

Free Infant Education and Childcare start in October, 2019

As part of the importance of early childhood education that cultivates the foundation of personality formation and as one of the countermeasures against the falling birthrate to reduce the burden of early childhood education, childcare fees will begin to be free of charge in October, 2019.

[Eligible persons]

- 3-5 years old children (all households regardless of income)
- 0-2 years old children in municipal tax-exempt households

[Eligible facilities and services]

The following facilities are free of charge

- Authorized childcare facilities (nursery school, certified child institution, kindergarten)
- Unauthorized childcare facilities, temporary childcare, sick childcare facilities, family support centers

【Please note!】

- Parents will continue to be charged for extended childcare, school lunches, bus fees, and other fees collected by the school.
- Supplementary food expenses that were included in part of the childcare fee for 3-5 year old children are collected separately from the childcare fee.
- Multiple services may not be available at the same time. Multiple services may not be available at the same time. Please contact the following for details.
- Depending on the facilities and services used, advance procedures are required. Please refer to the city of the home page for more information.

【About multi-child household reduction measures】

Currently, the city continues to implement approved childcare facilities (kindergarten, nursery school, certified child institution) for childcare charges (half-price for the second child and free after the third child) after October.

[About exemption of side meal costs]

All households with annual income of less than 3.6 million yen are exempt. In addition, households with an annual income equivalent to 3.6 million yen or more are exempt from the second child half price, and the third and subsequent children are exempt from the full amount. (* Limited to Authorized nurseries.)

[Contact / Application]

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Overview and Procedures of Free Infant education and childcare system

	Aged 0-2 children	Aged 3-5 children
Nursery schools, Certified child institutions (Long hours)	Free only for resident tax-exempt households No procedure is required *Cannot be used with other services	Free → No procedure is required *Cannot be used with other services
Kindergartens Certified child institutions (Short hours)	/	Free → No procedure is required Up to 11,300 yen per month free of charge when using temporary childcare *Application for “ Accreditation of for Facilities Use ” is required
Non-authorized childcare facilities		Free up to 37,000 yen per month *Application for “ Accreditation of Benefits for Facilities Use ” is required

[About application procedure of " Accreditation of Benefits for Facilities Use "]

This is a new certification that was made Free of charge system. In order to be eligible for the free system, you must fall under one of the following “reasons that require childcare” and receive “Certification of the need for childcare” in advance.

However, if you have applied for an authorized nursery school and wished to enter a nursery school or an authorized child institution (long hours), and you have not been able to enter, you do not need to apply again.

○Reasons that require childcare

Working (working hours 64 hours or more per month), pregnancy / childbirth, guardians' illness / disability, nursing for relatives living together, disaster recovery, job hunting, school attendance

* Attached documents necessary for application vary depending on the reason.