

TOPICS 1

You can take Eiken tests for free



To increase the interest of students in English and motivate them to study independently, we provide a subsidy for the Eiken English proficiency test fees for junior high school students.

• Eligible persons

Parents and guardians of junior high school students living in Koka City
*Applications may also be submitted for students enrolled in schools other than Koka municipal schools.

• How to apply

For students enrolled in Koka City municipal schools

Schools will submit the subsidy applications for their students as a group. In principle, this applies to students who take the tests at a school.

For students enrolled in schools other than Koka City municipal schools

Please submit an application directly to the School Education Division.

• Application deadline

Within 30 days after taking an Eiken first stage test

*Please submit applications for tests individually.

For details, please contact the School Education Division.

Contact

Gakko Kyoiku Ka (Tel) 69 - 2243 (Fax) 69 - 2293

TOPICS 2

Child allowances and special benefits The Current Status Report rules are changing

The Current Status Report (Genkyo Todoke) is used to understand the circumstances as of June 1 each year and determine whether child allowance/special benefit recipients still meet the requirements (supervision and protection of a child, same livelihood relationship, and other requirements) to continue receiving them from June onwards. While all recipients have been required to submit a Current Status Report until now, in principle, those whose child-rearing status has not changed will no longer need to submit a Current Status Report, except in some cases, beginning in June 2022.

A report form will be sent by mail at the end of May to those who need to submit a Current Status Report. If you have received the form and have not submitted your Current Status Report, please be sure to submit it, as you may not be able to receive benefits from June onwards.

• Submission period

June 1 (Wed.) to 30 (Thu.)

• How to submit the form

Send it by mail in the enclosed return envelope by June 30.

Upper income limit to receive a special benefit

The Child Allowance will be provided if the income of the person claiming the child as a dependent is below the (1) income limit in the following table, and the Special Benefit (5,000 yen per month for each child) will be provided if the person's income is greater than or equal to the (1) income limit and less than the (2) upper income limit.

If the income of the person claiming the child as a dependent is greater than or equal to the (2) the upper income limit, the Child Allowance and other benefits will no longer be provided beginning in October 2022.

Number of dependents (examples are included in parentheses)	(1) Income limit		(2) Upper income limit (in millions of yen)	
	Income	Rough estimate of the revenue	Income	Rough estimate of the revenue
0 persons (no children born by the end of the previous year)	6.22	8.333	8.58	10.71
1 person (raising one child)	6.6	8.756	8.96	11.24
2 persons (raising one child and your spouse's annual income is 1,030,000 yen or less)	6.98	9.178	9.34	11.62
3 persons (raising two children and your spouse's annual income is 1,030,000 yen or less)	7.36	9.6	9.72	12
4 persons (raising three children and your spouse's annual income is 1,030,000 yen or less)	7.74	10.02	10.1	12.38
5 persons (raising four children and your spouse's annual income is 1,030,000 yen or less)	8.12	10.4	10.48	12.76

*Note that if your income falls below the (2) upper income limit after payment of the child allowance, etc., is terminated, you will need to submit an authorization application again to resume payment.



*Applications can be made online from home.

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Contact

Kosodate Seisaku Ka (Tel) 69-2176 (Fax) 69-2298

Koka City website

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We provide scholarships

We provide scholarships to students who experience difficulty attending high school or other schools for economic reasons.

If you are a member of a household with a sudden decrease in income due to COVID-19, please consult us, as you may be eligible for a scholarship depending on your household's most recent income level.

- **Eligible persons**

Those who meet all of the conditions (1 to 3) below

- (1) Those who have received a Shiga Prefecture scholarship, Japan Student Services Organization scholarship, or an equivalent scholarship loan
- (2) Those whose parents or guardians have lived in Koka City for at least one year after the date of receipt of the scholarship loan in (1) above
- (3) Those who belong to a household on welfare under the Public Assistance Act or an equivalent household

- **Amount**

High schools, senior high schools for special needs education, and other schools: 5,000 yen per month
Universities (excluding postgraduate courses) and other postsecondary education: 15,000 yen per month

- **Application period**

June 10 (Fri.) to July 29 (Fri.)

*Those who were eligible in the previous year must still apply each year.

*Please contact us for inquiries about the documents required for applications and how to apply.

Contact

Gakko Kyoiku Ka (Tel) 69 - 2243 (Fax) 69 - 2293

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Please renew by mail Welfare medical subsidy tickets, etc. (by July 4)

Koka City provides a subsidy for the medical expenses of persons with disabilities and single-parent families to help reduce their economic burdens. We will send a renewal guide to those who are eligible, and we ask that you please renew by mail.

- **Period**

Late June (as soon as the renewal guide arrives) to July 4 (Mon.)

- **Eligible persons**

Those with welfare medical subsidy tickets that expire on July 31, 2022, etc. For details on the eligibility requirements, please see the Koka City website or contact the appropriate city staff.

*Please consult with us if you believe that you have become eligible to receive the subsidy.

- **How to apply**

Apply by mail with the return envelope enclosed with the renewal guide

- **Application deadline**

July 4 (Mon.)

You can also apply at certain counters

If it is difficult to apply by mail, we will also accept applications at certain counters during the following period.

- **Counter acceptance period**

July 1 (Fri.) to 6 (Wed.)
8:30 to 17:15

- **Accepting locations**

Health Insurance and Pension Division,
Tsuchiyama, Koka,
Konan and Shigaraki
Chiiki Shimin Centers



Contact

Hoken Nenkin Ka (Tel) 69-2142 (Fax) 63-4618

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We provide rent subsidies of up to 20,000 yen

This subsidy is intended for the residents of private rental housing who meet the standards for living in municipal housing, etc.

- **Application period**

Until June 17 (Fri.)

- **Planned subsidy period**

From August 2022 to November 2023

- **How to apply**

The application guide and application form are available on the Koka City website and from the Section listed below.

- **No. of recipients**

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*Selection will be by lottery in the case of a large number of applicants. Lottery date and time: June 27 (Mon.) at 9:30 a.m.

Contact

Jutaku Kenchiku Ka (Tel) 69-2212 (Fax) 63-4601

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Vaccination of the 4th dose of the COVID-19 vaccines will start

Eligible persons for vaccination

- (1) Those who are 60 years of age or older and received their third dose five or more months previously
- (2) Those who are between 18 and 60 years of age and have underlying diseases, etc.

Schedule for delivery of vaccination ticket

Tickets will be sent to those who fall under (1) above roughly five months after they received their third doses. Those who fall under (2) above will be notified separately.

Vaccines to be used

Pfizer
Takeda/Moderna

Koka City plans to implement mass vaccination at vaccination venues in the city from July onwards.

Vaccination venues

Vaccination venue	Address
Seiyu Minakuchi (2F)	6084-1 Minakuchi, Minakuchi-cho
Konan Hospital	958 Kazuraki, Konan-cho
Shigaraki Development Center	1251 Nagano, Shigaraki-cho

Other details will be announced via the Koka City website and other media as the information becomes available.

*Note that the first to third doses will also continue to be publicly funded and provided for free until September 30, 2022.

Consultation service providers

- For vaccination appointments and general consultations:

Koka City COVID-19 Vaccination Call Center (Tel) 0120-102-852

- For professional consultations about side effects, etc.:

Shiga Prefecture COVID-19 Vaccine Specialist Consultation Counter (Tel) 077-528-3588

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Please cooperate in reducing combustible waste

The Sanitation Center garbage disposal facility is currently undergoing a large-scale renovation, including the renewal of aging incinerators (core facility renovation work), scheduled to last four years, from fiscal 2020 to fiscal 2023. During the period below, incineration will be suspended, so we ask you to refrain from disposing of combustible

waste (including bulky combustible waste) as much as possible. Furthermore, we also ask that you book door-to-door collections of bulky combustible waste outside the period of incineration suspension. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

- **Period of suspension**

June 11 to July 6

Contact

Jutaku Kenchiku Ka (Tel) 69-2145 (Fax) 63-4582

Extension of opening hours in June

**Opening hours will be extended
(to 19:00 every Tuesday)
June 7, 14, 21 and 28.**

The Civic Affairs Division of City Hall will extend its opening hours to 19:00 every Tuesday for the issuance of family registers, residence certificates, and tax and other certificates; seal registration; and other services.

※Note that some services will not be available after normal opening hours on these days. Please contact the Civic Affairs Division for the services that are provided.

Taxes to be paid this month

The due date is June 30 (Thu.).

- Municipal and prefectural inhabitants tax (1st term)
- National health insurance tax (1st term)
- Expenses borne by users (childcare fees, kindergarten/nursery lunch fees)
- Long-term care insurance premium (1st term)
- Water charges


It is convenient to use account-to-account transfers for payments.

Consultation Corner

June 15 to
July 14

Consultation services are provided **for free**. Feel free to use them.

The events and services below are as of May 20 and may be canceled or postponed due to the impact of COVID-19.

Type of consultation service/contact information	Date	Time	Place/note
<p>Life and work consultations (Public Assistance Counter)※</p> <p>Advice is provided for concerns about life and work.※ Reservation not required. Responders: Consultation and employment support staff Contact Seikatsu Shien Ka Tel 69-2158 Fax 63-4085</p>	Monday to Friday (except national holidays)	8:30 to 17:15	Seikatsu Shien Ka
<p>Consumer affairs consultations</p> <p>Advice is provided for concerns about consumer affairs, such as contracts and products. You may be redirected to Shiga Prefecture Consumer Affairs Center. Responders: Consumer affairs counselors Contact Consumer Affairs Center Tel 69-2147 / Consumer Hotline 188 (without area code)</p>	Monday to Friday (except national holidays)	9:00 to 17:00	Consumer Affairs Center City Hall 1F
<p>Pension consultations</p> <p>Consultants: Staff of the Kusatsu Pension Office ※ Reservation required; service provided on a first-come, first-served basis Contact Application Consumer Affairs Center Tel 077-567-1311 (for reservation only) Fax 077-562-9638 (for reservation only)</p>	July 14 (Thu.) ※Every two months	10:00 to 15:00	Meeting room 202, City Hall 2F
<p>School-age children consultations</p> <p>This consultation service provides advice to school-age children (from elementary to high school students) and their guardians/parents and families. Let's consider issues relating to school, life, and child rearing together. Responders: Counselors on children of school age Contact Kosodate Seisaku Ka Tel 69-2176 Fax 69-2298</p>	Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (except national holidays)	8:30 to 17:15	Kosodate Seisaku Ka City Hall 2F You can also ask for advice using the concierge inquiry form. 
<p>Child-rearing and learning consultations※</p> <p>Consultations about development, mental, and other issues. ※Reservation by phone or fax required. Coverage: Children roughly 4 years of age or older; elementary, junior high, and high school students; and youths (up to around 25 years of age) For consultations about children under roughly 4 years of age, contact the Sukoyaka Shien Ka (Tel.: 69-2169). Contact Application Hattatsu Shien Ka Tel 69-2178 Fax 69-2298 (reception hours: 9:00 to 17:00)</p>			Kindergartens/nursery schools, schools, City Hall, etc.
<p>Youth concerns consultations※</p> <p>Consultations about school absenteeism, bullying, delinquency, relationships with friends, employment, admission to schools, etc. ※Monday to Friday (excluding national holidays and Year-End/New Year holidays) from 9:00 to 16:00. Advice is also available by phone or email.</p>			Contact Juvenile Center (2F Annex of Minakuchi Central Public Hall) Tel 62-6010 Fax 63-3977 E-mail k-syonen@city.koka.lg.jp

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(excluding days with extended opening hours)

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