



Applications for Special Benefits Are Now Open

In light of the increased economic burden caused by the rising prices of electricity, gas, food and other goods, benefits will be provided to the following eligible persons.

Applicants are required to follow certain procedures.

1. Temporary Special Benefit for Low-Income Households, etc.

<Eligible persons>

Households where all members do not have to pay the resident tax per capita rate for FY2023, as of the base date (June 1, 2023).

*Excludes households consisting only of the dependents, etc. of a person who pays resident tax.

Benefit amount ¥30,000 per household

How to apply

1. We will send the application form by post to eligible households.
2. Please check the contents and complete the application form, and return it by post.

*We will send the application form by post to eligible households in mid-July.

Application deadline

Until October 31 (Tue.)

Contact

Inclusive Community Promotion (Chiiki Kyosei Shakai Suishin Ka), Community Civic (Chiiki Shimin) Centers in Tsuchiyama, Koka, Konan and Shigaraki

*Please check the Koka City website for details.

Inquiries

Inclusive Community Promotion (Chiiki Kyosei Shakai Suishin Ka)
TEL.0748-69-2157 FAX.0748-63-4085

Koka City website ▶



2. Special Benefit for Supporting the Lifestyles of Child-rearing Households (Both Single-parent Households and Other Child-rearing Households)

<Eligible single-parent households>

- Those who did not receive a child support allowance for March 2023 as they are also receiving a public pension or the like
- Those whose household finances have suddenly changed since January 1, 2023 due to the impact of rising prices for food, etc., and whose income has reached the same level as those receiving a child support allowance

<Eligible child-rearing households other than single-parent households>

In order to be eligible for the benefits, you need to meet both the following criteria (1) and (2).

(1) Must be a household raising at least one child who had not reached the age of 18 (20 in the case of child support special allowance) as of March 31, 2023

*Those with newly born children born before February 29, 2024 are also eligible.

(2) Must either be exempt from residence tax (per capita) for fiscal 2023 or have experienced a sudden change in household finances since January 1, 2023 due to the impact of rising prices for food, etc. and therefore have an income level equivalent to one meriting an exemption from residence tax.

Please note!

Those who received the child support allowance for March 2023 and those eligible for the Special Benefit for Supporting the Lifestyles of Child-rearing Households (previous benefit) paid in fiscal 2022 have already been paid on May 30.

Benefit amount

¥50,000 per eligible child

Application period

Until February 29, 2024 (Thu.)

Contact

Child Rearing Policy (Kosodate Seisaku Ka), Community Civic (Chiiki Shimin) Centers in Tsuchiyama, Koka, Konan and Shigaraki

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Koka City website



▲Single-parent households



▲Other than single-parent households

Inquiries

Child Rearing Policy, Child Rearing Policy (Kosodate Seisaku Ka) TEL.0748-69-2176 FAX.0748-69-2298
Children and Families Agency Call Center(Mon. to Fri. 9:00 am to 6:00 pm) TEL.0120-400-903

Information for Persons Enrolled in Medical Insurance for Older Senior Citizens

Final calculation of medical insurance premiums for older senior citizens has been performed by confirming your 2022 income.

How to Pay the Insurance Fees

① Special withholding

If you receive six annual regular pension payments, the insurance premiums will be paid from the amount of your pension benefit.

② Normal payment

Please pay using the payment statement or by bank account transfer.

*Notice of the amount of insurance premiums and the payment method will be sent by mail to each person during July.

If You Already Have an Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application

For those who have an “Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application” and “Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application and Standard Copayment Reduction” and continue to meet the requirements after August 1, a new certificate (white) will be sent by post together with the health insurance card.

Inquiries

Elderly Medical Care, Health Insurance and Pension (Hoken Nenkin Ka)
TEL.0748-69-2142 FAX.0748-63-4618

Sending of New Insurance Cards

New insurance cards that are valid from August 1 will be sent to all insured persons.

- The new cards will be sent by simple registered mail in mid-July. The color of the new insurance cards is yellow-orange.
- The cream-colored insurance card that you are currently using will expire on July 31. It cannot be used from August 1.
- Please be careful to present the correct card at medical institutions starting from August.



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Health insurance card sample ▶

Information for Persons Enrolled in National Health Insurance If You are Expecting High Medical Expenses (Provision of an Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application)

By submitting an Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application to the medical institution in advance, it is possible to limit the amount which you must pay at each medical institution per month.

If you require a certificate, please request one at the locations listed below.

*The certificate may be denied if you have unpaid health insurance premiums.

Places to apply

Health Insurance and Pension (Hoken Nenkin Ka), Community Civic (Chiiki Shimin) Centers in Tsuchiyama, Koka, Konan and Shigaraki

Required items

Identification document (Individual Number Card, driver's license, etc.)

Health insurance card

If you use your Individual Number Card as a health insurance card, no procedure is required.

*Excluding those households exempt from resident tax whose hospitalization in the past 12 months exceeded 90 days.

If You Already Have a Certificate

The certificate expires on July 31. If you continue to require one, please apply again on or after August 1.

If you are aged between 70 and 74, you must apply for an Eligibility Certificate for Ceiling-Amount Application if you are a member of a household not required to pay residence tax, or if you have an income comparable to active workers (30% deductible for medical expenses) and are categorized as comparable to active workers II (taxable income of 3.8 million yen or higher) or comparable to active workers I (taxable income 1.45 million yen or higher).

Sending of New Insurance Cards

The new insurance cards that are valid from August 1 will be sent by simple registered mail in mid-July.

Inquiries

National Health Insurance and Pension, Health Insurance and Pension (Hoken Nenkin Ka)
TEL.0748-69-2140 FAX.0748-63-4618

**This is what summer
in Koka City is all about!**

Koka-ryu Ninnin Grand Fireworks Festival

A fireworks festival to be handed down from generation to generation

The size of the fireworks festival will be determined by the amount of donations. In order to make the fireworks festival sustainable, we outsource security, store operations, etc., to ensure that the event can be seamlessly passed on to the next generation.

This year has started to see an end to the COVID-19 pandemic, so we hope to welcome many visitors.

Chairman Sainouchi ▶

Koka-ryu Ninnin Grand Fireworks Festival Executive Committee



Date July 29 (Sat.) **Fireworks display** 7:45 pm to 8:15 pm
Ninnin Yokocho Alley 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm **Venue** JA Koka parking lot

Inquiries Koka-ryu Ninnin Grand Fireworks Festival Executive Committee
TEL.0748-60-2690 (Koka City Tourism and Town Planning Association)

2023 Spring Vaccination Underway

From May 8 to August, we have been offering the 2023 Spring Vaccinations for COVID-19 to the elderly, people with underlying medical conditions, and medical personnel. Vaccinations are free of charge as they are fully covered by public funds. To prevent the onset and severity of the disease, those who wish to be vaccinated should consider it as soon as possible.

*2023 Spring Vaccination is a booster vaccination limited to one per person. Vaccination is optional and is not mandatory.

*The city's mass vaccination system will be cut back from August, so please consider this option as soon as possible.

*Please be sure to bring the pre-examination ticket with vaccination coupon and applicant's identification documents.

Inquiries COVID-19 Response Office Consultation Center
TEL.0748-69-2154(Mon. to Fri. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm)

Scan for July vaccination schedule ▶



Enrollment Guide for Minakuchi Kindergarten, a Kindergarten-type Certified Childcare Center

An orientation session will be held for those who wish to enroll in Minakuchi Kindergarten (kindergarten part / long-time (nursery) part).

Enrollment capacity

10 under-3-year-olds (2-year-olds), 30 3-year-olds, few 4-year-olds and 5-year-olds

Date of applications going out

Anytime after July 3 (Mon.)

Enrollment information seminar

August 26 (Sat.), 10:00 to 11:30 am (registration at 9:30)
Childcare experience will be available, so please come with your children. No appointment required.

Application period

Applications for the kindergarten part will be conducted after the information seminar on August 26 (Sat.). On and after August 27, applications will be accepted from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, except Saturdays and Sundays. Applications for the long-time (nursery) part will be conducted in October.

Information session venue / place to get an application form

Minakuchi Kindergarten, a Certified Childcare Center
*Application forms are available from the City Hall or Parenting Support (Ko Sodate Shien) Centers. Please also check the website.

Come and play with us!

August 3 (Thu.), 4 (Fri.), September 8 (Fri.), 19 (Tue.): 9:30 to 11:00 am

Anyone can come and play in the kindergarten. Please come with your children. No appointment required.

Inquiries & applications

Omi Seisho Gakuen / Minakuchi Kindergarten, a Certified Childcare Center 3-21 Joto, Minakuchi-cho, Koka City
TEL.0748-62-0329 FAX.0748-62-0334



July After-hours Counter (every Tuesday until 7:00 pm): July 4, 11, 18, and 25

Every Tuesday the Koka City Hall Citizens' Affairs (Shimin Ka) is open until 7:00 pm, so you can complete administrative procedures such as having certificates issued (family register, resident register, tax certificate, etc.) or registering your personal seal.

*Please note that Individual Number Card administrative procedures and residence-related changes (moving/relocating, etc.) cannot be handled at the After-hours Counter.

Notice from Maina-chan

You can use your Individual Number Card to get a copy of various certificates at convenience stores. (Please contact us at the following telephone number for the applicable certificates.)

Citizens' Affairs (Shimin Ka)
TEL.0748-69-2138
FAX.0748-65-6338

Inquiries

Monthly Tax Payments

The due date for tax payments this month is **July 31 (Mon.)**.

- Fixed Property Tax (Period 2)
- National Health Insurance tax (2nd installment)
- User fees (Nursery school fees, Kindergarten and Nursery school lunch fees)
- Nursing-care insurance premium (2nd installment)
- Medical Insurance premiums for older senior citizens
- Public sewerage fee/Rural community sewerage fee

Please use the convenient direct debit system for your tax payments.

Consultation content/Contact

Date

Time

Location

Life and Work Consultations (Public Assistance Counter)*

Advice is available for concerns about daily life and work. *No need to apply
 Responders: Consultation support staff, and employment support staff

Contact Public Assistance, Public Assistance (Seikatsu Shien Ka)
TEL.0748-69-2158 / FAX.0748-63-4085

Every week, from
 Monday to Friday
 (except public
 holidays)

8:30 am
 to
 5:15 pm

Public Assistance Desk,
 Public Assistance
 (Seikatsu Shien Ka),
 1F, Koka City Hall

Consumer Affairs Consultations

Advice is available for concerns about consumer affairs, such as products, purchase agreements, and other contracts.

* No need to apply

Responders: Consumer affairs counsellors

Contact Consumer Life Center (Shouhi Seikatsu Center)
TEL.0748-69-2147 / Consumer Hotline: 188 (no area code)

Every week, from
 Monday to Friday
 (except public
 holidays)

9:00 am
 to
 5:00 pm

Consumer Life Center
 (Shouhi Seikatsu Center),
 1F, Koka City Hall

School-age Children Consultations

This consultation counter is for school-age children (elementary to high school) and their parents/guardians and other family members. We are ready to listen and offer advice on matters about school, daily life, and parenting.

Responders: Counsellors for school-age children

Contact Child Rearing Policy, Child Rearing Policy (Kosodate Seisaku Ka)
TEL.0748-69-2176 / FAX.0748-69-2298

Every week
 on Monday,
 Wednesday, and
 Friday (except
 public holidays)

8:30 am
 to
 5:15 pm

Child Rearing Policy
 (Kosodate Seisaku Ka), 2F,
 Koka City Hall
 You can also make
 inquiries using
 the Child-Rearing
 Concierge Inquiry Form.



Parenting and Study Consultations*

We are ready to listen and offer advice on matters about your child's development and emotional/mental concerns.

*Please make an appointment by phone or fax.

Eligible persons: Generally children aged 4 years or older, elementary and middle & senior high school students, adolescents and young adults (up to around 25 years old)

*For consultations regarding children aged 4 or younger, please contact your local health care (Hoken) center.

Contact • Appointments Development Support (Hattatsu Shien Ka)
TEL.0748-69-2178/ FAX.0748-69-2298 (Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm)

Kindergartens/nurseries
 and schools, Koka City Hall,
 etc.

Youth School Absenteeism & Hikikomori Consultation

We are ready to listen and offer advice on matters related to school absenteeism and hikikomori for youth up to around 25 years old who have completed compulsory education.

Contact

Development Support (Hattatsu Shien Ka)
TEL.0748-69-2179
(Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm)

Youth Concerns Consultations*

We are ready to listen and offer advice on matters concerning young people, including school absenteeism, bullying, misbehaving, delinquency, friendships, and pursuing further education or finding work.

*From Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (except public holidays and end-of-year holidays).

Consultations can also be made by phone and email.

Contact

Youth (Shonen) Center (2F, Minakuchi Central Community Center (2F, Minakuchi Chuo Kominkan))
TEL.0748-62-6010
FAX.0748-63-3977
Email: k-syonen@city.koka.lg.jp



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