

Cash handout from the Japanese government

As part of its economic stimulus package in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Japanese government has decided to offer a one-time cash benefit to all residents in Japan.

- Cash amount: 100,000 yen
- Eligibility to apply: Residents who are on Japan's Basic Resident Register (the resident registration that is done at the municipal office) as of April 27, 2020 regardless of nationality.

Note:

1. If you just moved within Japan but your registration has not been transferred to your current municipality yet, register your new address at your current municipal office by April 27, 2020.
2. If you just came to Japan but have not registered your address at your municipal office yet, complete your resident registration by April 27, 2020.

■ Application:

An application form will be mailed to your registered address by the municipal office. (If you live with your family, the form will be addressed to the head of household.) Fill out the form providing your bank information and mail it back to the office. The cash handout will be paid to the bank account by wire transfer.

*If you have an Individual Number (My Number) card, you can apply online. Follow the instructions on the application form.

■ Application period

Application period: Determined by municipality and indicated on the application form.

Application due date: Within three months from the first day of the application period.

Fraud/scam warning

Please be alert to attempts of frauds or scams regarding the cash handouts.