

Major Amendments In The *Kodomo Teate* (Child Allowance) Law Come Into Effect!

児童手当制度が改正され、現況届の提出義務が原則廃止されるとともに、特例給付の支給対象外となる所得上限限度額が創設されます。

1. Elimination of the Notification Form of Current Status (*Genkyo Todoke*)

The requirement for all child allowance recipients to submit the notification form of their current status (*Genkyo Todoke* in Japanese) every June to continue to receive the child allowance has been scrapped.

With that being said, please note that certain child allowance recipients who meet one of the following conditions are still required to submit the notification form of their current status.

***If any of the following is applicable to you, you are still required to submit the notification form of your current status.**

- Receiving the child allowance as a guardian of a minor.
- Receiving the child allowance while living separately from the spouse and a divorce case is pending.
- A place of residence is not Hikone City because of fleeing from the abusive spouse.
- Receiving the child allowance provided to the child who is living separately.
- Receiving the child allowance instead of the parent who is financially supporting the child.
(e.g. a grandparent)
- Receiving the child allowance provided to the child who has no family register or registered address.
- Receiving the child allowance through the mutual aid association (except the mutual aid association of private school teachers). *This applies to the recipients raising children under 3 yrs. olds only.
- The recipient is an orphanage, etc. (including foster parents.)
- Other cases in which Hikone City wants to know a recipient's current status.

*Individuals whose child allowance has been on hold because they failed to submit the notification form of current status back in fiscal 2020 and 2021 are required to submit the form.

***If there is any of the following changes in your status registered for the child allowance, be sure to notify the city immediately.**

- The name or address of the recipient, spouse, or child who is living outside Hikone City has changed (leaving Japan for a foreign nation is included).
- Having become a foster parent, step parent, etc. and looking after an adopted child.
- Having become a single parent due to the divorce.
- No longer raising any child who qualifies for the child allowance.
- A pending divorce case has been concluded.
- The recipient's pension type has changed. *This applies to the recipients raising children under 3 yrs. olds only.
- The recipient or spouse has become a public servant.

***If you have received an exceeding amount of the child allowance due to a failure to make changes in your status, that exceeding amount of money must be returned swiftly.**