

– Overview of the Childhood Allowance System –

Who is Eligible for the Childhood Allowance System?

The Childhood Allowance is available to registered residents of the city of Kanazawa who are raising children that have not yet finished middle school (until the first March 31st that follows their 15th birthday).

- **If both parents have an income, the primary earner (person with the continually highest income) will be the applicant.**
- If someone other than a parent is raising the child, then that person can apply.
(e.g. personnel from foster care institutions, foster parents, guardians of minors, designated caretakers, other guardians, etc.)
- Registered residents of the city of Kanazawa who are stationed elsewhere for work can also apply.
- Only children who reside in Japan are eligible (a certificate is required for children studying abroad).
- If the recipient of the allowance changes, a new application is required. Please inquire for details.

Public servants cannot apply in Kanazawa City. Please apply at your workplace.

Allowance Amount (monthly sum)

Qualifying Group	Families who make below the income limit (allowance)	Families who exceed the income limit (special stipend)	Families who exceed the <u>maximum</u> limit
Under 3 years old (until the end of the month they turn 3)	15,000 yen	5,000 yen per child	Not applicable
From the age of 3 to the end of elementary school (first and second child)	10,000 yen		
From the age of 3 to the end of elementary school (third child and after)	15,000 yen		
Middle school	10,000 yen		

※ The oldest child that is still under 18 (until the first March 31st after they turn 18) is considered the first child.

※ Maximum income limits have been instituted for the special stipend to be distributed in October 2022. For further details about the income limitations, please refer to the next pages.

Child Allowance Bank Transfers

Date of Transfer	June 15th	October 15th	February 15th
Target Months	February-May	June-September	October-January

※ If the 15th is a holiday for banks, the transfer will take place on the preceding business day.

※ No notification of the transfer will be given, so please confirm the transfer via your bankbook.

※ If you move out of Kanazawa, you will receive the allowance up through the month of your intended move-out date (usually, it will be transferred the following month).

– For Inquiries –

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Required Documents for Application

1. Child Allowance Authorization Application Form (available at the offices above and on the city's website)
2. Identification Documents
 - ① **For the applicant (the parent with the continually highest income)**
 - The applicant's identification documents:
A document with photo identification (My Number Card, driver's license, passport, etc.)
OR
Two documents without photo identification (health insurance card, pension handbook, employee identification card, Mother and Child Health Handbook, etc.)
 - ② **For a proxy of the applicant**
 - Document verifying your authority to be a proxy (authorization letter or the applicant's health insurance card)
 - The **proxy's** identification documents:
A document with photo identification (My Number Card, driver's license, passport, etc.)
OR
Two documents without photo identification (health insurance card, pension handbook, employee identification card, Mother and Child Health Handbook, etc.)
3. **Applicant's** Health Insurance Card or Pension Subscription Certificate (not required for members of the national pension system)
※The spouse's insurance card and the child's insurance card cannot be accepted.
4. Document showing the applicant's and the spouse's My Number (e.g. My Number Card, notification card, My Number notice etc.)
5. **Applicant's** personal bank (savings) account bankbook or a document with the account number
6. Proof of Custody While Living Separately (in case the resident registration areas of the applicant and child(ren) are not the same)
※You will also need to provide your child's My Number.

Allowance re-evaluation at the start of the fiscal year

Every June, custody status and income information are re-evaluated to verify eligibility for the childhood allowance. You will be notified if the allowance amount changes or if you are no longer eligible to receive the allowance because of income reasons. *If there are no changes to your qualifying status or allowance amount, you will not be notified.

As of the 2022 fiscal year, you are no longer required to submit a State of Affairs Notice for the purposes of re-evaluation, unless you fall into one of the following categories:

- You need to receive payment in a municipality other than the one you are registered to due to extenuating circumstances such as domestic violence.
- You are living apart from your spouse because you are in the middle of divorce proceedings.
- You are living apart from your child
- Your spouse's Certificate of Residence belongs to a different municipality
- Etc.

You will be notified by post if you need to submit a State of Affairs Notice. **Please make sure you submit the notice, or else you will no longer receive the childhood allowance past June.**

Income Limitations

Screening for the April/May 2023 allowances will be based on your 2022 fiscal year (January 2021 - December 2021) income and screening for the June 2023 allowances will be based on your 2023 fiscal year (2022) income.

1. In this situation, income refers to:

- For self-employed persons → Your earnings after business expenses are subtracted
- For salaried Employees → The “income after employment income deduction” as shown on your tax-withholding certificate (not your gross salary income)
- If you have additional income from the following sources, add the amount to your salary:
Retirement income (consolidated tax), forestry income, business income from land, etc., long-term capital gains, short-term capital gains, misc. income from forward trading, special exception interest, special exception dividends, interest from the application of a tax treaty, dividends from the application of a tax treaty

2. Deductions:

You will be screened based on your income as defined in (1) minus a flat fee of ¥80,000 (corresponding with the social insurance premiums as mandated by law). Deductions are also available in the event of:
※Miscellaneous losses, medical expenses, premiums such as for small business mutual aid, people with disabilities, widowed people, single parents, and working students.

※The income for a salaried worker or a recipient of a state pension will receive a deduction of a flat fee of ¥100,000 for the purpose of this screening.

3. Income Limitations Chart:

Subtract deductions (2) from your income (1) and compare the result to the following chart.

※The number of dependents is as defined under the Income Tax Act.

Number of Dependents	(1) Income Limit		(2) Maximum Income Limit	
	Income (in units of ¥10,000)	Estimated Earnings (in units of ¥10,000)	Income (in units of ¥10,000)	Estimated Earnings (in units of ¥10,000)
0 (i.e. pregnant with child the previous year)	622	833.3	858	1071
1 (i.e. 1 child)	660	875.6	896	1124
2 (i.e. 1 child + 1 person with income less than ¥1,030,000)	698	917.8	934	1162
3 (i.e. 2 children + 1 person with income less than ¥1,030,000)	736	960	972	1200
4 (i.e. 3 children + 1 person with income less than ¥1,030,000)	774	1002	1010	1238
5 (i.e. 4 children + 1 person with income less than ¥1,030,000)	812	1040	1048	1276

If your income is below the income limit (1):

- You qualify for the allowance.

If your income is above the income limit (1) but below the maximum limit (2):

- You qualify for a special stipend as stipulated by a supplementary provision of the law (¥5,000 per month per child).

If your income is above the maximum limit (2):

- You do not qualify for the allowance.

4. Other

- If you are no longer qualified to receive the allowance, you may file a new Authorization Application Form in the following circumstances:
 - In the following fiscal year, your income decreases below the maximum limit (reapply the following May)
 - You submit a change of income notice, and your new income is below the maximum limit (reapply after you submit the notice ASAP)

Additional paperwork in case of changes

If any of the following apply to you as a recipient of the childhood allowance, please fill out the appropriate paperwork promptly. **If you do not apply within 15 days from the day after the change occurs (birth, withdrawing from a facility, intended move-out date, etc.), you may not receive the allowance for certain months.**

Change in Situation	Required Paperwork
If the number of children in your household increases	Revision of Disbursement Amount Application Form ※You will also need the health insurance card of the applicant.
If you no longer live in the same location as your child(ren) (only if you have custody of them)	Proof of Custody While Living Separately ※You will also need to provide your child's My Number Card
If you lose custody of your child(ren)	Cessation of Reason for Disbursement Notice or Revision of Disbursement Amount Application Form
If your child(ren) enter(s) a Child Welfare Facility	Cessation of Reason for Disbursement Notice or Revision of Disbursement Amount Application Form
If your child(ren) leave(s) a Child Welfare Facility	Authorization Application Form or Revision of Disbursement Amount Application Form
If you become a public servant	Cessation of Reason for Disbursement Notice ※ Submit a new application from your workplace.
If your my Number or someone else's My Number (e.g. spouse or child's) is registered, changed, or removed. For example when: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• your spouse's My Number is registered after Marriage.• your spouse's My Number is removed because of divorce.• etc.	My Number Change Notice
If your bank transfer account information changes. If the account holder's name changes, (e.g. because of marriage).	Application for Change in Bank Transfer Disbursement Information Form (Only the applicant's name can be changed.)
If you move outside the city of Kanazawa	Submit a new application to your new municipality.
You are a recipient with a child under 3 and your pension has changed	Revision Notice

※ If you move within the city of Kanazawa, you are not required to fill additional paperwork (unless if you will be living separately from your child(ren)).

Inquiries

Office	Address	Phone	Hours
City Hall Child-Rearing Support Section	1-1-1 Hirosaka	220-2285	9:00-17:45
City Hall Citizens' Section		220-2241	
Morimoto Branch Office	33 Minami-morimoto-machi Nu	258-1130	8:30-17:15
Kanaiwa Branch Office	3-14 Kanaiwadori-machi	267-0001	
Saigawa Branch Office	-67-1 Sue-machi	229-0001	
Yasuhara Branch Office	1067 Fukumasu-machi-kita	249-2001	
Nuka Branch Office	3-1-1 Nukadani	298-0045	
Oshino Branch Office	2-464 Yokaichi	241-2559	
Asakawa Branch Office	2-3 Tagami No Sato	221-3344	
Shinkanda Branch Office	4-3-10 Shinkanda (Kanazawa Shinkanda Government Building 1F)	291-6266	
Minato Branch Office	3-5-9 Minato	239-2211	
Hon-machi Branch Office	1-5-3 Hon-machi (Rifare 2F)	260-0365	
Omicho Branch Office	88 Aokusa-machi (Omicho Market Hall 4F)	260-0250	
Izumino Branch Office	1-2-22 Izumigaoka	242-8552	
Izumino Health and Welfare Center		242-1131	
Motomachi Branch Office	1-12-12 Moto-machi	252-0257	
Motomachi Health and Welfare Center		251-0200	
Ekinishi Branch Office	3-4-25 Sainen (Kanazawa Healthcare Center)	234-5141	
Ekinishi Health and Welfare Center		234-5103	