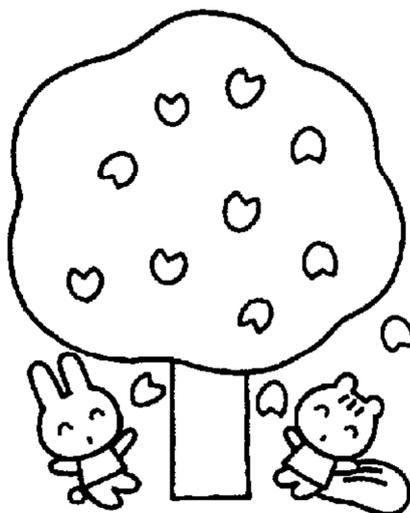


The Child Rearing Allowance System



What is the Child Rearing Allowance?

It is an allowance provided with the purpose of promoting children's welfare, and contributing to the promotion of the stability and independence of families where children are not living with one of their parents due to reasons such as divorce, or who have a parent that has a government recognized disability.

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1. Qualifying for the Child Rearing Allowance

Those who qualify for the allowance must be caring for a child who meets any of the requirements (1) - (8) below, and be either: a mother who has physical custody of the child, a father who has physical custody of the child while also providing their living expenses, or someone who is taking care of the child in place of the child's father or mother (someone who is making a living and has physical custody of the child that they live with. For the rest of this document these people are referred to as "caregivers"). Furthermore, in this allowance system, someone is considered a "child" until the 31 March following their 18th birthday. If they have a government recognized disability, they will be considered a "child" until their 20th birthday.

- (1) A child whose parents have divorced
- (2) A child who has a parent that has died
- (3) A child who has a parent with a government recognized disability
- (4) A child who has a parent whose whereabouts are unknown
- (5) A child who has been abandoned by their parent for a continuous period of 1 year or more
- (6) A child whose parent holds a court approved Domestic Violence Protection Order
- (7) A child who has a parent who has been in detention for over a year
- (8) A child who was born to an unwed mother

However, if any of the situations (A-D) below apply, then they will not be able to receive the allowance, even if they meet the requirements above.

- (A) If the child, or their father, mother, or caregiver, lives outside of Japan
- (B) If the father shares living expenses with the mother (excluding cases where the mother has a government recognized disability)
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- (C) If the parent's spouse is contributing to the child's care giving (this includes those in de facto relationships, and excludes those who have government recognized disabilities)
- (D) If the child is in the care of a foster parent, or placed in a child welfare facility (excluding mother & child living support facilities, daycare, and daycare facilities for children with developmental disabilities)

* Since December 2014, if the recipient or child is receiving public pension, they can receive the Child Rearing Allowance if the amount of the public pension received is less than the amount of the Child Rearing Allowance. If the public pension amount is more than the amount of the Child Rearing Allowance, they will not be able to receive the allowance.

* If the child is eligible for additional public pension, then once the pension has been received they can receive the amount of the Child Rearing Allowance, minus the amount of the additional pension according to the Child Rearing Allowance Law Revision.

2. Amount of Child Rearing Allowance

The Child Rearing Allowance may be a full allowance, a partial allowance, or be cancelled (no payment), depending on the previous year's income of the claimant, the claimant's spouse, as well as other people responsible for supporting the child (e.g. the claimant's parents or siblings who live with them etc.). (For those claiming the allowance between January - September, it will be based on income from the year before last.)

The amount of the allowance is decided each payment year, which begins 1 November and ends 31 October. (The amount of the allowance may change depending on the situation of the recipient, such as if they move, or if the members of their household change.)

Each year in August, the claimant will be required to submit a Present Condition Report to confirm the child's physical custody situation as well as the claimants income for the previous year. The allowance amount for the next payment year (starting November) will be based on the information on this form.

Allowance per applicable child	Full Allowance	Partial Allowance	* These are the monthly payment amounts. * These amounts are from April 2025. The monthly payment amounts may change based on price indexes.
1st child	¥46,690	¥46,680~¥11,010	
2nd child onward	¥11,030	¥11,020~¥5,520	

3. Allowance Payment Reduction

5 years after payments begin, or 7 years after the month of meeting the qualification requirements, the allowance payment will decrease (by approximately half). (If the recipient is the child's father, it will be calculated only from after 1 August 2010.)

However, if the recipient is starting work, seeking employment, or is unable to work due to injury or illness, they may continue to receive their usual payments if they apply to do so. The required forms will be shown to applicants individually.

4. Payment of the Child Rearing Allowance

Payment month	Applicable Months	* Once authorized to receive the allowance, payments will begin from the month following application date. * The allowance is paid 6 times a year, in 2 month blocks, into a bank account designated by the claimant. * The payment date is the 11th of the month. If this date is a weekend or public holiday, then it will be paid on the last business day beforehand.
January	Nov, Dec. (2 months)	
March	Jan, Feb. (2 months)	
May	Mar, Apr. (2 months)	
July	May, June. (2 months)	
September	Jul, Aug. (2 months)	
November	Sep, Oct. (2 months)	

5. Income Limits for the Child Rearing Allowance

Whether the allowance will be a full payment, partial payment, or cancelled, is decided by deducting applicable deductions from the previous year's earnings of the claimant, the claimant's spouse, and other people responsible for supporting the child, and comparing the below table to that income plus the equivalent of 80% of child support payments.

《Income Limit》

1 November 2024 onward

No. of dependent relatives	Mother, father, or caregiver				Income limit amount of other people responsible for supporting the child, of the spouse, or of the caretaker of an orphan, etc.	
	Full payment		Partial payment		Earnings	Income
	Earnings	Income	Earnings	Income		
0	¥1,420,000	¥690,000	¥3,343,000	¥2,080,000	¥3,725,000	¥2,360,000
1	¥1,900,000	¥1,070,000	¥3,850,000	¥2,460,000	¥4,200,000	¥2,740,000
2	¥2,443,000	¥1,450,000	¥4,325,000	¥2,840,000	¥4,675,000	¥3,120,000
3	¥2,986,000	¥1,830,000	¥4,800,000	¥3,220,000	¥5,150,000	¥3,500,000
4	¥3,529,000	¥2,210,000	¥5,275,000	¥3,600,000	¥5,625,000	¥3,880,000
5	¥4,013,000	¥2,590,000	¥5,750,000	¥3,980,000	¥6,100,000	¥4,260,000

(Note 1) In the case of a spouse who qualifies for the deduction for elderly, is an elderly dependent relative, or is a specific dependent relative (one between the ages of 19 and 23), the following amount will be added to the amount specified in the table above.

(1) For "mother, father, or caregiver"

- ① ¥100,000 will be added for each spouse who qualifies for the deduction for the elderly, or is an elderly dependent relative.
- ② ¥150,000 will be added for each specific dependent relative. (This also includes general dependent relatives aged 16 to 19 years old.)

(2) For "income limit amount of other people responsible for supporting the child, of the spouse, or of the caretaker of an orphan, etc.", ¥60,000 will be added for each elderly dependent relative. (If all dependent relatives are elderly dependents, 1 of them will be excluded from having this amount added.)

(Note 2) ¥380,000 will be added for each 6th dependent relative onward. (If the dependent relative is also as described in (note 1), then both amounts will be added.)

(Note 3) The income check will be done based on the amount of income, not earnings. Please be aware that "Earnings" only shows an estimate of the equivalent salary.

6. How to Calculate Income

<p>Income = Earnings for the year — necessary expenses (employment income deductions etc.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> ^{*1} + child support — ¥80,000 — ^{*2} miscellaneous deductions </p>

*1 Child support … In this system, this is 80% (rounded up to the nearest ¥1) of the value of any money

and/or vouchers that are given by the mother or father to the claimant (unless the claimant is a caregiver) and the child that is in the physical care of the claimant, in order to fulfill child support duties.

*2 Miscellaneous deductions ... The types and amount of the deductions are as follows:

Disability Deduction	¥270,000	Small Business Mutual Aid Premium Deduction	Applicable deduction	*If the father or mother is the recipient of the allowance, neither the widow/er deduction or the special widow deduction will apply.
Special Disability Deduction	¥400,000	Widow/er Deduction	¥270,000	
Working Student Deduction	¥270,000	Special Widow Deduction	¥350,000	
Casualty Loss Deduction	Applicable deduction	Special Spouse Deduction	Applicable deduction	
Medical Expenses Deduction	Applicable deduction			

(Note) 1: From March 2021 onward, tax-exempt public pension benefits, etc. (*3) are included in the "income" related to the payment limitations of those receiving Disability Basic Pensions, etc.

*3 Tax-exempt public pension benefits, etc.: Disability Pension, Surviving Family Pension, Industrial Accident Compensation Pension, Compensation for Surviving Family, etc.

2: To prevent any impact from the tax reforms effective from March 2021 onward, individuals with income from salary earnings and public pensions will have up to ¥100,000 deducted from their total income.

7. How to Calculate the Partial Payment Allowance

Partial payments are made in ¥10 increments based on income. Please use the below calculation.

$$\text{Monthly allowance} = A^{*1} - (\text{recipient's income amount} - \text{income limit amount})^{*2} \times B^{*4}$$

	A (Monthly Child Rearing Allowance payment) – ¥10	B (Income Limit Coefficient)
1st applicable child	¥46,680	0.0256619
2nd applicable child and up	¥11,020	0.0039568

*1 The amount of A is not a set amount. Depending on consumer price indexes, it may be revised.

*2 Please refer to the "How to Calculate Income" section for the method of calculating the recipient's income.

*3 This is the amount from the income limit chart in the "full payment" column of the "mother, father, or caregiver" section. (Depending on number of dependent relatives, the limit may change.)

*4 The Income Limit Coefficient is not a set number. Depending on changes in consumer prices, it may be revised.

8. Applying for the Child Rearing Allowance

Before starting application procedures, please consult the Desk for Early Childhood, and confirm that you have the required documents.

(Required documents)

① A certified copy of the family register(s) of the claimant and the applicable child (that shows the reason for being applicable for the allowance)

If your registered address is in Minoh City, you can apply for a certified copy of your family register for free at the counter.

② Something that provides proof of a bank account in the name of the claimant

③ Something that provides proof of the My Number of the claimant, applicable child, and other people responsible for raising the child

④ Documents that provide proof of identity (driver's license, passport, etc.)

⑤ Any other documents that may be required

⑥ A personal seal