

Foreign Residents Can Receive 100,000 Yen

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Japanese government is giving 100,000 yen to each person living in Japan.

You can receive the money if your name is on the Basic Resident Register on April 27, 2020.

Foreign residents can receive this money too.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications announced the payments on April 20.

You need the following by April 27 to receive the money:

- A residence card (status of residence) that lets you live in Japan for more than three (3) months
- A residence certificate registered with your town or city (municipality)

Your town or city hall will send an application form to the address on your residence certificate.

On the application form, you need to write:

- The name of your head of household (like your father's name)
- The date you were born
- Where you live (address)
- The bank account you want the money paid into

You also need to send a copy of a document that shows your identity, like your residence card.

Send the application form to your city or town hall.

If you have a MyNumber (Individual Number) card, you can apply online.

Everyone will receive the application form and the money on a different date. This depends on the city you live in.

At the earliest, the money will arrive by the middle of May.

You can ask questions about the Basic Resident Register or residence certificate by phone. The call center staff will interpret (translate), so you can speak to your town or city hall.

Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

0570-066-630 (Navidial)

03-6436-3605 (if you use an IP phone system or are calling from PHS)

08:30 - 17:30

Closed on weekends and public holidays

The call center staff can speak Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Thai, Indonesian, Tagalog, and Nepalese.

This page provides explanations about the Basic Resident Register in lots of languages:

https://www.soumu.go.jp/main_sosiki/jichi_gyousei/c-gyousei/zairyu/english/index.html

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