



Office of the Staff Judge Advocate
LEGAL SERVICES
 U.S. Army Japan and I Corps (Fwd)

Tax Center - Still Open And Available

Recent events may have caused many taxpayers to set aside or forget the subject of taxes. This is just a reminder that the Tax Center remains open and 15 April remains the deadline to pay if taxes are owed to the IRS. Although taxpayers overseas have until 15 June to file, this later date is not an extension to pay.

Please consult with your tax preparer for more information regarding the overseas deadline.

Although walk-ins are always welcome, appointments are still encouraged. Please contact the Tax Center at 263-1040 for an appointment.

Earthquake Claims

If you have property that was damaged or destroyed in the recent earthquake or multiple aftershocks, you may be able to submit a claim for that damaged property with the Claims Office. Army regulations allow for earthquake property damage claims in cases of unusual circumstance for the area or region. The sheer magnitude of the earthquake is being considered an unusual circumstance for Japan.

paid on the depreciated value, and not for full replacement value.

That means that the amount of any financial recovery for a given piece of property will be determined by the depreciated value and condition of the property at the time of the earthquake.

While it cannot be guaranteed that all claims will be approved for the amount desired, they will be processed on a case-by-case basis.

A repair estimate for property which can be repaired must be filed with the claim. However, neither the Claims Office nor the Legal Assistance Office is able to provide translation services. A list of private translators who can be hired by claimants to translate any documents necessary to file their claims is available.

Be advised, however, that claims can only be

Emergency Visas

The U.S. Embassy in Japan is offering emergency appointments to non-American citizens who are departing via the Military Assisted Departure Program. For appointments in the morning, visas may be processed the same day; for afternoon appointments, they may be obtained the following day. The Legal Assistance Office is available to review applications for emergency visas for all eligible I.D. card holders. Please contact our office at 263-4698 for an appointment.

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