

Statutory Change Alert

South Korea - Non-taxable and Year End Adjustment changes - 1 January 2024



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Non-taxable and Year End Adjustment changes (YEA)

Aboard salary income non-taxable

Aboard salary income for Sailors of foreign ships and deep-sea fishing ships and overseas construction workers non-taxable limitation is increased from KRW 3,000,000 to KRW 5,000,000.

Credit Card usage (Income deduction)

Added for 2024 YEA. If total usage of 2024 credit card usage was more than 2023 usage. 10% of amount exceeding 105% of 2023 usage (2024 total – 2023 total*105%) will be deducted from taxable income up to KRW 1,000,000.

Principal interest payment of long-term mortgage loan (Income deduction)

Principal interest payment of long-term mortgage loan limitation is updated as below.

Item	2024 YEA Limitation	2023 YEA Limitation
Fixed interest rate and non-deferred repayment loan (more than 15 years)	KRW 20,000,000	KRW 18,000,000
Fixed interest rate or non-deferred repayment loan (more than 15 years)	KRW 18,000,000	KRW 15,000,000
Other (more than 15 years)	KRW 8,000,000	KRW 5,000,000
Fixed interest rate or non-deferred repayment loan	KRW 6,000,000	KRW 3,000,000





House-purchasing Savings (Income deduction)

Limitation is increased from KRW 2,400,000 to KRW 3,000,000.

Medical Expense (Tax credit)

- 1) Less than 6-year-old medical expenses are added to no limitation expense item.
- 2) Postpartum care center expense up to KRW 2,000,000 was only applicable to employees whose annual salary is less than KRW 70,000,000. Now the income condition is cancelled.

Donation (Tax credit)

General donation including religious donation and non-religious donation addition deduction level is added.

Donation Amount	2024 YEA Rate	2023 YEA Rate	
Less than KRW 10,000,000	15%	15%	
KRW 10,000,000 ~ KRW 30,000,000	30%	30%	
More than KRW 30,000,000	40%	30%	

Child exemption (Tax credit)

2nd child exemption is increased from KRW 150,000 to KRW 200,000.

Child condition, except child grandchildren is added.





Monthly Rent (Tax credit)

Annual salary condition is increased from KRW 70,000,000 to KRW 80,000,000.

Annual rent fee limitation is creased from KRW 7,500,000 to KRW 10,000,000.

Please contact your Mercans' services delivery team for any additional information regarding the implications of the above change.



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