

Guidebook for *Jido Fuyo Teate* (Child Support Benefit)

The *Jido Fuyo Teate* (Child Support Benefit) program provides monetary support to eligible families, such as single-parent households, someone looking after a child/children in lieu of biological parents, parents who are severely disabled, etc., with a view to ensuring the healthy development of children.

1. Eligibility Criteria for *Jido Fuyo Teate*

Parents in custody of children or those who are rearing a child/children instead of biological parents eligible for *Jido Fuyo Teate* if their child/children meet any of the following conditions. Please note the *Jido Fuyo Teate* program is also available regardless of nationality.

*The term "child/children" refers to children until the last day of the fiscal year in which the child turns 18.

*If the child has a disability that is severer than moderate (equivalent to grade 2 disabilities for the Special *Jido Fuyo Teate* program), the eligible age will be raised to 20 years old.

[Conditions]*Regardless of nationality.

- ①The parents are divorced and not living with either parent. _____Divorce
- ②Either the mother or father is dead. _____Death
- ③Either the mother or father has a severe disability. _____Disability
- ④It is unknown whether the mother or father is dead or alive. _____Unknown Whereabouts
- ⑤Abandoned by the parents for over one year (including a victim of domestic violence). _____Abandoned
- ⑥The mother or father has received a restraining order. _____Protection
- ⑦The mother or father has been incarcerated for one year or longer. _____Incarceration
- ⑧Born out of wedlock. _____Unmarried
- ⑨The circumstance where the child was conceived is unknown. _____Other

■If Any Of The Following Is Applicable To You, You Are Not Eligible.

- ①Children are entrusted with foster parents or have been enrolled in child welfare facilities.
- ②Children, parents, or caregivers are no longer living in Japan.
- ③The father or mother is married, including a de facto marital relationship.
- ④The child/children is a dependent of the mother or father.
- ⑤The father or mother has the legal right to demand child support after divorce but has not done so in the past five years and longer.

*If the amount of pension is lower than that of *Jido Fuyo Teate*, the difference can be paid to qualifying households.

2. *Jido Fuyo Teate* Payment Amount

Type		Amount (as of Apr 2021)
Full Payment	Monthly	¥43,160
Partial Payment	Monthly	¥43,150 to ¥10,180



*The payment amount shown in the above table is the amount provided for one child.

For the second child, extra 5,100 JPY up to 10,190 JPY is added to the amount above, and for each additional child after the second one, extra 3,090 JPY up to 6,110 JPY is added.

*In terms of the partial payments of *Jido Fuyo Teate*, the amount is determined depending on the household income of an eligible family.

3. Income Limits (used to determine the *Jido Fuyo Teate* payment amount.)

If an applicant's income exceeds the income limits specified below, *Jido Fuyo Teate* payments would be suspended.

Maximum Income Limit Table

*The following table is used for applications filed between October 2021 and September 2022.

Number of Dependents	The Annual Income of 2020		
	Applicant		Applicant's Spouse or Support Obligor
	Full Payment	Partial Payment	
0 dependent	¥490,000	¥1,920,000	¥2,360,000
1 dependent	¥870,000	¥2,300,000	¥2,740,000
2 dependents	¥1,250,000	¥2,680,000	¥3,120,000
3 dependents	¥1,630,000	¥3,060,000	¥3,500,000
4 dependents	¥2,010,000	¥3,440,000	¥3,880,000
More than 5 dependents	¥380,000 added for each additional dependent	¥380,000 added for each additional dependent	¥380,000 added for each additional dependent

■ Additions To The Income Limits

① Applicant

- Spouses qualifying for senior deductions & senior relative dependents: 100,000 yen per person.
- Special relative dependents or dependents aged 16 to 18: 150,000 yen per person.

② Support Obligor, etc.

- Senior relative dependents: 60,000 yen per person.

■ How To Calculate Your Income Amount

Income Amount = Gross Annual Income – Essential Expenses (Deductions from Annual) + Childcare Expenses ^{※1}
– 80,000 JPY – Deductibles in the Table Below

Deductible Amount	Disability Deduction • Working Student Deduction: 270,000 JPY	Special Disability Deduction: 400,000 JPY
	Spouse Special Deduction • Medical Expense Deduction, etc.: The Amount Deducted Under the Local Tax Act	

**Deductions for widows and single parents" cannot be applied to applicants.

*80% of total childcare expenses the child receives from the father or mother who is support obligator.

4. Application Procedures for *Jido Fuyo Teate*

Please visit the Hikone Kodomoe Shien Ka (Childrearing Support Division) to complete necessary procedures to apply for the *Jido Fuyo Teate* program. The address is Hikone, Hirata-cho 670, Fukushi Center.

5. Payment Dates

Jido Fuyo Teate is paid to eligible households in six installments, and the payment cycle starts in the month following the month in which your application is filed. The amount for the previous two months is deposited into your bank account.

Payment Date (previous two months)
May 11 (March • April)
July 11 (May • June)
September 11 (July • August)
November 11 (September • October)
January 11 (November • December)
March 11 (January • February)



*If the payment date falls on the weekend or a holiday, the payment date will be pushed back to the previous weekday.

6. Procedures *Jido Fuyo Teate* Recipients Are Required To Do

The following procedures are essential to complete as a *Jido Fuyo Teate* recipient.

Gen Kyo Todoke (Eligibility Renewal)	All qualifying recipients of <i>Jido Fuyo Teate</i> must file a Gen Kyo Todoke form between August 1 and August 31. If you fail to do so for two years, you will lose your <i>Jido Fuyo Teate</i> eligibility.
Loss of Eligibility	Please read the caution below for further details.
Benefit Amount Adjustment	If any adjustments to the payment amount of <i>Jido Fuyo Teate</i> are needed, some paperwork has to be completed.
Loss of <i>Jido Fuyo Teate</i> Certificate	If the <i>Jido Fuyo Teate</i> certificate is lost, there is a need to complete paperwork at the relevant division of the Hikone city hall.
Other Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When changing your address, name, bank account, etc. ▪ A <i>Jido Fuyo Teate</i> recipient dies. ▪ When becoming a dependent of or separating from a high-income support obligator.

*Please note that if you put off completing necessary procedures, you may not be able to receive your *Jido Fuyo Teate* payment on time or may be ordered to return the money to the city.

Caution!

When any of the following conditions applies to you, you are no longer eligible and must renounce your *Jido Fuyo Teate* eligibility by completing required procedures. In case you leave required procedures undone even though you no longer qualify, regardless of where you are aware or not, you must return all the amount of the *Jido Fuyo Teate* benefit you have received since the month you lost your eligibility. Note that, depending on the circumstance, a criminal charge may be filed.

- ① The father or the mother who receives *Jido Fuyo Teate* has got married.
(This includes a de facto marital relationship and living together)
- ② No longer looking after the qualifying child.
(This includes the child who is looked after at a children welfare facility, entrusted to foster parents, etc.)
- ③ The father or the mother who abandoned their child has returned.
(This includes a phone call, letter, and other contacts to check on the child.)
- ④ The child now becomes a dependent of either the father or the mother.
(This includes the father or the mother has finished serving his/her sentence and been freed.)
- ⑤ Other conditions that disqualify the *Jido Fuyo Teate* eligibility.

- **Teate Certificate: Do not give or sell your *Jido Fuyo Teate* certificate to anyone.**
- **Criminal Penalty: If you falsified your application and received *Jido Fuyo Teate* benefits, you would be fined or sentenced to up to 3 years in jail.**

7. Suspension/Reduction of the *Jido Fuyo Teate* Amount

The benefit amount shall be cut by half if five years have passed since the month in which *Jido Fuyo Teate* payments started or seven years have passed since the month in which *Jido Fuyo Teate* eligibility criteria were met. Nonetheless, if you can meet the certain conditions, the benefit amount will not be reduced. If you receive any notifications related to this suspension/reduction of the benefit amount, be sure to submit a Child Support Benefit Payment Suspension Exemption Form by a due date.

Note that if you submit the form after the due date, you will not be able to receive the benefits retrospectively.

[A List of Required Documents to Exempt From the Amount Reduction]

- ① Document certifying that you are employed.
 - Employment Certificate, pay slip, a copy of employer-sponsored health insurance card, etc.
 - If self-employed, a copy of a tax return form or *Jieigyō Jujisha Tou Shinkokusho* form is required.
- ② Document certifying that you are looking for a job now.
 - A document certifying that you are engaging in job search, which is issued by Hello Work, etc.
 - An enrollment verification certificate issued by a job training school, etc.
- ③ Document certifying that due to disability, injury, disease, etc. it is difficult to work, etc.
 - A copy of a disability certificate, a doctor's letter, etc.
- ④ Document certifying that the recipient is unable to work due to nursing a family member.
 - A copy of a disability certificate the person who requires nursing care has, a medical certificate written by a doctor, a statement of disability recognition, etc.

Separate Chart:

A List of Disabilities That Meet Eligibility Criteria For *Jido Fuyo Teate*

The following is a list of disabilities considered severe that applies to the father or the mother.

**Jido Fuyo Teate* benefits can also be paid to households with two parents if either the father or the mother has a disability that meets one of the following.

1. Visual Impairment (Both eyes are worse than 0.04)
2. Hearing Impairment (Both ears are worse than 100 dB)
3. Both Upper Limbs Are Severely Disabled
4. All Fingers of Both Hands Have Been Lost
5. All Fingers of Both Hands Are Severely Disabled
6. Both Lower Limbs Are Severely Disabled
7. Both Lower Limbs Above The Ankle Joint Have Been Lost
8. Trunk Function Is Disabled To The Extent That The Ability To Sit Down And Stand Up Are Affected
9. Unable To Work, Requires Constant Care Due To Physical Disability
10. Unable To Work, Requires Constant Care Due to Mental Disability
11. Other Physical/Mental Disabilities Designated By The Ministry Of Health, Labor, And Welfare.

Inquires:

Hikone Childrearing Support Division

Zip Code: 522-0041

Hikone, Hirata-Cho, 670, Welfare Center, 2F

TEL 0749-26-0994 FAX 0749-26-1768

Hikone Single-Parent Support Service

“Kodomo Sukusuku Square”

Consultations are available via e-mail.

Scan the QR code or send an e-mail to the e-mail address below.

Mail:sukusuku@ma.city.hikone.shiga.jp

*Please write your name and what you are emailing us for.

