

## 2. If you are continuing to claim child allowance

You only need to submit a Notification of Current Status for child allowance if one of the following applies to you:

- You care for a child who does not have a family register or residence record.
- You are settling a divorce and not living with your spouse.
- You are a guardian or care facility currently receiving the allowance for the child in your care.
- Fukuoka City asks you to submit a notification.

### Notes:

- Fukuoka City sends Notifications of Current Status forms and reminders in early-June every year to people who must submit them. You will not get the allowance after June if you do not submit a Notification of Current Status.
- You will lose your eligibility to get child allowance and will not be able to apply to get any missed past payments if you are required to submit a Notification of Current Status but do not submit one for 2 years.

## 3. You must notify your ward office when:

- you get **married** or **divorced**.
- the person claiming child allowance, their spouse or child for whom the allowance is being claimed **changes their name**.
- the person claiming child allowance, their spouse or child for whom the allowance is being claimed **changes address**.  
→ **You need to submit your notification if:**
  - you no longer live with the child for whom the allowance is being claimed;
  - you and your child currently live at an address in Fukuoka City not on your residence record and move;
  - you are moving out of Fukuoka City (including overseas); or;
  - your spouse or child who lives outside of Fukuoka City changes address.
- you are caring for a child under 3 years old and **the type of your pension scheme has changed**.
- you no longer care for the child regardless of living with the child or not.
- you have **been designated to care for a child in Japan** by the child's parents who live overseas.

**△ Be aware that you will be asked to return any overpayments caused by the lack of prompt submission of your notification.**

## Income restrictions

As of June 2022 (October 2022 payment), child allowance is discontinued for people with annual incomes that exceed level 2.

**Note: Submit an application to the Child Rearing Support Section at your local ward office if your annual income drops back below level 2 the year after your allowance was discontinued due to your income exceeding level 2.**

The amount of child allowance to be paid is determined by your annual income.

- If your annual income is below level 1, you will receive child allowance of either ¥10,000 or ¥15,000 per child per month.
- If it is at level 1 or above but below level 2, you will receive set special benefits of ¥5,000 per child per month.
- If it is at level 2 or above, no allowance or benefits will be paid.

	① Level 1		② Level 2	
	Annual Income (million¥)	Annual Revenue (million¥)	Annual Income (million¥)	Annual Revenue (million¥)
0 (No children at the end of the previous year)	6.22	8.333	8.58	10.71
1 (1 child)	6.60	8.756	8.96	11.24
2 (1 child and spouse whose annual income is less than ¥1.03 million)	6.98	9.178	9.34	11.62
3 (2 children and spouse whose annual income is less than ¥1.03 million)	7.36	9.60	9.72	12.00

\*The number of dependents is based on the number of spouses and dependent relatives as defined in the Income Tax Act (herein "dependents"). Children in foster care or child care facilities are not classed as dependents; however, children who are not defined as dependent but were living under your financial support as of December 31, 2021, are classed as dependent. An additional 380,000 yen per person (limited to spouses aged 70 or over with the same financial arrangement) or 440,000 yen (if the elderly dependent is not your spouse) may be added to your base income amount, according to the number of your dependents.

\*Your annual revenue is calculated based only on your gross annual salary. The assessment will be based on the amount of annual income, which is a figure after various deductions have been made.

**Inform us if you wish to receive the allowance via your bank account registered on Mynportal.**

## Child Allowance System in Fukuoka City

*Apply for child allowance at your local ward office*



**Notification of Current Status will not be required in most cases!**

**Fukuoka City Child Allowance Call Center**

**Tel: 092-711-5484**

(Open: from May 10 until October 31, 2023)

**Child Rearing Support Section at:**

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

Child allowance application available online.

Fukuoka City Child allowance online application

\* There is a quick and easy process for individuals who wish to donate part or all of their child allowance payments to Fukuoka City to support the healthy development of children in the city.

## About Child Allowance

### 1. Who is eligible?

Anyone caring for a child can claim child allowance until the child graduates from junior high school (until the first March 31 after their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday).

#### As a rule:

- If both parents care for the child, the allowance is paid to the parent with the highest regular income (the principal earner).
- The child must live or be registered as a resident in Japan.

### 2. How much do I get?

Age of Child	Amount*1 (per child per month)
Under 3 years old	¥15,000
3 years old – final year of elementary school	¥10,000 (¥15,000 for third child and after*2)
Junior high school	¥10,000

\*1 If the annual income of the person caring for the child is between the annual income level 1 and the level 2, the person will get set special benefits of ¥5,000 per month. If the person earns an annual income that exceeds the level 2, no payment will be made. (Unless otherwise specified, the term child allowance in this document also refers to special benefits. See overleaf for details on income levels.)

\*2 “Third child and after” refers to your any children that you care for up until they graduate from high school (up until the first March 31 after their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday) who was born after your second.

### 3. When do I get the allowance?

As a general rule, you will be paid 4-months of payments in June, October and February.

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

Fukuoka City transfers payments on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. If the 10<sup>th</sup> is a public holiday, you will be paid on the previous financial business day.

E.g. If February 10 is a Sunday you will be paid on the previous business day: Friday, February 8.



Contact your ward office if any of the below apply!

1. Your child is living abroad.  
→the payment will be made only in some cases of your child studying abroad.
2. You are currently settling a divorce and are living separately from your partner.  
→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. You will start being paid from the month following your application. Apply as soon as you can.

#### Supporting documents required when applying

- A document verifying a bank account in your name. e.g. a copy of your bank book or cash card
- If you are caring for a child under 3 years old **and** a member of the Federation of National Public Service Personal Aid or the Pension Fund for Local Government Officials, a copy of your health insurance card or a document proving your enrollment in the national pension scheme.

#### What to take to the ward office

- A document confirming you and your spouse's My Numbers e.g. My Number card, a residence record that shows a My Number
- A document confirming the applicant's identification e.g. My Number card, health insurance card, driver's license

You may be required to submit other documents.

## 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 you have your first child

- 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).

### 3. When the number of children you care for increases and your allowance increases

- You must notify your local ward office of any event that changes how much child allowance you qualify for within 15 days of the day following the event.

### 4. When you move to another address in a different municipality

- You must apply at your new municipality 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 if you apply late, you cannot receive payments for the missed period or you will be asked to pay back any excess you have received.