

●●●Children's Allowance (児童手当)

Child Care Division (Kosodate Shien Ka; Tel. 059 382-7661)

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Children's allowances are provided for persons who have children enrolled in the sixth grade and lower (for a period before March 31 of the year the child becomes 12 years old). Citizens who submitted a register of a birth or a register of migration should apply for children's allowance at the Child Care Division (*Kosodate Shien Ka*) or the Local Community Center (correspondence in Japanese).

Note that the allowance is not provided for people with income above certain level.

Relevant children and monthly payment

Less than 3 years old	Constant	10,000 yen
3 years and older	First child	5,000 yen
	Second child	10,000 yen

\*Starting from April, Heisei 19 (2007), children of age less than 3 is offered allowance of constant 10,000 yen regardless of birth order. Note that the amount becomes 5,000 yen for both the first and the second child after they have become 3 years old.

Method and period of payment

It is transferred to applicants' bank account (excluding *Yubin Kyoku* (Postal Office)) every 4 months, three times a year as follows:

The allowance of February through May	7 <sup>th</sup> of June
The allowance of June through September	7 <sup>th</sup> of October
The allowance of October through January	7 <sup>th</sup> of February

(When the due date of payment is banks' holiday, it shifts to the day previous to it)

Income limit

For the provision of the allowance, income limits is imposed, over which you are ineligible to receive the allowance. The income limits are calculated basing on the income of the previous year (two years before as for the allowance of January through May).

Table of income limits (10 thousand yen, less than)

The number of dependent relatives under the tax law (persons)	<i>Kokumin Nenkin</i> (National Pension) subscribers / non-subscribers (children's allowance)	Employees' pension such as <i>Kousei Nenkin</i> (Social Security Pension). <i>Kyousai Nenkin</i> (Mutual Aid Association Pension)
0	460.0	532
1	498.0	570
2	536.0	608
3	574.0	646
4	612.0	684
5	650.0	722

No matter if you did not apply from a misunderstanding that you are not eligible, the payment of the past cannot be rendered retroactively even when you realized afterwards that in fact you are eligible. Please beware.

Also note that questions regarding your eligibility cannot be answered on the phone or at the counter. An inquiry of income begins only after an application in documents.

Renewal procedure

Persons who receive children's allowance must submit a "*Genkyo Todoke* (present condition report)" in June of every year. It reports the status on June 1 of that year for judging if you continue to be eligible for a reception of the allowance. Please note you will not receive the allowance for that June and later unless you submit this report. A notification is sent by mail to relevant persons in the end of May. Please come and go through the procedure within that period.