

Public assistance (Dealing with financial problems) [Seikatsu hogo]

What public assistance is

Public assistance is a system which helps and supports the individuals or their families who, because of death, illness or injury or a reduction in their income find themselves in financial difficulty and support their self-reliance.

As for foreign nationals, permanent residents without limitations of activities and people who have status of residence such as long-term residents are eligible for public assistance. It is applied in accordance with Public Assistance Act.

Based on application, public assistance is offered when the household cannot fulfill the income standard stated by the government for a minimum standard of living even after utilizing the support from the person who bears the support obligation, any other law or measures, or any available assets. The assistance will be provided according to the level of the needy circumstances. (Ref: Public Assistance Act)

Types of assistance

Depending on the needs, the following social security assistance is available.

- (1) Livelihood assistance
Expenses to cover daily living expenses for food, clothing, etc.
- (2) Housing assistance
Expenses to cover rent, land rent, house repairs, etc.
- (3) Educational assistance
Expenses to cover school meals, study materials, etc., necessary for compulsory education
- (4) Medical assistance
Expenses to cover medical fees incurred for medical treatment on illness and injury.
- (5) Nursing care assistance
Expenses required to receive nursing care
- (6) Childbirth assistance
Expenses to cover childbirth
- (7) Business and Working Skills Assistance
Expenses and funds necessary for businesses
- (8) Funeral Assistance
Expenses necessary to carry out a funeral



These assistance will generally be provided in cash, except for medical assistance and nursing care assistance.

Enquiries: Nishinomiya City Hall, Public Welfare Division (Kosei Ka) 0798-35-3056

Borrowing from the Social Welfare Fund [Seikatsu fukushi shikin]

For those suffering from financial difficulties, such as low income families, person with disabilities, or a household with an elderly member, loans are provided under certain conditions for expenses to enter high school or college.

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(Nishinomiya-shi Shakai Fukushi Kyogikai (Kurashi Sodan Shien-ka))

Or the Community Service Worker (Minsei-in) / Child Welfare Worker (Jido-in) in your district.

Note For details, ask a person who understands Japanese to enquire for you.