

Notice regarding the national ¥100,000 special “fixed benefit” payment (tentative name)

In order to quickly and efficiently ease the economic burden on households that have been impacted by the spread of COVID-19, the government has announced the distribution of a ¥100,000 special “fixed benefit” payment as part of the national COVID-19 stimulus package.

Overview:

○Individuals registered on the Basic Resident Registration Network System as of April 27, 2020 are eligible to receive the ¥100,000 special “fixed benefit” payment. In the case of a registered household, the head of the household will receive the payment for the entire household (¥100,000 per eligible person)

○Applications should be made by the head of the household by post or online. Paper application forms will be sent to eligible households by the relevant government municipal office.

Applicants wishing to apply online need to have a My Number Card and should apply via the My Number Portal.

Applicants who are deemed eligible will receive a payment via bank transfer to the bank account indicated on the application form.

○ The application period and payment period are determined by the relevant municipal government. Applications will be accepted within 3 months from the start of postal application.

As of April 27, 2020, it has been confirmed that the payment will be available to all persons registered on the Basic Resident Registration Network System, including non-nationals. Additionally, Japanese students who have returned from a study abroad by the 27<sup>th</sup> of April will also be eligible once they notify the municipality of their return (even if they are only able to do so after April 27<sup>th</sup>).

It is possible that there will be an increase in fraudulent activity and scams. Please note that you will never be asked to input ATM information or to pay transaction fees.

Overview of the special “fixed benefit” payment (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication homepage (in Japanese))