

Child Allowance

The Child Allowance system is a system that provides an allowance to anyone who is raising a child until the child graduates from junior high school (up to the 31st March following the child's 15th birthday). After registering as a resident at your local ward office, please visit the Child Rearing Support Section to apply for the Child Allowance.

Eligibility

Anyone caring for a child can claim child allowance until the child graduates from junior high school (up to the 31st March following the child's 15th birthday).

As a rule:

- If both parents are caring for a child, the allowance is paid to the parent with the highest regular income (the main breadwinner).
- The child must live in Japan.

Amount of Allowance

Age of Child	Amount of Allowance (per child per month)
Under 3 years old	15,000 yen
3 years old –final year of elementary school	10,000 yen (15,000 yen for the third child and each subsequent child)
Junior high school	10,000 yen

Payday

In general, you will receive 4-monthly payments in June, October and February.

For example, you will be paid in June for February, March, April and May.

How to Apply

When a child is born or you move from another municipality or foreign country, you must submit (apply for) a "request for certification" to the municipality of your current address.

Once certified by the municipality, the allowance will normally be paid from the month following the month in which the application was submitted. You should therefore apply as soon as possible.

15 Day Rule

Child allowance is usually paid from the month following your application. However, if the date of your child's birth or the date you move to your current address (change date) is near the end of the month, you will be paid for the month in which you claim, even if you apply in the following month, as long as you claim within 15 days of the day after the date of your child's birth or the date of your move.

Contact

Health and Welfare Section of your ward/branch office