

**To students in need of financial aid due to the impact of the novel coronavirus  
(Details on the financial aid by Japanese government “one-time fixed-amount payment of ¥100,000”)**

This bulletin introduces the government's planned relief payment program, part of financial assistance available for those affected by the novel coronavirus.

The following information is valid as of the posting date. Check the links and other resources for the latest information to ensure that you make any necessary arrangements correctly.

For inquiries on the government's relief payment program, contact the call center of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications at 03-5638-5855.

○ Planned financial aid by Japanese government

[Overview]

Eligible individuals: Individuals registered in the Basic Resident Register as of April 27, 2020

Authorized recipient: Head of the household of which the person is a member

Amount of aid: 100,000 yen per eligible person

[Application]

The head of your household will receive an application form by mail from the municipality. This form can be completed and returned by mail, or My Number cardholders can complete and submit an online application. In principle, the payment will be transferred to the applicant's bank account.

[Starting date of the Application and Payment]

Each municipality will decide the starting dates for application and payment.

The application deadline is three months from the date when municipalities start accepting completed applications by mail.

**Notes**

**1. Scams related to this aid**

Be aware that municipality or the ministry **will never request you to use an ATM machine or pay any procedure fees for this aid.**

If you receive any suspicious calls, letters, or email messages from senders who claim to represent the municipality or ministry, contact your municipality or local police (or dial #9110 for the general police consultation office) to report the incident.

For reference: [Poster on preventing fraud related to the financial aid by Japanese government](#)

## **2. Eligibility of international students**

**Foreign residents of Japan who were registered in the Basic Resident Register as of April 27, 2020 are also eligible to receive payment.**

## **3. Eligibility of Japanese citizens returning from study abroad whose residency has not been reestablished**

Japanese citizens who returned to Japan after studying abroad and were living here as of April 27, 2020 are also eligible to receive payment, even if their residency is reestablished after this date, once these students complete the procedure to reestablish their residency.

Inquiries on the relief payment program (repeated)

- Inquiries: 03-5638-5855 (ministry call center)
- Hours: 9:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m. (closed weekends and holidays)

For reference: Other public assistance available

- Small emergency loan assistance, from a welfare fund loan system of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare

[Small emergency loans:](#) This program offers up to 100,000 yen for low-income households in urgent need of loans on a temporary basis to maintain a livelihood. (Up to 200,000 yen in special cases, such as those affected by school closures, or those who are sole proprietors.)

Inquiries: Contact your local municipal social welfare council.

### [Office contact information](#)

○ Assistance to maintain employment, from subsidies of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare

Employment grants: This program subsidizes employment-related expenses arising when economic conditions force business owners to scale back operations.

In response to the coronavirus situation, the government has enacted [special measures](#) that also apply to temporary employees including students with part-time jobs. This information will be publicized.

Inquiries: Contact your local prefectural labor bureau or public employment service office (Hello Work).

### [Office contact information](#)