### children's allowance jidō teate

#### 1. Eligibility

Legal guardians of children up to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March immediately following their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.

#### 2. Benefit amount

Age	Amount per child per month		
Under 3 years old	15,000 yen		
3 years old through elementary school	10,000 yen (15,000 for 3rd+ child)		
Middle school	10,000 yen		

This table shows the amount receivable if the primary guardian's income is within the *standard limit*. However, guardians can receive 5000 yen per child if the income is below the *upper limit*. See the table at the end of this pamphlet for details on the income limits.
 For calculation of the "3<sup>rd</sup>+ child", "children" are counted until the 31<sup>st</sup> March immediately following their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

#### 3. Payment period

In principle, payments are made in lump sums each June, October, and February.

Payment Schedule: 10<sup>th</sup> June (allowance due for Feb. to May), 10<sup>th</sup> October (Jun. to Sept.), 10<sup>th</sup> February (Oct. to Jan.)

% However, if the 10  $^{\rm th}$  is a weekend or holiday, payment will be made on the previous working day.

 $\times$  <u>There is no payment notification</u>. 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.
- 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.

X 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 Reading 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!



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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.

 $\bigcirc$  When you become a civil servant

O When you retire from civil service or change job, whether your new job is in civil service or not.

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

## 3. If any of the following occur, you must notify city office (updated June 2022)

- 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 childcarer or dependent.
- 5. When your pension plan changes (including civil servants).
- When you are taking care of a child in Japan and the parents living overseas declare you the "Designated Guardian".

#### **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

#### Standard and upper income limits

If your annual income is below the standard income limit ①, you can receive the full children's allowance listed at the beginning of the pamphlet. Otherwise, if your income is below the upper limit ②, you can still receive 5000 yen per month, per applicable child. As of the payment period of October (i.e. for the months June-September) 2022, those over the upper limit ② will not be able to receive children's allowance.

<u>X</u> If your income from the fiscal year of 2022 falls below the upper limit 2, you may apply for children's allowance from the month of June (paid in October).

	① Standard limit		2 Upper limit	
Number of dependent family members (Examples in parentheses)	Income minus Expenses in 10k yen	Salary (approx.) in 10k yen	Income minus Expenses in 10k yen	Salary (approx.) in 10k yen
O (No spouse or child in the previous year, etc.)	622	833.3	858	1071
1 (One child, etc.)	660	875.6	896	1124
2 (1 child, spouse with income less than 1.03 million yen, etc.)	698	917.8	934	1162
3 (2 children, spouse with income less than 1.03 million yen, etc.)	736	960	972	1200
4 (3 children, spouse with income less than 1.03 million yen, etc.)	774	1002	1010	1238
5 (4 children, spouse with income less than 1.03 million yen, etc.)	812	1040	1048	1276

X The number of dependents counts children (excluding those living in a childcare institution or placed in foster care) and, if applicable, a dependent spouse and other dependent relatives as of 31 December of the previous year. After 5 dependents, the allowance increases by 380,000 yen per person (or 440,000 per person for elderly dependents, included spouses).

% "Salary (approx.)" is merely a guide for estimation purposes. In reality, eligibility will be determined by subtracting expenses such as income taxes, medical expenses and other miscellaneous expenses from income.

### Information About Children's Allowance

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



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