

Child Rearing Allowance

Purpose	To promote the welfare of children by contributing to the stability and independence of families which are fatherless due to divorce, etc.																												
Recipient	A mother or other persons having custody of, and rearing a child (18 or younger, who has not yet reached March 31 after his/her 18th birthday, or one under 20 with specific disabilities) who does not share a common household income with the father due to the parents' divorce, etc.																												
Monthly allowance amounts	One child: ¥ 41,720 Two children: ¥ 46,720 Additional amount for the third child and after: ¥ 3,000																												
Income restrictions	Recipient's earnings for the previous year of less than ¥ 1,300,000 (two-person household) When the income is between ¥ 1,300,000 and ¥ 3,650,000, the amount of the allowance shall be reduced by ¥ 10 to ¥ 31,870 by the unit of ¥ 10 according to income. For guardians bringing up orphans, etc., earnings for the previous year of less than ¥ 6,100,000 (6-person household)																												
Method of provision	Based on the application by the person qualified to receive the allowance, the prefectural governor, mayor or head of town or village establishing a welfare office gives authorization and payment is made through a financial institution three times a year (April, August and December).																												
Provision situation (as of the end of FY 2007)	Number of recipients: 969,261 Breakdown by reason for receiving allowance <table style="margin-left: 20px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Lifelong separation:</td> <td style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">{</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Divorce:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">848,375</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Others:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,503</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Bereavement:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">8,671</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Unmarried mother:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">78,302</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Disabled father:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,621</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Deserted:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">4,337</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Others:</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">25,452</td> </tr> </table>	Lifelong separation:	{	Divorce:	848,375			Others:	1,503	Bereavement:			8,671	Unmarried mother:			78,302	Disabled father:			2,621	Deserted:			4,337	Others:			25,452
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