

Child Rearing Allowance Handbook

Child Rearing Allowance System

This allowance is provided to help improve the well-being of children through fostering stability and self-sufficiency in single-parent households — defined as households where children are raised by a single parent due to circumstances such as divorce.

1 Eligible Recipients

This allowance is available to individuals who are either the father or mother supporting a child — or a person raising the child in place of the parents — where the child (who meets any of the conditions listed in ① to ⑨) is under 18 years of age until the first March 31 following their 18th birthday.

Moreover, children with moderate or severe physical or mental disability qualify to receive the allowance until the month in which they reach 20.

① Divorce

A child who is no longer living with their father or mother after their divorce

② Death

Children whose father or mother died

③ Disability

Children whose father or mother has a severe disability (equivalent to grade 1 Disability Pension or grade 1 or 2 Physical Disability Certificate).

④ Status Unknown

Children whose father or mother's whereabouts are unknown

⑤ Abandonment

A child who has been abandoned by their father or mother for one year or more.

⑥ Domestic Violence

Children whose father or mother was issued a domestic violence protection order by a court

⑦ Imprisonment

Children whose father or mother has been detained for one year or more

⑧ Unwed

Children born out of wedlock

⑨ Unknown

Children whose parents cannot be identified.

Those who meet the following criteria do not qualify to receive the allowance:

1. When the child's address is not in Japan
2. When a child lives in a childcare institution or with foster parents.

3. When a child is being raised by the father's or mother's spouse (including common-law marriage; excluding cases where the parent suffers from a disability)
4. When the address of the parent or guardian is not in Japan

Attention! Public Pensions and Child Rearing Allowances

There may be a partial or complete suspension of the Child Rearing Allowance if the recipient, their child, or their spouse is receiving a public pension. The suspended amount will depend on the amount of pension being received. Those who start receiving a public pension while receiving the Child Rearing Allowance may be required to return any overpaid allowances. We kindly ask everyone to contact the Children's Policy Division as soon as possible if they start receiving pensions.

2. Items required to apply for eligibility

Number	Required Documents	Required For	Remarks
1	<p>Original copy of family register ※If a Certified Copy of the Family Register can not be obtained immediately, submit a Certificate of Acceptance of the Divorce Notification, a Certified Copy of the Mediation Record, etc.</p>	Claimant Children	In instances where beneficiary status is granted due to divorce, a Certified Copy of the Family Register indicating the claimant's effective date of divorce will be required.
	<p><In the cases of divorce between parents with foreign nationalities> Original copies of documents issued by consulates or embassies certifying the marital status of the applicant, such as a Certificate of No Record of Marriage, Birth Certificate, or Certificate of Legal Capacity to Contract Marriage, etc. ※Documents such as the Certificate of No Record of Marriage must have a Japanese translation.</p>	Claimant	The child's Birth Certificate and Certificate of Recorded Matters on the Birth Notification will also be required.
2	A copy of the Pension Booklet or Basic Pension Number Notification	Claimant	Public pension beneficiaries must submit verifiable documents indicating the amount of their most recently received pension. ※If someone other than the claimant is receiving a public pension, documents indicating that individual's pension will also be required.
3	A copy of the claimant's bankbook or ATM card	Claimant	

4	<p>Identification documents (driver's license, My Number Card, photo ID, etc.) <For foreign nationals> The claimant and child's Residence card</p>	Claimant (child)	<p>If you are unable to present any of the required documents indicated on the left, you will need two (2) of the following documents: Health insurance card, pension certificate, pension booklet, special child support allowance certificate, etc.</p>
5	<p>A copy of the apartment or house's Lease Agreement (A Rental Verification Letter will be required if the applicant has no Lease Agreement) ※ Property Disclosure Statements will not be accepted.</p>	<p>Copies of the pages indicating the agreement, lessor, lessee, guarantor (not required if there is no guarantor), apartment name, tenant, and rent are required.</p>	
<p>Other: Applicants may be required to submit additional documents depending on the eligibility requirements. Please inquire with Tsu City staff for more information.</p>			

◎ Important reminders

- Applications will generally not be accepted if the ex-husband(or ex-wife) still lives at the same address, under the same resident registration, or is in a de facto marriage (※).

※De facto marriage: When the recipient lives with a person of the opposite sex (who is eligible for marriage), or has frequent visits from said person and gets regular financial support, regardless of cohabitation status.

- Even if the child rearing allowance has been approved, the entirety of this amount may be suspended based on the claimant's income.
- Any changes to the recipient's eligibility requirements must be notified to the appropriate departments.

3. Payment of Allowance

Upon approval, benefits will be granted starting from the month following submission of the application. On the 11th of January, March, May, July, September, and November, benefits covering the two months leading up to payment will be deposited into the recipient's designated bank account. Payments may be made before the 11th if it falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or national holiday.

4. Allowance Amount

Monthly allowance		
Eligible Children	Full payment	Partial payment (in ¥10 increments, depending on income)
First child	¥45,500	¥45,490 to ¥10,740
Second child onwards (per person)	¥10,750	¥10,740 to ¥5,380

The amount of the allowance to be granted until October of the following year is determined based on the recipient's income for the preceding year. This amount is calculated using the following formula.

First child: $¥45,490 - (\text{recipient's income} - \text{income limit}) \times 0.025$

Second child onwards: $¥10,740 - (\text{recipient's income} - \text{income limit}) \times 0.0038561$

※Amounts less than 10 yen are rounded up or down.

5. Partial Suspension of Allowance

The granted allowance will be halved seven years after the first day of the month in which the eligibility requirements were met, or five years after the first day of the month in which the allowance was first provided.

Applicants may be exempt from the partial suspension of the allowance in the following cases.

Please note that documents such as notifications will be required for this to apply.

[Examples of reasons for exemption]

- The recipient is working or looking for work
- The recipient has a disability or is unable to work due to illness or injury
- The recipient has to care for a relative with a disability or illness

[How to apply for exemption]

Eligible individuals will be sent an "Important Notice Regarding the Child Rearing Allowance Payments." Please read the notification and follow the prescribed procedures.

6. When the amount of provided allowance has changed

The amount of the allowance will be adjusted to reflect any of the following changes while it is being granted.

(1) When the number of eligible children increases

The granted allowance will be increased a month after the payment request. An Allowance Adjustment Request Form (手当額改定請求書) will be required to process the above change.

(2) When the number of eligible children decreases

The granted allowance will be increased a month after the stated change in status. A Notification of Allowance Adjustment (手当額改定届) will be required to process the above change.

(3) When the recipient becomes a public pension beneficiary or the amount of pension they receive changes.

Please make sure to submit a Public Pension Benefit Receipt Status Report. Individuals retroactively benefiting from a public pension while receiving the Child Rearing Allowance may be required to repay any overpaid allowances.

7. Benefit Recipient Notifications

Notifications MUST be submitted for the following.

Failure to submit a notification will result in the suspension of the allowance.

Status Notification	Recipients must submit an Annual Status Report and undergo a review of their eligibility requirements to continue receiving Child Rearing Allowance. Failure to submit this report will disqualify the recipient from receiving benefits from November. ※Non-submission of the notification for three consecutive years will result in loss of eligibility for the allowance.
Notification of Loss of Eligibility for Benefits	When eligibility is lost ※Number 8 on page 5: When the recipient loses the ability to receive the allowance.
Notification of Death of Recipient	When the recipient dies ※Submitted by a reporting obligor
Change Notification	When there has been a change to the recipient's name, address, and designated financial institution.
Notification of Lost Certificate and Application for Reissue	When the recipient loses or damages their Allowance Certificate.
Public Pension Recipient Status Notification	When the recipient becomes a public pension beneficiary. When the amount of public pension received by the recipient changes.

8. When the recipient lose eligibility to receive benefits

A notification must be submitted to report the following circumstances wherein the recipient loses their allowance eligibility.

※Recipients who continue to receive the allowance despite no longer qualifying for it will be required to return the overpaid amount in full.

- ① Marriage: When a qualified recipient gets married (for single parents)
- ② De facto marriage: When the recipient lives with a person of the opposite sex (who is eligible for marriage), or has frequent visits from said person and gets regular financial support, regardless of cohabitation status.
- ③ Resumption of parental care: When the father (mother) contacts, visits, or sends money to a previously abandoned child.
- ④ Release from incarceration: When an incarcerated father (or mother) is released (including release on parole)
- ⑤ Cessation of custody: When an eligible child is no longer under the custody or care of their parents (including when the child is committed to a facility, placed with a foster parent, or marries).
- ⑥ Death: When an allowance recipient or eligible child dies.
- ⑦ Others: When the eligibility requirements at the time of approval no longer apply.

9. Other Procedures

Eligible applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

◎ Child Allowance

This allowance is provided to parents raising children to their third year of high school (until March 31st following their 18th birthday).

For cases where the parents are in the middle of divorce proceedings or live separately due to divorce (this includes separation of households) and do not share the same livelihood, the person who lives with the child will be given priority as the recipient. (This excludes instances where the parents share the same livelihood, such as in cases of work-related family separation.)

※Required documents vary depending on the circumstances. Contact the Children's Policy Division for more information.

◎ Medical Assistance Program for Single-Parent Families

People who qualify for the Child Rearing Allowance are generally also covered by the Medical Assistance Program for Single-Parent Families. For details on how to apply, contact the Health Insurance and Medical Assistance Department's Welfare Medical Assistance Unit (City Hall, 1st floor, Window 5, TEL: 059-229-3158).

Contact Us

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Children's Policy Division, Benefits and
Aid Section**

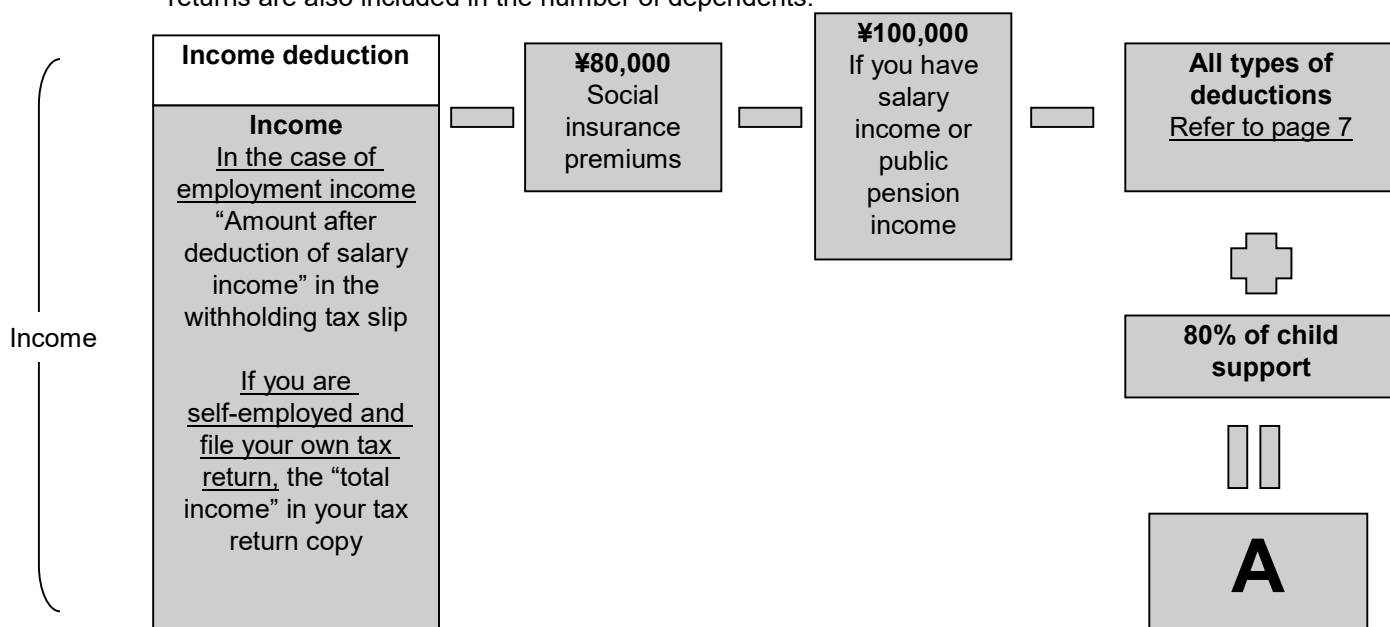
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Child Rearing Allowance Income Limitation Formula (November 2024) (Unit: yen)

Number of dependents ※2	Eligible recipient				Dependent ※1 Spouse Guardian of orphans, etc.	
	Total allowance		One part allowance		Income-based	Earnings-based (A)
	Income-based	Earnings-based (A)	Income-based	Earnings-based (A)		
0 person	¥1,420,000	¥690,000	¥3,343,000	¥2,080,000	¥3,725,000	¥2,360,000
1 person	¥1,900,000	¥1,070,000	¥3,850,000	¥2,460,000	¥4,200,000	¥2,740,000
2 person	¥2,443,000	¥1,450,000	¥4,325,000	¥2,840,000	¥4,675,000	¥3,120,000
3 person	¥2,986,000	¥1,830,000	¥4,800,000	¥3,220,000	¥5,150,000	¥3,500,000
4 person	¥3,529,000	¥2,210,000	¥5,275,000	¥3,600,000	¥5,625,000	¥3,880,000
5 person	¥4,013,000	¥2,590,000	¥5,750,000	¥3,980,000	¥6,100,000	¥4,260,000

※1 A person with a responsibility to provide support is defined in Article 877, Paragraph 1 of the Civil Code as a relative in the bloodline or sibling.

※2 Those under the age of 16 who are declared as dependents in their income tax returns are also included in the number of dependents.



※The allowance amount until October 2025 will be determined based on income earned in 2023, and the allowance amount from November 2025 onwards will be determined based on income earned in 2024

Income Deductions

Deductions	Amount
Elderly Dependent Relatives	¥100,000
Spouse Eligible for Elderly Deduction	¥100,000
Specified Dependent and Other Dependents Eligible for Tax Deductions	¥150,000
Special Disability Deduction	¥400,000
Disability Deduction	¥270,000
Working Student Deduction	¥270,000
Widow (Widower) Deduction	¥270,000
Special Widow Deduction	¥350,000
Miscellaneous Loss Deduction	Deduction amount
Medical Expense Deduction	
Small Business Mutual Aid Premium Deduction	
Special Spouse Deduction	

- ※Recipients with spouses or other eligible dependents who are classified as elderly dependents qualify for a ¥60,000 deduction. (If there are two or more dependents, among whom are elderly, ¥60,000 will be deducted for each elderly dependent.) (If all dependents are elderly, ¥60,000 will be deducted for each dependent except one.)
- ※Spouse Eligible for Elderly Deduction and Specified Dependent and Other Dependents Eligible for Tax Deductions only apply to the children's father, mother or guardian.
- ※Dependents Eligible for Tax Deductions are those between the ages of 16 and 19 as of December 31st of the previous year who meet specific requirements.
- ※The Widow (Widower's) Deduction and Special Widow's Deduction only apply to the individuals such as the children's guardian, obligated supporter, or the caretakers of orphans.