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Special Child Rearing Allowance

For Children with Disabilities

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Special Child Rearing Allowance is paid to enhance the welfare of children under 20 years of age with mental or physical disabilities.

1 Eligibility

Those who are eligible to receive an allowance are a father or mother (depending on higher income) who have custody of a child with mental or physical disabilities applicable to the degree of disability defined by the Japanese government, or someone raising a child instead of a father/mother.

The allowance will not be provided in such cases as follows.

* A child does not have an address in Japan.
* A child can receive a pension due to disability.
* A child is in a child welfare facility.
* A father, mother or rearer does not have an address in Japan.

2 Procedures for Receiving the Allowance

First-time applicants:

Please submit the following documents directly to your municipal office to receive the allowance. Once certified by the governor, your allowance will be issued.

1. Official copy of family register (or residence card) of the claimant and child
2. Specified medical certificates (If you have been issued a Grade A medical treatment and education handbook, or Grades 1–3 physical disability certificate, you may be able to present a copy instead of medical certificates)
3. Other required documents

If you have been receiving the allowance:

* Notification of Income Condition

You are required to submit a Notification of Income Condition to your municipal office between August 12 and September 11 every year and you will be screened for allowance requirements. If you fail to report, you cannot receive allowance payments after August. **If you fail to submit for two years, you will be disqualified.**

* Requalification Request Form

Disability certification is conducted on the basis of medical certificates (or handbook) described in Section 2 above. In principle, you will need to submit medical certificates in March, July or November (whichever month is specified) for requalification examination.

3 Allowance Payment

Once certified by the governor, allowance insurance begins **the month after** the application is submitted. The allowance is remitted to your bank account three times a year, on the 11th of April, August and November, or the previous business day when the 11th falls on a Sunday, Saturday or holiday. The amount paid covers the period through the month prior to the next payment date.

4 Allowance Amount

Grade 1 disability 53,700 yen/month/child

Grade 2 disability 35,760 yen/month/child

5 Income Ceiling

If the previous year’s income of the recipient, spouse or relatives exceeds the amount listed below, allowance payments for that year (from August to July of the following year) will be suspended.

Table for Income Limit (Effective from August 2002)

Number of Dependents Recipient\*1 Spouse or Household Members\*2

0 Less than 4,596,000 yen Less than 6,287,000 yen

1 4,976,000 6,536,000

2 5,356,000 6,749,000

3 5,736,000 6,962,000

4 6,116,000 7,175,000
5 6,496,000 7,388,000

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If you live with a spouse (70 years old or over) or elderly dependent relatives, 100,000 yen per person will be added. If you have specific dependent relatives or those 16 years of age or older and under 19 years of age who are subject to exemption, 250,000 yen per person will be added.

How to calculate income (after deduction)

Income=annual earnings ‒ necessary expenses (salary income deduction, etc.)

‒ 80,000 yen (exemption amount according to Article 5 (i) of Enforcement Order of Act on Special Child Rearing Allowance) ‒ other exemptions

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Supporters under duty, as specified by Article 877 of Civil Code 877. If you have elderly dependent relatives, a certain amount may be added.

Types and amounts of exemptions:

1. Deduction for persons with disabilities/working students 270,000 yen
2. Widow deduction 270,000 yen
3. Single parent deduction 350,000 yen
4. Deduction for persons with special disabilities 400,000 yen
5. Casualty loss, medical expenses, spouse special deductions Applicable deduction amount

6 Revision of Amount

The allowance amount will be revised if the disability condition or the number of children is changed.

7 Change of Notified Information

In addition to the above-mentioned notifications, you are required to submit the following to your municipal office.

1. Notification of Disqualification

Submit this form when you are disqualified. **If you fail to submit this notification and continue to receive the allowance, the amount must be returned.**

1. Notification of Death of Recipient

Submit this form when the recipient dies, by the person with a reporting duty as stipulated in Family Register Act.

1. Notification of Change (Name, Address, Financial Institutions Account)

Submit this form when any of the above information is changed.

1. Report of Loss of Certificate

Submit this form when you lose the allowance certificate.

1. Application Form for Certificate Reissue

Submit this form when the allowance certificate is seriously damaged or stained.

The forms are available at city, town, and village offices.

8 Individual Numbers (“My Number”)

With the enforcement of the Act on the Use of Numbers to Identify a Specific Individual in Administrative Procedures, you are required to fill out and present your individual number for some procedures (Qualification Request Form, Notification of Income Condition, Notification of Address Change, etc.) regarding Special Child Rearing Allowance from January 1, 2016. Please bring a document to confirm your individual number (Individual Number Card, Individual Number Notification Card (displaying your current information), etc.) and a document for identity confirmation (Individual Number Card, driver’s license, etc.) when applying.

Contact information (Persons in charge of your municipal office or welfare division of the below office)

Saku Health and Welfare Office 0267-63-3140 65-1 Atobe, Saku City

Ueda Health and Welfare Office 0268-25-7123 1-2-6 Zaimokucho, Ueda City

Suwa Health and Welfare Office 0266-57-2910 1-1644-10 Kamikawa, Suwa City

Ina Health and Welfare Office 0265-76-6810 3497 Arai, Ina City

Iida Health and Welfare Office 0265-53-0410 2-678 Otemachi, Iida City

Kiso Health and Welfare Office 0264-25-2218 2757-1 Fukushima, Kiso Town, Kiso-gun

Matsumoto Health and Welfare Office 0263-40-1912 1020 Shimadachi, Matsumoto City

Omachi Health and Welfare Office 0261-23-6507 1058-2 Omachi, Omachi City

Nagano Health and Welfare Office 026-225-9057 98-1 Nakagosho Okadamachi, Nagano City

Hokushin Health and Welfare Office 0269-62-3604 1340-1 Shizuma, Iiyama City

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For those who have been certified as recipients of the Special Child Rearing Allowance

You will be unqualified to receive the allowance if any of the following circumstances apply. Please notify your municipal office if you fall under the statuses below.

1. You do not have custody of the child (e.g. due to their death)
2. The child enters a child welfare facility, etc.
3. The father or mother who receives an allowance is no longer the main financial provider, or no longer the primary caregiver of the child
4. The child becomes the recipient of public pension due to disabilities
5. The child’s disability does not meet the criteria defined by the Japanese government
6. The child has gotten married
7. Any other situations in which the conditions for eligibility are no longer applicable

Pleased be reminded that if you fail to submit notification of your loss of qualification as a recipient and continue to receive your allowance, the amount received during that period must be returned.