

# GINOWAN CITY | JULY 2024

# NEWSLETTER

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## NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PAYMENTS START IN JULY

Residents who are enrolled in National Health Insurance are required to begin paying for their fiscal 2024 national health insurance premiums in July. The premiums will be divided into 8 payments to be paid throughout July 2024 to February 2025. Meanwhile, if you are enrolled in Health Insurance for People Aged 75 and Above, your premiums will be divided into 9 payments to be paid from July to March 2025.

Premiums can be paid at designated banks or any convenience store in the country. Cashless payment is also available through an app (see QR code on the right). →



Late and processing fees will apply if you fail to make payment by the deadline. Please make payment as soon as possible.

\*Convenience store and cashless payment methods are only limited to invoices that have a barcode.

\*A receipt will not be issued for payments using the cashless method. If you need a proof of payment (納税証明書 *nozei shomeisho*), there will be a fee.

### FY2024 Payment Calendar

	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
National Health Insurance	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	
Insurance for the elderly	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Due date/ Auto-debit date	7/31 (Wed)	9/2 (Mon)	9/30 (Mon)	10/31 (Thu)	12/2 (Mon)	12/27 (Fri) Autodebit: 12/25 (Wed)	1/31 (Fri)	2/28 (Fri)	3/31 (Mon)

### Set Up Automatic Bank Transfer!

When you set up automatic bank transfer, payments will be deducted automatically from your bank account, saving you the hassle of going to financial institutions each time payment is due.

Once you register for automatic bank transfer, you'll be able to keep using this service for upcoming years.

### Have you filed your taxes and declared your income from 2023?

Not filing your taxes may affect your eligibility to receive a reduction. It may also affect the calculation of your base amount (maximum amount of out-of-pocket fees) for hospitalization and high medical expenses.

For more information, please contact the National Health Insurance Division at 098-893-4411.

### If you are struggling, let us know ASAP!

If you're having difficulty making payment due to an illness or other extenuating circumstances (as listed below), please consult with us at our service window.

1. Illness or injury that significantly impacted your life
2. Unemployment, etc., leading to instability
3. Your business has been suspended, ceased operation, or has suffered significant losses
4. You lost your home due to a fire or natural disaster

# FY2024 BENEFITS FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

Apply by October 31, 2024

\*For households that were registered in Ginowan City as of June 3, 2024.

\*Households that received the FY2023 benefit are NOT eligible for this benefit.

## Resident Tax Exempt Households/Households Subject Only to Per Capita Levy of Resident Tax → 100,000 yen per household

- A household in which all its members are only subject to the per capita levy of resident tax, or a household that is comprised of individuals who are only subject to the per capita levy of resident tax AND individuals who are exempt from resident tax

## Additional Benefit for Children in Such Households → 50,000 yen per child

- Children born after April 2, 2006 who are dependents of the aforementioned households

◆TO APPLY◆ Households thought to be eligible for these benefits will receive the "Confirmation of Requirements for Payment" in the mail. The head of household must confirm the contents of the form and submit it to the city in person or by mail using the return envelop provided. Residents who moved into Ginowan City After January 2, 2024 or residents who have not filed their taxes must submit an application form separately. The forms can be downloaded from our website or picked up in person at the service window. After completing the application form, please submit it to us by mail or in person.

**SERVICE WINDOW:** 1-2-17 Nodake, Ginowan City (old My Number Card Center beside the Civic Hall)

**CALL CENTRE:** 098-988-8197 (available 9:00-17:00 excluding weekends and holidays)

## GINOWAN POPULATION

AS OF JUNE

Total population	100,394 (+39)
Households	47,943 (+64)
Nationalities	55 (+1)
Foreign residents	2,003 (+17)

# APPLYING FOR SUBSIDY FOR SCHOOL EXPENSES FOR THE 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

The Subsidy for School Expenses is a subsidy given to families with children enrolled in elementary school or junior high school to help cover expenses for school supplies and school meals.

## Who is eligible?

- Children born between April 2, 2010 and April 1, 2019 who will be enrolled in an elementary or junior high school in the 2025 school year OR,
- The guardian of a child who resides in Ginowan City and who will be attending elementary or junior high school in the 2025 fiscal year

## When and how can I get the application package?

Forms are available from July 1 (Mon) to August 23 (Fri) (excluding weekends and holidays) and can be picked up at the any elementary or junior high school office and at the Board of Education.

\*Application forms are also available on the city's website.

## When and where do I submit my application?

Please bring your application forms to the Multipurpose Conference Room at the Ginowan City Office between August 13 (Tue) and August 23 (Fri). Office hours are 9:00-11:45 and 13:00-16:30.

## Criteria

Applicants' eligibility will be determined by their household composition (number of people, age) and household income. Income is defined as the total income from salary, business income, and pension before taxes.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	TOTAL INCOME (APPROX.)	HOUSEHOLD SIZE	TOTAL INCOME (APPROX.)
2 PEOPLE	< 2,000,000 YEN	4 PEOPLE	< 3,350,000 YEN
3 PEOPLE	< 2,620,000 YEN	5 PEOPLE	< 3,900,000 YEN

\*A new application must be submitted every school year.

\*Children who will be entering grade 1 in the 2025 school year are also eligible for this subsidy.

\*Once approved, the applicant will be eligible for payment from April 2025 onwards.

Board of Education Student Affairs Division ☎098-892-8283