

KUMAGAYA FRIENDS

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The child allowance system will change from October in 2024 (The payment starts in December)

Main changes

- The income limits will be abolished. (The special benefits will also be abolished).
- The benefit will be extended to high school aged children.
- The additional amount for multiple children after the third child will be increased.
- The additional amount for multiple children will be extended to the end of the fiscal year of their 22nd year of age.
- The payment will be made six times a year (in even-numbered months).

Persons who need to follow the procedures due to the changes

- Those who only have a child of high school age
- Those who do not receive allowances (including special benefits) due to income limitations under the old system.
- Those who are taking care of three or more children, including children eligible up to the end of the fiscal year of their 22nd year of age

Deadline for application:

Monday, March 31st, 2025

- ※ The allowance for October this year is paid under the old system.
- ※ For civil servants, please contact your workplace.
- ※ For more information, please refer to the notice sent in August or scan the QR code on the bottom.

Child Care Section Ext. 289, 426



Kumagaya City Website

Saitama Information & Support (SIS)

☎ 048 - 833-3296

Telephone counseling is available in foreign languages regarding issues in daily life.

Days: Monday to Friday

(Closed on national holidays and Dec.29 to Jan.3)

Hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

☆ KIFA ☆ Information

Kumagaya International Friendship Association



Japanese Language Class

Learn Japanese to use in everyday life. Please note that participation in Japanese classes will now require you to book a seat in advance.

For further information, please call us on the phone number below or check out our website.

Office Information

Days: Monday through Friday (Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays)

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City population (As of October 1st, 2024): 191,244

Foreign resident population: 5,161

