

Notice on the Submission of Applications for Private Kindergarten Attendance under the New Comprehensive Support System for Children and Child-rearing

1. Introduction

To receive assistance for attending private kindergartens, the applications for Certification and for Subsidy need to be submitted. The applications for Certification and Subsidy are combined in one form.

2. Certification

(1) Certifications

① Certification Type 1

All applicants for private kindergartens are required to get granted Certification Type 1.

- The childcare fee for children 3 years old to before elementary school age is free.
- Children from households with an annual income of less than 3.6 million yen and the third and subsequent children (*1) of all households are exempt from paying up to 4,800 yen per month for supplementary meals (side dishes, etc.) out of the school lunch fee. Notification will be sent to those eligible.

(*1): This applies to the number of children up to the third grade of elementary school (does not include children in the fourth grade of the elementary and above).

② Certification Type 2 and Type 3

Children from 3 y/o up to elementary school age who are "in need of childcare" are exempt from paying up to 11,300yen per month for daycare, depending on the number of days they use the service. To be eligible, an additional application for Certifications Type 2 and Type 3 is required.

※For children in the 3-year-old class, only households exempt from municipal tax are eligible (maximum monthly amount of 16,300 yen).

(2) Types of Certifications

①Those planning to enroll children in a 3 y/o class, 1st Year Preschool, 2nd Y.Ps, and 3rd Y.Ps classes

➡Apply for Certification Type 1.

②Those who fall under the category of “reasons for childcare necessity” and are currently using or planning to use childcare services such as daycare.

A: Those using or planning to use/enroll the facilities

➡Apply for Certification Types 1 and 2.

B: Those attending or scheduled to attend or enroll in a 3-year-old class (excluding trial childcare) and exempt from municipal tax.

➡Apply for Certification Types 1 and 3.

(3) Steps for Certification

①Fill in the application form.

②Prepare attached documents: If applying for Certification Types 2 or 3, a certificate of employment or relevant documents proving the “Need for Childcare” is required. Separate papers are necessary for those who fall into single-parent households, etc. and for foreign nationals.

③Submission of relevant papers to kindergarten: The application form and attaching documents are required to submit to kindergarten before the starting date of use.

④After examination, the Certification Notice will be issued. Please keep it safe and secured.

3. Subsidies

(1) Requirements for receiving subsidy

①The parent or guardian are to live with the child and be registered as a resident of Itabashi City.

②The child is to attend an approved private kindergarten.

③The child is to be of the age eligible for the subsidy (between 3 y/o to elementary school age).

④The applicant is to obtain the relevant certification.

(2) Types and Amounts of the Subsidies

1 Subsidy for Entrance fees

75,000yen (maximum)*, subject to the amount actually borne.

②Subsidy for reduction of parental burden (subsidy for specified burden amount)

8,800 to 13,200yen per month* up to the amount actually borne.

※If you had no income and were not dependent on anyone, you are required to file a tax return. Subsidies cannot be granted to those who have not declared their residence tax for the financial year 2022 or 2023. Please make sure to file your tax return before applying.

③Facility and other usage fees (subsidy for childcare fees)

Those eligible: Applicants for certified Type 2 or 3

Amount of the Subsidy: The maximum amount is calculated as 450yen multiplied by the number of days of use (the maximum monthly amount is 11,300yen*).

*In the case of Certification Type 3, the maximum monthly amount is 16,300yen.

(3) Timing of Subsidy

In case, as a result of the assessment, of a decision is made to pay the subsidy, etc., the grant will be awarded at the following times. (First half of the FY: April to August, Second half of the FY: September to March, following year).

However, depending on the kindergarten attended, Itabashi City may grant the subsidy to the kindergarten in charge instead of reducing the burden on the parents.

1 Subsidy for Entrance fees: Scheduled in the mid-September

2 Subsidy for reduction of parental burden: Scheduled in the end of November for the first half of FY and in the end of May for the second half of FY

3 Facility and other usage fees (subsidy for childcare fees): Scheduled in late November for the first half of FY and in late May of the following year for the second half of FY

(4) Application period

Please note that the final deadline for grant applications is 13 March, Friday 2026.

4.Other notes

Any changes to the application details have to be notified immediately to Kindergartens Subsection of Educational Affairs Section, City Office. Depending on the nature of the change, the applicant will be informed of the documents required according to the circumstances concerned. (Examples of changes that need to be notified: change of employment status (resignation, job change, change of working days, etc.), change of household members (marriage, divorce, etc.), change of bank account for bank transfers).

Information related to kindergartens is also available on the City website.

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