

Financial Aid and Assistance

- Living in Fukuoka <http://www.fcif.or.jp/en/en-information/living/pregnancy-and-birth/>
- Maternal and Child Health Handbook (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare) <https://sukoyaka21.mhlw.go.jp/useful-tools/thema3/>

Coverage of Birth-Related Expenses (Lump-Sum Allowance for Childbirth and Nursing)

If you or your spouse are enrolled in Health Insurance, you will receive an allowance for each birth. The allowance is 420,000 yen for each birth. For births that are not covered by the Obstetrics Medical Care Compensation System, the subsidy is 404,000 yen for pregnancies exceeding 12 weeks and up to 22 weeks in length (including stillbirths and miscarriages). Other types of health insurance such as National Health Insurance and Mutual Aid Associations also offer the same kind of lump-sum payments for births.

Medical Care Certificate for Children

After your baby is born, immediately enroll in public health insurance (e.g., Health Insurance, National Health Insurance, etc.) and “Subsidy for Medical Care for Children”. A “Medical Care Certificate for Children” is needed to receive financial assistance for the children’s medical expenses. For details, please consult your employer or the health insurance and pension section of your ward office.

Childcare Leave Benefits

Those who enroll in employment insurance and take childcare leave to care of a child who is under 1 year of age (1 year and 2 months if certain requirements are met, 1 year and 6 months or 2 years of age if certain additional requirements are met) and meet the prescribed conditions, can receive childcare leave benefits by applying to Hello Work for payment. (For the first six months, the benefit is equivalent to 67% of the wages before the leave begins, and thereafter it is equivalent to 50% of the wages after the leave begins.)



Child Allowance

The Child Allowance is a system to provide an allowance to anyone who is raising a child up to junior high school graduation (until March 31st after the child's 15th birthday). Please visit the Child Rearing Support Section at your local ward office to apply for the child allowance.

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