

Notice on child allowance

The child allowance system will be revised in October 2024. After your *Notification of Current Status* has been approved, **you will receive your child allowance for June to September 2024 under the current system. You will receive your allowance from October 2024 under the new system.**

Due to the system revision, you may need to submit a new application for child allowance depending on your household's status. Please read the back of this leaflet to check if you need to apply. If you have a My Number Card, please apply online. If you want to apply by post, apply to **the Child Allowance Call Center**. Details of the October 2024 revisions are provided below. Please check them and submit a new application if required.

New child allowance system beginning October 2024

1. Expansion of child allowance system

① Eligible age for child allowance has been extended

The eligible age has been extended from junior high school to **high school age**.

△ Children are eligible for the child allowance until the end of March in the fiscal year they turn 18.

② Income restrictions have been removed

All households with children receive child allowance **regardless of the income of the principal earner**.

③ Monthly allowance for the third child and subsequent children increased

Previously, the additional coverage for the third child and beyond was from the age of 3 until the child graduated from elementary school. The new child allowance system expanded this age range; the new range is from birth to the end of March in the fiscal year the child turns 18. The current monthly allowance of ¥15,000 for the third child and beyond is increased to ¥30,000.

In addition, the method for determining the third and subsequent children has changed. If your first child is in the university-age group and financially dependent on you, they will be included when counting the number of children in your household. The third and subsequent children, counted from this first child, will be eligible for the additional monthly allowance.

△ Children in the university age-group will be included when counting the number of children in your household until the end of March in the fiscal year they turn 22.

④ The frequency of payment increased

Under the new system, child allowance will be distributed **six times within a fiscal year, in April, June, August, October, December, and February**. The first payment after the new system is implemented will be made on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024. This payment covers the allowance for October and November, 2024.**

2. Monthly child allowance payment under the new system

	Under 3 years old	3 to 18 years old (until the end of March in the fiscal year the child turns 18)
1 st and 2 nd child	¥15,000	¥10,000
3 rd child and subsequent children	¥30,000	

△ 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.

“3rd child and subsequent children” refers to children eligible for child allowance, who are considered the 3rd child or beyond until the end of March that follows the 1st child's 22nd birthday.

To reach Fukuoka City's website on child allowance, search

Fukuoka City Child Allowance



or scan the QR code.

Inquiries:

Fukuoka City Child Allowance Call Center

Tel: 092-711-5484 Fax: 092-733-2504

Opening hours: 9:30 to 17:30

(Open weekdays only. Lines open until 19:00 on Mondays.)

△ Call Center open until March 31, 2025 (Mon)

3. Who needs to submit a new application?

① People who need to apply for additional child allowance

You must apply for additional child allowance if you fall under the following criteria:

- You are currently receiving child allowance; and
- You have a high school-age child who is eligible for child allowance but has never received child allowance from Fukuoka City.

⚠ If your child's allowance was suspended because you stopped raising them for some reason, you need to re-apply for the allowance once you resume raising the child.

② People who need to submit the *Confirmation of Custody and Living Expenses* form

You must submit the *Confirmation of Custody and Living Expenses* form if you are covering the living expenses of a university-aged child who is included in the count of children in your household.

⚠ If you have a university-aged child who is employed but whose living expenses are mostly covered by you, this child is considered to be raised by you.

⚠ You do not need to submit the form if you are raising three or more children, all of whom are 18 years old or younger (high school-age group).

Scan below for
online application



4. FAQ about the new child allowance system

Q. I am currently receiving set special benefits but do I need to apply for the child allowance?

If you currently receive set special benefits, you do not need to apply for the child allowance due to the removal of income restrictions. However, if you are raising three or more children who are university-aged or younger, you must submit the *Confirmation of Custody and Living Expenses* form. This form is necessary to include your high-school and university-aged children in the count of children in your household, to receive the additional allowance for your third child and subsequent children.

Q. I will be eligible for additional allowance for the third child and subsequent children. Do I need to apply for this?

If you have three or more children who are university-aged or younger, and if the university-aged children are financially dependent on you, you must submit a *Confirmation of Custody and Living Expenses* form. Once your submission is received and reviewed, the additional allowance for your third child and subsequent children will be provided.

⚠ You do not need to apply if you are raising three or more children, who are in the high school-age group.

Q. What are the requirements for my university-aged children to be included in the count of children in my household?

You must be considered as bearing the financial burden of raising three or more children, based on the following two factors:

- ① You provide daily care and necessary protection equivalent to custody.
- ② You cover a substantial portion of their living expenses.

5. Child allowance payment schedule

Allowance will be transferred to your bank account according to the following schedule.

October 10, 2024 (Thu):	Allowance for June to September 2024
December 10, 2024 (Tue):	Allowance for October and November 2024
February 10, 2025 (Mon):	Allowance for December 2024 and January 2025
April 10, 2025 (Thu):	Allowance for February and March 2025
June 10, 2025 (Tue):	Allowance for April and May 2025
August 8, 2025 (Fri):	Allowance for June and July 2025

⚠ If you fail to submit the required documents, your payments may be suspended.

If you are currently receiving child allowance, you need to submit the following:

■ Notification of Current Status: To continue receiving the allowance.

⚠ In principle, you don't need to submit a Notification of Current Status from FY2022. However, your status will continue to be reviewed using public registers and other documents under the new system. You may still need to submit the notification to determine the principal earner.

■ Amount Revision Request Form: If the number of children you are raising has increased or decreased.

■ Amount Revision Request Form: If you no longer cover the living expenses of a child in the university-age group who is included in the count of children in your family.

■ Petition for Custody of a Child with Separate Living Arrangements: If you live separately from your child eligible for child allowance.

■ Notification of Change in Name or Address: When you or your children's family registers were revised due to divorce or other reasons.

■ Notification of Change in Name or Address: When the pension plan you are enrolled in has changed due to employment or retirement.

■ Notification of Termination of Eligibility for Child Allowance: When you have become a civil servant.