

— About Child Allowance —

1. Who is eligible?

Anyone caring for a child can claim child allowance until the end of March in the fiscal year the child turns 18.

2. How much do I get?

Age of Child	Amount (per child per month)
Under 3 years old	¥15,000 (¥30,000 for 3 rd child and subsequent children)
3 to high school age (until the end of March in the fiscal year the child turns 18)	¥10,000 (¥30,000 for the 3 rd child and subsequent children)

*1 According to the Japanese child allowance scheme, when the 1st child turns 22, the 2nd child is classed as the 1st child, and the 3rd child becomes the 2nd child, and so on.

*2 The '3rd child and subsequent children' refers to children who are considered the 3rd child or later among those raised, where 'raised' includes children who are 22 years old or younger as of the end of March in the fiscal year following the 1st child's 22nd birthday.

3. When do I get the allowance?

As a general rule, you will be paid 2-months of payments in February, April, June, August, October and December (even month).

E.g., you are paid in June for April and May.

Contact your ward office if any of the below apply!



1. Your child is living abroad.
→ the payment will be made only in certain cases when your child is studying abroad.
2. The child's parents are currently settling a divorce and are living separately.
→ the person living with the child will be prioritized for payments.
3. The child's parents both live abroad.
→ the payments will be made to whomever the parents have designated to care for the child in Japan.
4. The child is in the care of a guardian.
→ the guardian will get the payments.
5. The child is in a care facility or being cared for by foster parents.
→ the facility or foster parent will get the payments in all but exceptional circumstances.

How to Apply

1. What should I do first?

● Apply for accreditation

You must submit an *Application for Accreditation* form to your local ward office to apply for accreditation when you have a child or move into Fukuoka City. Civil servants must apply at their workplace.

Once your application is accredited, you will start being paid from the month following your application. Apply as soon as you can.

⚠ You may be asked to submit a supporting documents, as necessary, which may include one that verifies a bank account in your name.

⚠ The *Application for Accreditation* must include the individual number of the applicant and any other relevant persons.

About the Child-Raising One-Stop Service

The Child-Raising One-Stop Service (*Pittari Service*) allows you to apply online using your My Number Card without having to visit your local municipal office.

Apply within 15 days of any changes!

15-day Rule

Child allowance is usually paid from the month following your application

However, if the day of your child's birth or the day you move into Fukuoka City (herein "change day") is near the end of the month, you will get paid for the month you applied in, even if you apply the following month, as long as the application is within 15 days from the day following your change day.

If your application is late, you cannot claim back-payments.

1. When your child is born.

You must apply at your local ward office within 15 days following the day after your child's birth.

* Even if you temporarily leave Fukuoka City to give birth in a different municipality, you must still apply at the local ward office of your permanent residence.

2. When you move into Fukuoka City from another municipality or abroad

You must apply at your ward office within 15 days of the day following your transfer day (or planned day).

If you are a civil servant.

Civil servants get allowance from their workplace. You must notify/apply at your ward office and workplace within 15 days after one of the following happens.

- You become a civil servant.
- You stop being a civil servant.
- You are a civil servant but work for a different workplace.

⚠ Be aware that, in principle, if you apply late, you cannot receive payments for the missed period.

2. If you are continuing to claim child allowance

As a general rule, you are not required to submit a Notification of Current Status. However, submission is necessary if any of the following apply:

- You have children in your household older than the one you are caring for, who are not students. (You must submit the *Confirmation of Custody and Living Expenses* form for these children.)
- You are settling a divorce and not living with your spouse.
- You are receiving an allowance in a municipality other than your registered address due to circumstances such as abuse from your spouse.
- You care for a child who does not have a family register.
- You are a legal entity acting as the guardian for the child in your care.
- Your local municipality requests you to submit a notification.

* The *Notification of Current Status* is used to verify your situation as of June 1 each year, to determine whether you continue to meet the requirements for receiving child allowance, including child guardianship, supervision and financial responsibility.

⚠ Be aware that if you do not submit the Notification of Current Status, you will not be able to receive the child allowance from June onward.

3. You must notify your ward office when:

1. **you no longer care for any children for whom you can claim child allowance.**
2. you, your spouse or the child for whom you are claiming the allowance, **changes their address** (including moving to another municipality or abroad).
3. you, your spouse or the child for whom you are claiming the child allowance **changes their name.**
4. **you gained a spouse who, together with you,** is caring for the child for whom you are claiming the allowance, **or you are no longer with such a spouse.**
5. **the type of your pension scheme has changed** (including when you have become a civil servant).
6. you have been **designated to care for a child** in Japan by the child's parents who live overseas.

4. You must notify your local municipality if you wish to continue receiving the additional amount for the "3rd child and subsequent children" following the end of the fiscal year in which the 1st child turns 18.

If you wish to continue receiving additional allowance for the third child and beyond, and fall under the following cases, you must submit documents:

1. When the child classed as the "3rd child and beyond" reaches the end of the fiscal year in which they turn 18.
You must submit both the *Request for Revision of Payment Amount* and the *Confirmation of Custody and Living Expenses* form.
2. When any child you are raising, who is older than the child for whom you are claiming the child allowance, graduates from the school they are attending before the end of the fiscal year in which they turn 22. (E.g., when such a child/children graduate(s) from a junior college or technical college.) You must submit *Confirmation of Custody and Living Expenses* form.

⚠ You may be requested to submit other documents as necessary.

About donation:

If you choose not to receive part or all of your child allowance and wish to donate it to your local municipality to support the healthy development of children, a quick and easy process is available.

For more information, please contact your local government office.

In principle, submission of the Notification of Current Status is not required.



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Child Rearing Support Section at each ward office:

• Higashi Ward Office	092-645-1068
• Hakata Ward Office	092-419-1080
• Chūō Ward Office	092-718-1101
• Minami Ward Office	092-559-5123
• Jōnan Ward Office	092-833-4103
• Sawara Ward Office	092-833-4354
• Nishi Ward Office	092-895-7065