



児童扶養手当のしおり

# Childrearing Allowance

~For children in single parent families~




The Childrearing Allowance is for single mothers or fathers, parents with severe disability, and legal guardians raising a child on behalf of his/her biological parent. The allowance is provided as a means to support and foster the healthy growth of the child.

## 1. Eligibility

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The parent or legal guardian of a child that fulfills any of the conditions below. A child is defined as someone who has not yet reached the first March 31 after their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday OR an individual under 20 years of age with a designated level of disability.

- (1) A child whose parents have divorced
- (2) A child whose father or mother is deceased
- (3) A child whose mother or father has been declared legally disabled (see Table 1 on the underside)
- (4) It is unclear whether the child's father or mother is deceased or alive
- (5) A child who has been deserted by his/her mother or father for more than one year
- (6) A child whose father or mother received a protection order
- (7) A child whose father or mother has been imprisoned for more than one year
- (8) A child born out of wedlock
- (9) A child whose parents' identity is unknown (an abandoned child)

 A child who fulfills the criteria above but who also meets the following conditions are **NOT** eligible to receive this allowance.

- (1) The child's address is not registered in Japan
- (2) The child is in a children's welfare facility or is being raised by foster parents
- (3) The child is being raised by the mother's spouse (including a common-law partner but excluding a father with a disability)  
The child is being raised by the father's spouse (including a common-law partner but excluding a mother with a disability)
- (4) The address of the child's mother, father, or legal guardian is not registered in Japan
- (5) The mother or father is in a common-law marriage (the parent is receiving forms of monetary support other than child support)

## 2. Disbursement dates

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If approved, the applicant shall be eligible to receive the allowance beginning from the month following the month of application. The allowance is disbursed 6 times per year on every odd-numbered month.

Disbursement date	Period covered	Notes
January 11	November - December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If the disbursement date falls on a weekend or holiday, the payment will be made on the previous business day.</li> <li>● Applicants will not be notified about the deposit.</li> <li>● To change your registered bank account, please report the change to us by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month before the month of disbursement.</li> </ul>
March 11	January – February	
May 11	March – April	
July 11	May – June	
September 11	July – August	
November 11	September – October	

### 3. Income limit and the amount of allowance disbursed (as of April 2022)

The amount of allowance disbursed is determined by the income of the applicant and his/her spouse and dependents from the year previous. There is an income limit.

Number of children	Full payment (per month)	Partial payment (per month)
1	¥43,070	¥10,160-¥43,060
2	Above amount +¥10,170	Above amount +¥5,090-¥10,160
3 or more children	Above amount +¥6,100 per additional child	Above amount +¥3,050-¥6,090

\*The exact amount of partial payment will be calculated based on the income level of the applicant.

If the applicant and his/her support obligor's income from the previous year (or two year ago if submitting an application between January and September) exceeds the amounts specified in the table below, they will not be eligible to receive the allowance for the fiscal year (November to next October).

Number of dependents	Applicant's income + 80% of child support ( <i>yōikuhī</i> )		Support obligor, spouse, caretaker of an orphan (JPY)
	Limit for full payment (JPY)	Limit for partial payment (JPY)	
0	490,000	1,920,000	2,360,000
1	870,000	2,300,000	2,740,000
2	1,250,000	2,680,000	3,120,000
3	1,630,000	3,060,000	3,500,000
4	2,010,000	3,440,000	3,880,000
5	2,390,000	3,820,000	4,260,000
Additional person	+380,000	+380,000	+380,000
Notes	①Add 100,000 for every spouse that is over 70 years old or is an elderly dependent ②Add 150,000 for every specified dependent ( <i>tokutei fuyō shinzoku</i> )		Add 60,000 for every elderly dependent (subtract one person if all dependents are elderly dependents)

\*Child support (*yōikuhī*): money and good received from the mother or father of the child as contribution for the cost of raising his/her child.

**If the applicant is eligible to receive pension payments (Old Age Pension or Pension for the Bereaved), they will not be able to receive the Childrearing Allowance.**

If the pension amount is lower than the Childrearing Allowance, the applicant will be paid the difference.

If the applicant receives pension payments retroactively or if they fail to report to the city that they are receiving pension payments in a timely manner, they will be asked to return the Childrearing Allowance disbursed.

If you are eligible receive pension, please complete the necessary paperwork for pension prior to making an application for the Childrearing Allowance. It is possible to complete both applications at the same time. However, your application for the Childrearing Allowance will be put on hold until your pension amount has been decided. If you have already submitted an application for pension, please report it to us as soon as possible.

#### 4. Documents to submit

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★ **Status Report** (現況届 *genkyō todoke*): in order to continue receiving the allowance continuously after November

Submit your Status Report every August. You will be reassessed every year on your eligibility to continue receiving the Childrearing Allowance. If you don't submit a Status Report, you will not be able to receive your payments for November onward even if you remain eligible. Late submissions will result in a delay in disbursement.


\*Individuals whose eligibility has been suspended due to having an income that exceeds the income limit must also submit a Status Report.

 **Failure to submit the Status Report for two years will result in a termination of your approval.**

★ **Notification of Loss of Eligibility** (資格喪失届 *shikaku sōshitsu todoke*): when you are no longer qualified as a recipient

If the following situation occurs, you must submit a Payment Suspension Notice.

- (1) If you are no longer raising the child (includes cases where the child has entered into a welfare facility, is now being raised by a foster parent, or has entered a marriage).
- (2) The recipient of the allowance gets married. This includes common-law marriages and cases where the recipient begins receiving financial support from a partner.
- (3) The father has returned to his abandoned child, including instances where the father begins contacting the child or mother by telephone or mail to confirm the welfare of the child.
- (4) When the child begins living with his/her father or mother.
- (5) When the recipient of the allowance begins living abroad.
- (6) When the child begins living abroad.
- (7) Other circumstances or conditions that disqualify you as a recipient.

 If the recipient fails to submit the Payment Suspension Notice and continues to receive the allowance even though they are no longer qualified to, they will be asked to return the full amount of overpayment received.

【Penalty】 Those who received the allowance by deception or other wrongful means will be punished by imprisonment under 3 years or a fine up under 300,000 yen (Childrearing Allowance Act, Article 35).

★ Other documents

Request for a Change of Allowance Amount	When the number of eligible children increases or decreases (due to the recipient or the child's pregnancy, etc.)
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Notice of Address Change / Moving-out Notification	When moving to a different address in the city or to another municipality.
Payment Suspension-related notifications	When the recipient starts living with a high-income family member.
Notification of pension payments	When the recipient begins receiving pension.
Other notifications to be submitted	When the recipient or the child's name, address, or bank account information changes.

- ! Failing to submit the above-mentioned notifications may result in a delay or cancellation of payment. The recipient may also be asked to return portions of the payment received.
- ! If the recipient or the child becomes pregnant, the recipient must notify the Children and Families Division. We will review the eligibility of the recipient.
- ! The amount of the allowance will be reduced if 5 years have elapsed since the first payout or when 7 years have elapsed since the recipient became eligible for the allowance. The reduction can be waived if the recipient submits a form titled “児童扶養手当一部支給停止適用除外届.” Those who fall under this condition will be notified by mail.

Table 1: Definition of disability

<p>① Visual impairment</p> <p>A) Those with visual acuity of 0.03 or less in each eye</p> <p>B) Visual acuity for one eye is 0.04 and the other has not passed the “hand motion” test</p> <p>C) The sum of the peripheral visual field angle of the I/4 visual targets of both eyes is 80 degrees or less and the binocular central visual field angle of the I/2 visual targets is 28 degrees based on the Goldmann perimeter</p> <p>D) Visual field score with both eyes open is 70 points or less and the central visual field of both eyes is 20 points or less</p> <p>② Hearing level is 100dB or more</p> <p>③ Severe disability of the upper limbs</p> <p>④ Those who lost all fingers of both hands</p> <p>⑤ Severe disability in all fingers of the upper limbs</p> <p>⑥ Severe disability in all lower limbs</p> <p>⑦ Those who have lost both lower limbs above the ankle joint</p> <p>⑧ Those who cannot sit or stand due to trunk impairment</p> <p>⑨ Those who cannot work or require nursing care due to any other disability</p> <p>⑩ Those who cannot work and require constant monitoring or nursing care due to a mental disability</p> <p>⑪ Those who require constant monitoring or long-term medical treatment due to injury or illness and are unable to work due to a physical or mental disability designated by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare</p>
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