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For inquiries related to the special handout, please contact the General Affairs Department at 098-893-4647 or 098-893-4648.

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, please apply by mail or online only.

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Ginowan City and the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication will NEVER ask you to use an ATM, access URL links, or request service charges related to the special handout.

Guide to the Coronavirus Special Handout

The coronavirus special handout is a ¥100,000 one-time payment made to all residents of Japan as a gesture of appreciation for our healthcare workers and those who continue to work in the frontlines during this national crisis.

Those who are registered with the Basic Resident Registration System as Ginowan residents as of April 27, 2020 are eligible to apply. Foreign nationals who are on short-term stays or are illegal residents therefore not registered with the Basic Resident Registration System are not eligible to apply.

The payment for all members under the same household will be combined and paid to the Head of Household. Residents may apply either by mail using the application form mailed to you, or online using your My Number Card through the MynaPortal website. Application is open from May 25 (Mon) to August 24 (Mon). Applications by mail must be postmarked by August 24 at the latest. Late applications will not be accepted.

Important notes to keep in mind:

1. Please double-check to make sure you have all the required fields completed on the application form and that all supplementary documents are attached before sending in your application.
2. Online application is only available to those whose Head of Household possesses a My Number Card. Even if other members of the same household have a My Number Card, it is not possible to submit the online application if the Head of Household does not own a My Number Card.
3. The Head of Household or his/her proxy will be contacted in the case of an incomplete application. If the Head of Household or proxy cannot be reached by telephone by the application deadline, he/she will be considered as having forfeited his/her application.
4. In-person application and/or disbursement is only available to individuals in unique circumstances, such as not possessing a bank account, etc.
5. Late applications will not be accepted.

Citizen's Tax Due June 30th

If you are having difficulty making tax payments due to the effects of the coronavirus outbreak, you may be granted a postponement of certain resident tax payments. Some restrictions apply. Please contact the Tax Affairs Department (zeimu-ka) at the extension numbers 246 to 257 for more details.

Grant Available for Families With Children

For recipients of Child Benefits (*jido teate*)

As part of the Emergency Economic Measures to Cope With COVID-19 (implemented by the Cabinet Office on April 20), all families who are currently receiving Child Benefits and whose child was born between April 2, 2004 to March 31, 2020 are now eligible to receive a grant of 10,000 yen. Eligible households will receive a notice by mail in mid to late June outlining the details of this grant. Some restrictions will apply. No application will be required for those who are deemed eligible. For inquiries, please contact the Family and Child Support Division (*jido katei-ka*) at 098-893-4422.

Multilingual Support in Okinawa

By the Okinawa International Exchange & Human Resources Development Foundation (OIHF)

The Okinawa International Exchange & Human Resources Development Foundation (OIHF) offers multilingual medical information in Okinawa, life and legal consultation services, Japanese classes, and more. Visit their website or Facebook page to see more about their services!

HP URL: <https://kokusai.oihf.or.jp>

FB URL: <https://facebook.com/oihf60>

We want to hear from you

Scan the QR code below for a short survey!

As part of our effort to promote inclusivity, Ginowan City is creating an English guidebook with important information on settling and living in Ginowan. Let us hear from you about what information you would like to have in the guidebook!



Tax	Fixed Property Tax	Resident Tax	Light Motor Vehicle Tax
	Installments		
1st	Apr 30	Jun 30	Jun 1
2nd	Jul 31	Aug 31	
3rd	Dec 25	Nov 2	
4th	Mar 1	Feb 1	

Application for Exemption of National Pension Payments Begin in July

Contributions for this year is 16,540 yen per month

Low-income individuals or those who have recently lost their job or have suffered losses from a natural disaster may apply for an exemption of their pension contributions. Based on your income level from the previous year, you may be eligible to receive a full or partial (three quarters, one-half, or a quarter) exemption of your pension premiums.

If you have difficulty making payments due to the effects of the coronavirus outbreak, such as a decrease in income or sales, you may be eligible to apply for an exemption for February's premiums onward. Please note that your income or sales must have dropped a predetermined fixed amount in order to be eligible. Please contact the Japan Pension Service at 0570-003-004 for details.

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