

Based on information as of February 5, 2021

I. Public Assistance

·Covered resident status: Those who have no activity restriction in Japan such as; special permanent resident, permanent resident, spouse of Japanese national, spouse of permanent resident, long-term resident, refugee status.

·Conditions: A person who is unable to find employment, or unable to earn money to cover the necessary living expenses despite working. A person is unable to earn enough money to cover the necessary living expenses despite utilizing social security benefits, such as pension and others. Assets such as real property, vehicle, and savings are not available for immediate use.

Minimum Cost of Living	
Income from pension, childcare allowance, etc.	Welfare benefit to be paid

·Contact: Consult with the welfare office at your local municipal office. There are many other rules to determine eligibility of public assistance. Consult with welfare office first. Applications are accepted where your residence card address is.

Merits: Minimum cost of housing and living is given, as well as medical treatment and nursing care expenses are aided by public funds.

Note: Your unstable livelihood can be an unfavorable element in renewal of your resident status.

2. Living Welfare Fund Loans Contact: municipal social welfare council

<Emergency Petty Cash Fund>

·Eligibility: Households facing a decrease in income due to work suspension resulted from the COVID-19.

·Loan amount: 200,000 yen for school closure or special case for private business owner. 100,000 yen for other cases.

·Maturity: 2 years or less

<Comprehensive Support Fund>

Eligibility: Households experiencing financial hardship due to reduction in income or unemployment caused by the COVID-19.

Max loan: 200,000 yen/month for 2–people household, 100,000 yen/month for single person household.

Maturity: 10 years or less

*Resident tax–exempt households at around the maturity date may be exempt from having to pay off the loan.

3. Cash Payout to Secure Housing (within Ibaraki Prefecture)



Eligibility: Those who have been unemployed or business closed down in the past two years, or are in similar situations. (You may be asked to disclose your pay statement)

Payment period: For 3 months (can be extended up to 9 months if the person is seeking employment)

Contact: Self-support advisory organization in your municipality (social welfare department or social welfare council)

Payment amount: Single person household: maximum 34,000 yen, two–people household: maximum 41,000 yen, three to five people household: maximum 44,000 yen.

Government pays for the housing rent within the range of standard amount.

※ Supplemental information about payment amount

Upper limit of rent is paid to those who earn equal or lower monthly income than standard amount (A).

Those who earn monthly income between standard amount (A) and income standard amount (B) receive amount calculated by the formula below.

Amount=Actual rent (excluding service charge)+Standard amount (A)–household income

Size of household	Standard amount (A)	Standard income amount (B)
1 person	78,000	112,000
2 people	115,000	156,000
3 people	140,000	184,000
4 people	175,000	219,000
5 people	209,000	253,000

•Financial Assets (the total amount of deposits and savings of the household) must be equal or less than the following amount: Single household 468,000 yen , two–people household 690,000 yen, three–people household 840,000 yen, 4–5 people 1 mil. yen.

4. Child Allowance



Eligibility: Person raising a child before graduating secondary school.

Payment amount: Under 3 years old -- 15,000 yen, from 3 years until graduating elementary school -- 10,000 yen (15,000 yen for the third child and on), secondary school -- 10,000 yen.

Payment timing: Every June, October, and February for the four-month period.

Contact: Municipal office

5. Child Rearing Allowance



•Eligibility: Single-parent households, not receiving public pensions.

•Conditions: Father, mother, or foster parent taking custody of a child before reaching 18 years old (until the first March 31 after reaching 18) with following conditions;

Parents have been divorced, father or mother has passed away, father or mother has a certain degree of disability, father or mother is missing, etc.

*Marriage and divorce need to be legally granted without continuing de facto relationship.

•Monthly allowance (full subsidy) : 1st child 43,160yen, 2nd child +10,190yen, 3rd child onward +6,110yen/child.

•Contact: Municipal office

6. Financial Assistance for School



Conditions: Parents of students in elementary or secondary school, who need financial assistance in such families as:

-facing living difficulties after welfare benefit system is suspended or cancelled.

-guardian's unemployment or long-term illness is causing significant low income.

-the total income of household of the previous year is lower than certified base amount

•Granted supplies: School supplies, school supplies for enrollment, school lunches, school trip fees.

•Contact: Elementary / secondary school or municipal education board

7. Special Cash Payout for Families with Children



•Eligible persons: Recipients of child allowance in April 2020

•Amount of payment: 10,000 yen per eligible child

•The eligible person will be notified by the municipality where you reside as of March 31, 2020

8. Temporary Special Cash Payout for Low Income, Single-Parent Households

- Eligible persons: ① those who received childcare allowance for June 2020, ②those who received public pensions, etc. and allowances for childcare for June 2020 will be suspended in full, ③ those who receive the same level of income as those receiving childcare allowance, as a result of a sudden change in household finances due to the influence of the COVID-19
- Amount of payment: 50,000 yen per household. Additional 30,000 yen per child from the second child.
- Application: Not required for ①. ② and ③ are required to apply to local municipality.

9. Injury and Illness Allowance

- Conditions: Those who are enrolled in national health insurance, cannot work because of injury or illness that is not work related, and have been absent from work for four days and longer.
- ※Dependents of health insurance holder and those who are not enrolled in social insurance are exempt.
- Payment period: Up to one year and six months.
- Amount of payment: $1/30$ of averaged monthly income of last 12 months $\times 2/3 \times$ days to be paid
- Contact: Your employer or health insurance provider (health insurance association, insurance union, etc.)
- ※The allowance may also be paid to those who are infected with the coronavirus and those who are absent from work from having fever.

10. Monetary Aid for Business Suspension Due to Prevention of the COVID-19

- Eligible persons: Workers in SMEs who were forced to leave work due to the influence of the COVID-19 and measures to prevent its spread and who were not able to receive wages(leave allowances) during the period of leave. Those who are not insured are also eligible.
- Amount of Payment: 80% or pre-leave wages (up to 330,000 yen per month).
- Contact: Check website of Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare. Apply on-line or by postal mail.

★Check list of eligibilities

	Resident status	Tax delinquency
1. Welfare Benefit System	See Page 1	No requirement on tax delinquency
2. Living Welfare Fund Loans	Eligible regardless of your visa status under certain requirements	There's a chance of obtaining a loan even with unpaid tax
3. Housing Security Benefit	Eligible regardless of your visa status under certain requirements	No requirement on tax delinquency
4. Child Allowance	Mid to long term residents / special permanent residents. Ineligible after losing residency status	No requirement on tax delinquency
5. Child Rearing Allowance	Mid to long term residents / special permanent residents. Ineligible after losing residency status	No requirement on tax delinquency
6. Financial Assistance for School	Eligible regardless of your visa status under certain requirements	Not approved in case of unpaid inhabitant tax
7. Special Cash Payout for Families with Children	Eligible with receiving child allowance in April 2020	
8. Temporary Special Cash Out for Low-Income, Single-Parent Households	Eligible with receiving child rearing allowance in June 2020	
9. Injury and Illness Allowance	Eligible with enrolling social insurance regardless of visa status	No requirement on tax delinquency
10. Monetary Aid for Business Suspension due to Prevention of the COVID-19	Legal workers in Japan with resident status. Technical Intern Trainees are also eligible.	No requirement on tax delinquency

※ Mid to long term residents refer to foreign nationals who do not come under any of the following ① to ⑤.

- ① Persons granted permission to stay for 3 months or less
- ② Persons granted “Temporary Visitor”, “Diplomat” or “Official” status
- ③ Persons recognized by Ministry of Justice ordinance as equivalent to the foreign nationals in① and ②.
- ④ Special permanent residents
- ⑤ Persons with no resident status

Examples of “Mid to long term residents”: permanent resident, long-term resident, spouse of Japanese national, those whose employment status is “engineer”, “specialist in humanities/international services”, etc.

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