

# Check for eligibility!



No

Have you received a certification of the need for childcare services\*?

\*A need for childcare services: child cannot be cared for at home due to the parents/guardians' employment situation, illness, pregnancy or childbirth.

Yes

## What type of facility does your child currently use?

- Kindergartens that have switched to the new system (★1)
- Certified childcare centers (with kindergarten function)
- Development support service for special needs preschool children
- Kindergartens that have not switched to the new system
- Other

## What type of facility or service does your child currently use?

- Daycare centers or certified childcare centers (with daycare function)
- Regional child daycare services (such as small-scale daycare and other services)
- Development support service for special needs preschool children
- Unlicensed daycare facilities
- Drop-in daycare centers or daycare centers for sick children
- Family support centers
- Kindergartens that have switched to the new system (★1)
- Certified childcare centers (with kindergarten function)
- Kindergartens that have not switched to the new system
- Company-led daycare services
- Other

★1: This refers to kindergartens that the municipality—which is the implementer of the Comprehensive Support System for Children and Childrearing started in April 2015—determines the allowance certifications and user fees (childcare fees).

**A** Children between the age of three and the five-year-old class Free

**D** Children between the age of three and the five-year-old class Free

**A'** Children between the age of three and the five-year-old class  
Up to 25,700 yen waived per month

Not eligible

**C** Children between the three-year-old and five-year-old classes  
Children up to two-year-old classes from households exempt from residents' tax Free

**D** Children between the ages of three and five (as of April 1 of the current academic year)  
Children up to two years old (as of April 1 of the current academic year) from households exempt from residents' tax Free

**E** Children between the ages of three and five (as of April 1 of the current academic year)  
Up to 37,000 yen waived per month  
Children up to two years old (as of April 1 of the current academic year) from households exempt from residents' tax  
Up to 42,000 yen waived per month

**A** Children between the age of three and the five-year-old class Free

**A'** Children between the age of three and the five-year-old class  
Up to 25,700 yen waived per month

Basic usage is free

Not eligible



In addition

## If using extended childcare services

**B** Children between the three-year-old and five-year-old classes  
Up to 11,300 yen waived per month

**B** Children from households exempt from residents' tax who are three years old but have not entered a three-year-old class  
Up to 16,300 yen waived per month

In addition

If you use:

- Unlicensed daycare facilities
- Drop-in daycare centers
- Daycare centers for sick children
- Family support centers

**E** Free (within the scope of **B**)

Note: If kindergartens do not offer enough extended childcare service hours, 11,300 yen minus the eligible amount of free extended childcare services will be waived per month.

## Period free of charge



Three years from the first April 1 after the child's third birthday

The following would also be added:

1. Children in kindergarten from their third birthday depending on when they are enrolled.
2. Children up to two years old (as of April 1 of the current academic year) from households exempt from residents' tax.



## Inquiries

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### A Kindergartens that have switched to the new system and certified childcare centers (with kindergarten function)

#### Fees

- The basic usage fee (childcare fee) is free for children between the age of three and the five-year-old class (preschool children).
- Parents/guardians will continue to be responsible for costs related to early childhood education other than the above, including commuting fees and food costs.
- Costs for supplementary food (side dishes, snacks, etc.) are waived for children from households with an annual income of less than 3.6 million yen as well as the third and subsequent children of all households.

### A' Kindergartens that have not switched to the new system

#### Fees

- Admission fees and childcare fee of up to 25,700 yen per month is waived for children between the age of three and the five-year-old class (preschool children).
- The admission fee is converted to a monthly fee and is included in the waiver for the first year of kindergarten. (If the monthly childcare fee is less than 25,700 yen.)
- This system does not cover the cost of school lunches, commuting and other fees.
- Eligibility, application period and procedures vary by kindergarten, so please contact the kindergarten you wish to use for specifics.



### B Extended childcare services

#### Fees

- If your childcare needs have been approved because both parents/guardians work or for other reasons, the daily fee of 450 yen x the number of days of use (up to 11,300 yen per month) for extended childcare services will be waived.

### C Daycare centers, certified childcare centers (with daycare function), regional child daycare services

#### Fees

- The basic usage fee (childcare fee) is free for children between the three-year-old and the five-year-old classes (preschool children).
- The basic usage fee (childcare fee) is free for children up to the two-year-old class from households exempt from residents' tax.
- For households with two or more children, the oldest child who uses a daycare center or other facilities is counted as the first child, and the usage fees is halved for a second child (up to the two-year-old class). It is free for the third and subsequent children. (For households with an annual income of less than 3.6 million yen, there is no age limit for the first child.)
- Parents/guardians will continue to be responsible for costs related to early childhood education other than the above, including commuting fees and food costs.
- Costs for supplementary food (side dishes, snacks, etc.) are waived for children from households with an annual income of less than 3.6 million yen as well as the third and subsequent children of all households.

#### Extended care hours

- Some daycare centers and other facilities offer extended care hours for those with special circumstances, such as the working hours of the parents/guardians. This service requires a separate fee.

### D Development support service for special needs preschool children

#### Fees

Child development support and other services for special needs children between the ages of three and five (as of April 1 of the current academic year; preschool children) are free.

For more information on usage procedures, please refer to the leaflet "Development Support for Special Needs Preschool Children" published separately by the city.

#### Notes:

1. After-school daycare services are not subject to this program since they are intended for elementary school students.
2. Medical-type residential facilities for children with disabilities include designated developmental support medical institutions.
3. Parents/guardians will continue to be responsible for fees other than user fees (such as medical expenses and food costs that the user already pays).
4. If a child is using a kindergarten, daycare center or certified childcare center in addition to the service, both will be covered by this system.
5. There is no need to go through additional procedures as this new system is implemented. Please inform your service provider of your child's age to confirm with them that he/she is eligible for the free service.

### E Other childcare services

#### Fees

For unlicensed daycare facilities, drop-in daycare centers, daycare centers for sick children and family support centers: Up to 37,000 yen per month will be waived for children between the ages of three and five (as of April 1 of the current academic year) who have been certified as needing childcare (new No. 2 and No. 3). Up to 42,000 yen per month will be waived for children up to two years old (as of April 1 of the current academic year) from households exempt from residents' tax.

## Early Childhood Education and Care

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### Is Your Child Eligible?

Check for eligibility and details.



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