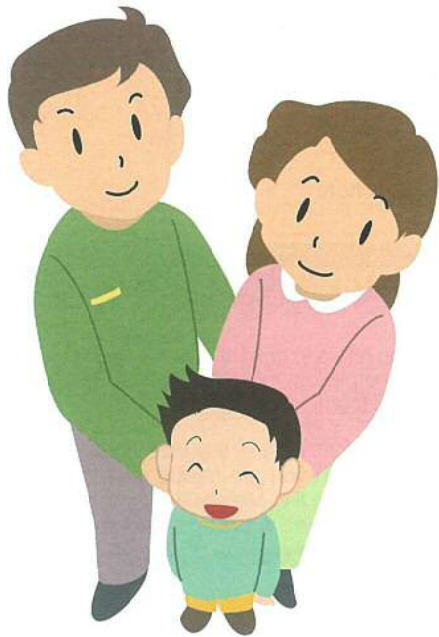


# Child Allowance System Guide



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## Child Allowance (Jido Teate)

### 1. Those Eligible for Payments

People who are raising children, up until the child's junior high school graduation (Until the first March 31 following the child's 15th birthday)

### 2. Payment Amounts

| Age of child                                 | Child allowance payment amount (monthly amount per child) |
|--|---|
| Under age 3                                  | 15,000 yen (uniformly)                                    |
| Age 3 to before elementary school completion | 10,000 yen (15,000 yen for the third child on)            |
| Junior high school student                   | 10,000 yen (uniformly)                                    |

\* If the income of a person who raises children is at or over the income restriction limit amount, then 5,000 yen will uniformly be paid monthly as a special allowance payment.

(The following refers to child allowances and special allowance payments together as "Child Allowance, Etc." Please see the back side for income restrictions.)

\* "The third child on" means the third child, fourth child, etc., among the children you are raising until they graduate from high school (until the first March 31 after their 18th birthday).

### 3. Payment Dates

In principle, allowances are paid each year in June, October and February, for the previous months.

Example: The June payment date covers allowances from February to May.



## The rules below apply to the child allowance system!

1. The allowance will be paid if the child lives in Japan (as an exception, payments can be made for a child who lives outside Japan as an exchange student and fulfills certain conditions).
2. Payments will be made to the father or mother who receives the main source of income (the person with the higher income).
3. If the father and mother live apart, for example, if they are discussing divorce, then the payment will be made with priority to the person who lives with the child.
4. If the parents live outside Japan, and the parents specify a person raising the child in Japan, then payments will go to that person (the person specified by the parents).
5. If a guardian of a minor is raising the child, then payments will go to that guardian of a minor.
6. If the child lives in a child care facility, or is cared for by foster parents, then, in principle, payments will go to the person who manages that facility or to the foster parents, etc.

## 1. Things to do to start the process

### • Certification Request

When a child is born, or moves to Shinagawa City, you must submit a "Certification Application" to Shinagawa City (if you are a public official, submit the application to where you work). In principle, the allowance will be paid in the following month after you apply, so please apply early.

### [Things you need to request a certification]

- **Financial institution account in the name of applicant**  
(Allowance will not be paid into an account of a spouse or child)
- If applicant is a company employee, etc.  
⇒ **A copy of your health insurance card or employee pension participation certificate**
- If you moved in from outside Japan  
⇒ **Passport copies of the applicant and spouse**  
(Page with face photo, and page with stamp for entry into and departure from Japan)
- If you moved in from another city in Japan  
⇒ **A document that verifies the parents' Individual Number (My Number)**

Depending on the situation, other documents must also be submitted.



## Apply within 15 days after the birth of the child or after you move in!

**15 days exception**

In principle, the Child Allowance Etc. will be paid in the following month after you apply.

However, if the date of birth or date you moved in is near the end of the month, then even if the date you apply is in the next month, if you apply within 15 days from the day after the date of birth or date you moved in, then you can receive payments for the month you applied for. If you apply late, you will not receive an allowance for the late months, so please be careful.



### 1. When your first child is born

- After the day of birth, you must apply to the city, ward, town or village where you live within 15 days of the following day!

### 2. If your allowance amount increases due to an increase in the number of children you are raising, such as your second or later child being born

- You must apply to the city, ward, town or village where you live within 15 days after the day the event that increased your allowance amount happens!

### 3. If you change your address to another city, ward, town or village

- You must apply to the city, ward, town or village you moved to within 15 days after the day after you move in (planned move in date)!

### 4. If you become a public official, or if you stop working as a public official

- You must notify and apply to the city, ward, town or village you live in, as well as your place of employment!

A public official receives these payments from where he/she works. When you become a public official, or stop working as a public official, you must apply within 15 days of the following day.

## 2. To continue receiving an allowance

- Current Status Notification (Genkyo Todoke) (Submit in June each year)**

**To receive a child allowance for June and later, a current status notification is required!**

The current status notification is used to confirm your status on June 1 each year, and check whether you fulfill the requirements to continue receiving the Child Allowance Etc. for June and later (Must be a supervisor or guardian of the child, live from the same family budget, etc.).

**\* If you don't submit this, you will not receive the allowance for June and later, so please be careful.**

## 3. Procedures will be required if any of the following apply

- If the number of children you are raising increases, because of birth, etc.
- If the person receiving payments (payee) stops raising the child, because of divorce, etc.
- If the spouse becomes the person who receives the main source of income, because of marriage, etc.
- If you want to change the account the allowance is paid into  
(You cannot change the account to your children's, spouse's or another person who is not the payee's account)
- If there is a change in the name of the payee, or child
- If the person receiving payments (payee) starts working as a public official
- If the payee and child start living at separate addresses (if the payee continues living in Shinagawa City)
- If the payee moves out of Shinagawa City
- If the payee dies

If anything is unclear, please address your inquiries to a city personnel in charge of child allowances.

After your current status notification is submitted and certified, you will be sent a Child Allowance Payment (and Certification) Notice at the time of the first payment (usually in October).

The amounts paid in October, February and June will be transferred into the financial institution account you specified, around the 12th day of each month.

Also, if the payment amount changes, we will notify you about the payment amount after the change (in October, February, June) each time it changes.

## Income Restriction Limit Amount

(Since the June 2012 Allowance)

| Number of dependent relatives | Income restriction limit amount | Estimated salary receipts |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 0                             | 6,220,000 yen                   | 8,333,000 yen             |
| 1                             | 6,600,000 yen                   | 8,756,000 yen             |
| 2                             | 6,980,000 yen                   | 9,178,000 yen             |
| 3                             | 7,360,000 yen                   | 9,600,000 yen             |
| 4                             | 7,740,000 yen                   | 10,021,000 yen            |

(Notes)

- For a person who has a "qualifying spouse for tax deduction over 70" or an "elderly dependent relative" as specified in the Income Tax Act, the limit amount is the amount written above plus 60,000 yen for each "qualifying spouse for tax deduction over 70" and "elderly dependent relative."
- If you have 5 or more dependent relatives, the limit amount will be the amount after adding 380,000 yen for each extra person over 4 dependents (add 440,000 yen for a "qualifying spouse for tax deduction over 70" or "elderly dependent relative").
- There are other elements that can be deducted from income: medical expenses deduction, etc. For details, please address your inquiries to a city personnel in charge of child allowances.

**\* If a person raising a child has income equal to or more than the amount written above, a special allowance payment (uniformly 5,000 yen monthly per child) will be paid based on supplementary provisions of the law.**