

# Child Allowance and Children’s Medical Subsidy Program

Please note that according to the ‘My Number’ Individual Identity Number System introduced in January 2016, those applying for “Child Allowance” and “Children’s Medical Subsidy Program” will be asked to provide documents to verify the identity and the individual identity number of themselves and their spouse, etc.

## Child Allowance (Jido-teate)

When there is a change in the number of children eligible for the child allowance program due to childbirth etc., or when a beneficiary who has been receiving child allowance from another municipality moves to Ota City, a fresh application must be made to the Ota City office to receive the allowance. Please file an application within 15 days (The count includes the year-end, New Year holidays and other closure days.)from the day following the date of childbirth / beneficiary’s scheduled date of moving-out from another municipality. As a general rule, the payment of child allowance will begin from the month following the month in which the application is filed.

If an application is filed in a month following the month in which the event takes place, the payment of child allowance will begin from the month in which the application is filed as long as it is filed within 15 days from the day following the day on which the event takes place. Please note that if you file an application after 15 days, the payment of child allowance for certain months may not be received, so please be aware when there is a childbirth or change of address in the latter half of the month.

Applications for child allowance are accepted even if all the required documents are not provided so please apply as early as you can.

### 1.Eligibility requirements

Child allowance is provided to parents or guardians of Ota City raising children up to the high school age (until the first March 31 after they turn 18 years old). The children must be those who live in Japan. Please note that when both mother and father financially support the eligible child, the one who has the higher income will be regarded as the beneficiary.

※If the applicant (beneficiary) is a public employee, he/she needs to file an application in his/her place of employment.

※Please contact Childcare Support Division, Childcare Support Section (Medical Care for Children) in any of the following cases

- (1) Your child is on a study-abroad program
- (2) Your child is taken care of by a person other than the parent(s)
- (3)You are currently separated from your spouse together with the child and you are on the process of divorce (including those have divorced).
- (4) You are currently separated from your spouse together with the child due to violence from spouse

### 2.Income limit

Due to the revision of the Child Allowance Act in October 2024 (Reiwa 6), the income limit (special allowance(Tokurei-kyuhu), exceeding the income ceiling limit) will be abolished, and all recipients will receive the standard benefit (Child Allowance).

### 3.Amount of child allowance (monthly payment)

◇High school age refers to the children from the first end of school year after they turn 15 years old until the first end of school year after they turn 18 years old. .

*Note:* The “3<sup>rd</sup> child” refers to the third child of a household where all children (until the first March 31st after they turn 18 years of age) are counted.

*Note:* To count a child, who is between the end of school years after he/she turns 18 years old until the end of school year after he/she turns 22 years old, as eligible, submission of a “Confirmation letter regarding the burden of custodial care and living expenses” is required. (It is only for cases that the total number of children, including those who are between 18 years old and the end of the year at 22 years old, and those who are of school age, exceeds two.)

| Age of child   | 1st and 2nd child   | 3rd child and above |
|--|---|---------------------|
| 0 ～under age 3   | 15,000 yen / month  | 30,000 yen / month  |
| From 3 years old to high school age  | 10,000 yen / month  |                     |
| From the end of the school year after the child turns 18 years old until the end of the school year after the child turns 22 years old | The child is included when we count the total number of children in the household, when we determine the eligibility for the additional payment for “the third child”, even though the child is not eligible for Child Allowance payment. |                     |

### 4 Time of payment

| Time of payment | Months eligible for payment      | Time of payment | Months eligible for payment      |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| February        | Payment for December and January | August          | Payment for June and July        |
| April           | Payment for February and March   | October         | Payment for August and September |
| June            | Payment for April and Ma y       | December        | Payment for October and November |

As a general rule, child allowance payments are made to the bank account of the applicant (beneficiary) in 6 times a year(Even-numbered months).

Every year in June, we will check your Current Status with the Public Registry in order to decide whether the Child Allowance payment should continue.

### 5. Application method

Please submit an application in person or by mail or electronic application to the Childcare Support Division, Childcare Support Section's Counter.

\* Electronic application through computers and smartphones are available.

Please search with the word ぴったりサービス .An electronic signature is required.

A proxy letter will be required for proxy applications that are filed at the Childcare Support Division, Childcare Support Section’s Counter by someone who is not a member of the applicant's (beneficiary's) household. Even a spouse of the applicant (beneficiary), he/she needs a proxy letter if he/she does not share the same household.

For those filing an application by mail, the date on which the application reaches the Childcare Support Division, Childcare Support Section will be regarded as the date of application. You will not receive the payment, if the necessary documents do not alive before the deadline due to postal delays or non-delivery. So please complete the procedure as early as possible. If you are concerned about postal accidents, it is recommended to send your documents by Simple Registered Mail (Kani-Kakitome) with which you can track the delivery.

Notifications related to move-in and childbirth are also accepted through Ota City branch offices.

### <Required items>

|   | Conditions  | Necessary Documents   |
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| ① | All applicants  | ◇Child Allowance or Special Child Allowance application form (new applications), or application form or notification of payment amendment (increase/reduction).<br>◇Ordinary deposit bank account details of the applicant (the person with the highest income in the household).( This is not necessary for those who wish to use their registered account for public funds receipt)<br>◇Identity verification documents for the person visiting the facility (If by postal mail, send a copy of your identification document)<br>◇Applicant and spouse’s “My Number(individual number)”confirmation documents |
| ② | If addresses of applicant and child differ  | ◇Statement of Child Custody for Child Allowance or Special Child Allowance.   |
| ③ | If there are more than 3 children, including those who are between the end of school year after they turn 18 years old and the end of school year after they turn 22 years old. | ◇Confirmation Letter regarding the Burden of Custodial Care and Living Expenses   |

◇Please be aware that in certain circumstances you may be asked to provide other documentation.

◇If you have difficulty preparing the required documents, please contact our office in advance.

◇If it is difficult to submit My Number verification documents, a staff in-charge will check it.

### 6. Please notify us of changes that take place after the allowance begins

Please notify Ota City office when:

- When you come to have a spouse raising a child, or losing a spouse raising a child
- When the name of the beneficiary, spouse or child is changed
- When you are asked to submit a Current Status Notification (Genkyo Todoke)
- There is an increase / decrease in the number of eligible children due to childbirth, etc.
- In the case of changes to the qualified recipients due to divorce etc..
- The beneficiary no longer shares the same household with the eligible child
- The beneficiary becomes a full-time public employee
- The child is placed in or leaves a childcare institution
- The registered bank account of the beneficiary needs to be changed (Please note that the bank account must be the one that is held by the beneficiary.)
- When you no longer provide custodial care for the child who is counted as a total number of children in the household

Please note that when a beneficiary moves out to another municipality, he / she will lose eligibility for the child allowance program processed by Ota City from the scheduled date of moving-out.

Please file a fresh application in the municipality office of your new address within 15 days following the date of scheduled date of moving-out.