

# Children's Allowance

## *jidō teate*

(Some items revised from October 2024)

### 1. Eligibility

Legal guardians of children up to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March immediately following their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### 2. Benefit amount

Age	Amount per child per month
Under 3 years old	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Child: 15,000 yen 3 <sup>rd</sup> Child: 30,000 yen
3 years old until the 31 <sup>st</sup> of March after their 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Child: 10,000 yen 3 <sup>rd</sup> Child: 30,000 yen

※ Special provision payments will no longer be provided, and all recipients will receive the payment amounts written above.  
 ※ For the calculation of the third or subsequent child, eligibility extends up to university age (until March 31 of the year they turn 22). However, this applies only if the child is under parental care and financially dependent on their parents. To include university-aged children in the calculation (from March 31 following their 18th birthday to March 31 following their 22nd birthday), a confirmation document regarding care and financial burden must be submitted.

### 3. Payment period

In principle, payments will be made every two months. (6 payments per year)

Payment Schedule: 10<sup>th</sup> April (allowance due for Feb. & March), 10<sup>th</sup> June (April & May), 10<sup>th</sup> Aug. (June & July), 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. (Aug. & Sept.), 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. (Oct. & Nov.), 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. (Dec. & Jan.)

※ However, if the 10<sup>th</sup> is a weekend or holiday, payment will be made on the previous working day.

※ There is no payment notification. Please confirm the payment for yourself each month.

### 4. Day-care fees, including lunch costs, can be directly deducted from children's allowance per the guardian's request.

※ Day-care fees and the availability of this service may vary between municipalities



## These are the eligibility conditions!

1. In principle, **the child must reside in Japan** (however, certain exceptions exist, such as children studying abroad)
2. In cases where the parents are divorced and living apart, **the guardian living with the child will be prioritized for benefit payments.**
3. Where both parents are living abroad, **if another person is taking care of the child in Japan, the parents may designate that person as the recipient of children's allowance.**
4. If the child is being cared for by a statutory guardian, **that guardian will receive the children's allowance payments.**
5. If the child is being cared for by a child welfare institution or has been placed in foster care, **the carer or institution will receive the children's allowance payments.**



### The application procedure

#### 1. The first step

##### ● Make an application

After your child was born, or after you moved into a new municipality, etc., you must make an application for an approval certificate (*nintei-seikyūsho*) at your local city office or city office branch (civil servants can do this at their workplace).

After your request is approved, payments will begin in the month after the month you made your application.

Please apply as quickly as possible.

※ You will need to provide documents which confirm the bank details of the applicant and the applicant's identification number (MyNumber).

#### Child Rearing Support One Stop Service

If you use the Child Rearing Support One Stop Service, you can apply for child allowance online with your My Number Card and do not need visit your local municipal office.

Apply within 16 days!

16-day rule

In principle, payments begin the month after you make your application.

However, even if the application is made on the month following the birth/move, if the application was made within 16 days of the date of birth or the moving date, payments will begin on the month of application. Warning: in the event of a late application, there will not be payments for the missed period, so don't delay!

#### 1. After your child was born

You must submit the application within 16 days of the birth.

※ Even if the mother relocates temporarily (to get support from her parents, etc.) you must submit your application where you normally reside!

#### 2. After moving from another municipality/abroad

You must submit the application within 16 days of your relocation.

For civil servants

For civil servants, your children's allowance will be paid by your workplace. However, in the following circumstances, you will need to submit a notice at your local city office / branch office.

- When you become a civil servant
- When you retire from civil service or change job, whether your new job is in civil service or not.

※ If you are late with your application / notice, you will not, in principle, be able to receive the payments for that month. Please don't delay.

## 2. Receiving children's allowance

**If your child upbringing situation has not changed, you do not need to submit a status update (*genjō-todoke*) except for the following:**

1. Recipients who are not official residents of Matsue
2. Recipients who do not have a residence certificate or family register for the child receiving benefits
3. Recipients who are in divorce proceedings and living separately from their child.
4. Corporate bodies or institutions who are receiving children's allowance as legal guardians.
5. Children counted as 3<sup>rd</sup> or subsequent child is of high school graduate to university age but are not students (e.g. working, etc.).
6. Others as determined by Matsue City

※ The purpose of the current status report is to ascertain the status as of 1 June of each year and to confirm whether the applicant meets the requirements (guardianship, cohabitation, etc.) to continue receiving child allowance, etc, from August onwards.

※ If a status update is deemed necessary but not presented, payments will stop from the August of the year they are due, until the update is provided.

### Donating benefits

There is a simplified system for guardians who wish to donate their children's allowance in whole or in part. The donated funds will be used to help the healthy growth of children in the guardian's community. If you wish to donate any of your children's allowance, please notify city office or your local city office branch

## 3. If any of the following events occur, you must notify your city office

1. When you are **no longer taking care of the child.**
2. Upon a **change of address** for the recipient, recipient's spouse, or child.
3. Upon a **change of legal name** for the recipient, recipient's spouse, or child.
4. When your **gain or lose a spouse as an extra child-carer or dependent.**
5. When your **pension plan changes** (including civil servants).
6. When you are taking care of a child in Japan and the parents living overseas declare you the "Designated Guardian".
7. When including high school graduation to university age children (from March 31<sup>st</sup> following their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to March 31<sup>st</sup> following their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday) as the 3<sup>rd</sup> or subsequent child in the calculation.

### Regarding the Income Limit and Income Cap

Income limits for child allowance payments have been abolished as of October 2024 for payments from December onwards.

## Information About Children's Allowance

**Apply for children's allowance at your local municipal office!**



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