

List of Main Support Measures for those Affected by COVID-19

Information current as of August 31, 2020

Support Measures		Eligible Persons	Overview	Contact		
For individuals	Living support	For those struggling with living expenses	1. Special Cash Payment (national government) <div>Grant</div>	Those registered with the Basic Resident Registration System on the designated date (April 27, 2020)	• Across-the-board payment of 100,000 yen to all residents. Apply by post or online. (Applications have closed apart from Takayama City, Nakatsugawa City, Ena City & Gero City)	Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications/ your municipality
			2. Temporary Loan Emergency Fund (social welfare council) <div>Loan</div>	Households which have lost income due to the impact of COVID-19	• Special Emergency Small Amount Loans with an extended deferment period and repayment deadline, and no interest or guarantor.	Prefectural/ Municipal Social Welfare Council
			3. Housing Grant (national government) <div>Grant</div>	Those with reduced opportunities for earning income for reasons beyond their control	• Eligibility expanded from those who have lost their job within the last 2 years to include those who are facing similar circumstances due to the impact of COVID-19, and have lost their home or are at risk of losing their home as a result. • Grant equivalent to rent amount (e.g. for a single-person household in a prefectural town or village, up to 29,000 yen a month) for 3 months, in principle (conditional on income and assets).	Social Welfare Council, etc.
			4. Support Fund for Business Closures in Response to COVID-19 <div>Grant</div>	Workers at small-medium enterprises who were not paid wages (leave allowance) during business closures	• Payment amount: Average daily wage prior to business closure x 80% x (days in month – days worked and days not worked due to the worker's own circumstances) • Maximum amount of 11,000 yen per day. • Irregular workers not covered by Employment Insurance are also eligible.	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
			5. Prefectural Housing Assistance (prefectural government) <div>Other</div>	• Tenants and tenants-to-be of prefectural housing • Those forced to leave the housing they were living in	• For those struggling to pay rent for prefectural housing, reduction of rent according to income bracket after loss of income. Furthermore, if a guarantor cannot be found, exemption from requirement to provide a guarantor. • Temporary provision of prefectural housing regardless of income to those forced to leave their housing due to being made redundant.	Prefectural Housing Supply Corporation
	For those with children	6. Special Temporary Grant to Child-rearing Households (national government) <div>Grant</div>	Households which receive child allowance (those with children between 0 and junior high school age)	• Additional 10,000 yen for each eligible child as a one-off grant.	Cabinet Office	
		7. Special Temporary Grant to Single-Parent Households (national government) <div>Grant</div>	Single-parent households which receive child allowance	• For single-parent households that are facing particularly great hardship due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. • 【To those receiving child allowance】 50,000 yen for each household and additional 30,000 yen for each child after the first. • 【To those receiving child allowance and who have seen a reduction in income】 50,000 yen for each household.	Your municipality	
		8. Elementary School Closure Support Fund (for those who are contracted and working individually) (national government) <div>Grant</div>	Those who are contracted and working individually (conditions apply)	• Grant for guardians who have been unable to do work for which they were contracted due to needing to carry out childcare as a result of temporary closure of elementary schools or childcare facilities, etc. Grant amount: 4,100 yen/day (fixed amount) for the number of days unable to work between February 27 and March 31, 2020. 7,500 yen/day (fixed amount) for the number of days unable to work from April 1, 2020 onwards.	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare	
		9. Prefectural High Schools Tuition Fee Reduction/Exemption (prefectural government) <div>Other</div>	Students from households in poverty	• Reductions and exemptions for tuition fees for students whose households are recognized to be in considerable poverty as a result of loss of employment for reasons beyond personal control, such as bankruptcy of company of employment.	Prefectural Board of Education	

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For individuals	Living support	For those with children	10. Deferment on loan repayments for public and private high schools (prefectural government) <div>Other</div>	Students from households in poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deferment on loan repayments for public and private schools for up to a year after application for households in poverty.	Prefectural Board of Education (public schools) Prefectural Department of Environmental Affairs and Citizen Support (private schools)
			11. Scholarship Grants for Public & Private High Schools Etc (prefectural government) <div>Grant</div>	Households with sudden changes in financial circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Scholarship grants for households where all of the guardians' incomes for the purposes of prefectural and municipal residence taxes have been reduced to a level which is not taxed as a result of sudden changes in financial circumstances.(Public) 36,500~129,700 yen (Private) 38,100 ~ 138,000 yen	Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
			12. National Universities, etc. Tuition Fee Reduction/Exemption (national government) <div>Other</div>	Students from households which have experienced a sudden change in financial circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none">《2020 Supplementary Budget》Reductions and exemptions for paying tuition fees for national universities and national senior high schools, etc. subsidized by Management Expenses Grants.The national government will also subsidize half of the required amount for private universities, etc. which offer reductions and exemptions for tuition fee payments.	National Childminding Service Association
			13. Support for Those Making Use of Company Baby-sitting Services (national government) <div>Other</div>	Those working at private companies or for themselves (conditions apply)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support for those working in private companies or self-employed who make use of baby-sitting services because elementary schools etc have temporarily closed due to COVID-19 (granting of discount of 2,200 per coupon)	Prefectural Department of Environmental Affairs and Citizen Support
			14. Subsidy to Reduce Private High School Etc Tuition Fees (prefectural government) <div>Subsidy</div>	Children & students attending private elementary schools, junior/senior high schools or certain types of technical school/other schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Subsidies for schools which have reduced tuition fees for children/students for whom paying tuition fees is recognized as being difficult due to a dramatic decrease in their guardians' income as caused by worsening economic conditions.	Prefectural Department of Urban Development
			15. Subsidy for COVID-19 Measures in Family Homes where Children are Raised (prefectural government) <div>Subsidy</div>	Families raising children who are using home loans to build/purchase housing in Gifu Prefecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support for adaptations toward the new way of life and effects on the economic situation caused by COVID-19 in construction of housing etc by families raising children.Subsidy amount: Max. 231,000 yen per building.	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
	If you contract COVID-19	16. Public Expenditure to Cover Hospitalization Medical Costs for COVID-19 Patients (national government) <div>Other</div>	Those who contract COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Public expenditure will cover out-of-pocket medical costs (3/4 by national government, 1/4 by prefectural government). (Certain out-of-pocket costs may not be covered, such as if the patient requests a special treatment room or their income exceeds a certain amount.)	Insurer providing your medical insurance	
		17. Injury Allowance (national government) <div>Grant</div>	Those who are unable to work for the sake of recovery after contracting COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Injury Allowance is a system that guarantees the income of people who are covered by health insurance and are taking a break from work for recovery from an illness or injury that was not caused as part of their working duties or as part of a disaster.People who are unable to work due to recovery from having contracted COVID-19 are also eligible to apply for payments.	Your municipality	
	Tax payment exemptions, etc.	18. National Health Insurance Premiums, etc. Reduction/Exemption (national government) <div>Other</div>	Those whose income has been reduced to below a certain amount as a result of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reductions and exemptions for National Health Insurance Premiums.	National Tax Agency/your municipality	
		19. Deferment on Tax Payments (national government) <div>Other</div>	Anyone whose income has been reduced (over 20% lower than the same month of the previous year) since February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deferment on tax payments without collateral or arrears. In principle, this applies to all taxes, including income tax and fixed asset tax.		

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		21. Extension of Electricity/Gas/Telephone Services/ NHK Fee Bill Payment Deadlines (national government) <div>Other</div>	Those for whom making payment of the fees listed to the left is difficult due to the effects of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The national government is requesting leniency from various companies in offering deferments etc and postponement of cessation of services for those who are in the circumstance of having difficulty paying their electricity, gas, telephone or NHK bills.	The relevant company
		22. Deferment on Tax Payments (prefectural government) <div>Other</div>	Those struggling to pay taxes due to reduction in income (over 20% lower than the same month of the previous year) since February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 year deferment on real estate acquisition tax payments without collateral or arrears.	Prefectural tax office

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