

Information Concerning the Child Allowance for Foreign Residents

The newly enacted “Act on Special Measures Concerning Payment of a Child Allowance of 2011” came into force as of October 2011.

Under this Act, in order to receive a child allowance, everyone, including those who have already received an allowance, is required to apply for approval of eligibility.

Unless an application is submitted, the allowance will not be paid after October 2011.

The monthly payment per child will be changed from ¥13,000 to ¥15,000 for a child under the age of 3, ¥10,000 for a child aged 3 or over until completing elementary school education (¥15,000 for the third child or more in this category), and ¥10,000 for a junior high school student.

The payment of the allowance will be made to a designated bank account in February (for October to January), and June (for February and March).

Those who are eligible for the child allowance are defined as those who have domicile within Japan. Therefore, foreign residents who have completed registration based on the Alien Registration Act and maintained residence status in Japan for more than one year are eligible for the allowance, excluding those whose residence status is short-period stay or for entertainment purposes and those whose residence period has been designated as less than one year.

However, after October 2011, the child also is required to reside in Japan for eligibility. Those who had been eligible for receiving a child allowance until September 2011 because they have custody of a child who resides overseas will no longer be entitled in principle.

If a foreign resident who receives a child allowance leaves Japan without a re-entry permit as stipulated by Article 26 of the Immigration Control Act or is not able to re-enter Japan within the period of validity for the re-entry permit, the eligibility for the child allowance will be terminated from the day when he/she leaves Japan, and

the payments made previously should be returned.

Those who have already received a child allowance will receive an "Application Form for Approval" around October 20th by post. If you qualify under the eligibility requirements, please fill out necessary sections on the form and return it in the enclosed envelope.

If in the future your status changes and you then qualify under the requirements and become eligible for a child allowance, please visit Public Health & Welfare Services Section of the Ward Office covering your domicile with your health insurance card and a bankbook for your account to which the payment would be transferred.

Apply for the Child Allowance at the Ward Office Covering Your Domicile

Ward	Section/Subsection in charge	Address	Tel
Moji	Public Health & Welfare Services Section (Child/Home Consultation Subsection)	〒801-8510 1-1-1 Kiyotaki, Moji-ku	331-1881 Ext. 414
Kokurakita		〒803-8510 1-1 Otemachi, Kokurkita-ku	582-3434 (Direct line)
Kokuraminami		〒802-8510 5-1-2 Wakazono, Kokuraminami-ku	951-4111 Ext. 410
Wakamatsu		〒808-8510 1-1-1 Hamamachi, Wakamatsu-ku	761-5321 Ext. 408
Yahatahigashi		〒805-8510 1-1-1 Chuo, Yahatahigashi-ku	671-0801 Ext. 408
Yahatanishi		〒806-8510 15-1 Tsutsuimachi, Yahatanishi-ku	642-1441 Ext. 406
Tobata		〒804-8510 1-1-1 Senbo, Tobata-ku	871-1501 Ext. 407

Those who want to apply but cannot speak Japanese or who have problems or other matters for consultation may contact the following organization:

Kitakyushu International Association (KIA)

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