of the novel coronavirus and SMEs who has

	been operate its business in the designated area (47 prefectures) more than one year.
website	<a href="https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/0228_001.html">https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/0228_001.html</a>

Program	No. 5 Safety Nets for Financing Guarantee
Outline	Financing Guarantee for supporting financing of SMEs in specific business sectors which sales are severely affected by the impact of the novel coronavirus (more than 5% declining in sales and other profits) such as lodging industry and restaurant business. In this system, the Japan Federation of Credit Guarantee Corporations (JFG) will guarantee 80% of loan amount under a framework of up to 280 million yen, which is separate from a general financing guarantee.
Target	SMEs in specific business sectors which sales are severely affected by the impact of the novel coronavirus (more than 5% declining in sales and other profits). 316 sectors are designated.
website	<a href="https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2019/03/20200303002/20200303002.html">https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2019/03/20200303002/20200303002.html</a> (Japanese)  <a href="https://www.meti.go.jp/english/covid-19/index.html#02">https://www.meti.go.jp/english/covid-19/index.html#02</a> (English)

Program	Safety-net Loan
Outline	The Japan Finance Corporation opens a special consultation desk for those who affected by the novel coronavirus and relaxes the requirements for safety-net loan
Target	SMEs and small enterprises
website	<a href="https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2019/02/20200214012/20200214012.html">https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2019/02/20200214012/20200214012.html</a> (Japanese)

### Subsidy Programs

Program	Subsidy for manufacturing/monozukuri
Outline	subsidies for business-related equipment investment expenditures. [Amount of subsidy per application] 1 million yen to 10 million yen [Subsidy rate] SMEs-1/2, Small enterprises-2/3 [Application Deadline of the second term] May 20
Target	SMEs and small enterprises
website	<a href="http://portal.monodukuri-hojo.jp/">http://portal.monodukuri-hojo.jp/</a>

Program	Subsidy to support business continuity
Outline	Subsidies to support small enterprises in advancing efforts for cultivating sales channels and improving productivity. [Amount of subsidy per application] up to 0.5 million yen [Subsidy rate] 2/3 [Application Deadline of the second term] June 5
Target	Small enterprises
website	<a href="http://www.shokokai.or.jp/jizokuka_r1h/">http://www.shokokai.or.jp/jizokuka_r1h/</a>

Program	Subsidy for implementation of IT tools
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Outline	Subsidies to support companies in introducing IT into their business as tools for contributing to enhancing value added, e.g., enhancing efficiency of back-office operations. [Amount of subsidy per application] 0.3 million yen to 4.5 million yen [Subsidy rate] 1/2 [Application Deadline of the second term] mid-June
Target	Small enterprises
website	<a href="https://www.it-hojo.jp/2020emergency/">https://www.it-hojo.jp/2020emergency/</a>

### **Deregulatory measures in import and export procedures**

Program	Relaxation of Import and Export Procedures
Outline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If an importer's certificate of import approval is set to expire due to delays or other disruptions in target imports resulting from the novel coronavirus epidemic, the importer is permitted to file a request for an extension of the validity period of the certificate.</li> <li>• If an importer's tariff quota certificate is set to expire due to a delay or other disruption in target imports resulting from the novel coronavirus epidemic, the importer is permitted to file a request for an extension of the validity period of the certificate within a period not exceeding 30 days from the date following the expiration date of the certificate.</li> <li>• If an exporter's certificate of export permission or certificate of export approval is set to expire due to a delay or other disruptions in target exports resulting from the novel coronavirus epidemic, the exporter is permitted to file a request to extend the validity period of the certificate.</li> <li>• Concerning the fulfillment of the permission conditions shown in a certificate of export permission for goods destined for China (e.g., reports on installation of machine tools), if the deadline of the fulfillment of the conditions is a date before March 31, 2020, the government of Japan will automatically extend the deadline to March 31, 2020,** for all exporters.</li> <li>• Concerning certificates of export permission, etc. issued under the CITES, the Kimberley Process Certifications issued under the international certification system for rough diamonds, and specified certificates of origin issued by the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the government of Japan cannot extend the valid period of these certificates because of the restrictions under such treaties. Exporters with expired certificates are required to file requests to re-issue such certificates anew.</li> </ul>
Target	Large to small companies
website	<a href="https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/0214_004.html">https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/0214_004.html</a>