

For households exempt from residence tax

Information on **Priority Benefit Payment (¥30,000)** for low-income households in Utsunomiya City

The Utsunomiya City Priority Benefit Payment (¥30,000) is a grant to support low-income households facing heavy burdens due to rising prices.

Requirements for Payment

○ Eligible households for the payment (¥30,000)

Households **whose members are all exempt from per capita residence tax for FY2024** and are registered as residents in Utsunomiya City **as of December 13, 2024, the reference date.**

※ Households consisting only of dependents of a person who is subject to FY2024 per capita residence tax are not eligible.

○ Recipient of the payment

The head of each eligible household as of the reference date.

※ If the household head dies after December 13, 2024, and other members remain in the household, the payment will be issued to the new household head.

Amount of Payment

- **¥30,000 per household**
- **Additional ¥20,000 per child under 19**

How to Apply

○ Households receiving a “Notice of Payment” (sent from late January)

This applies to households where the head has previously received benefits in her/his bank account or has registered a public-funds-receiving account, whose FY2024 residence tax meets the eligibility criteria.

■ **No application is required basically.** If you need to change the bank account, decline the payment, or believe you're not eligible, please contact the Call Center.

■ **Time of payment:** late February

○ Households receiving a “Confirmation Letter” (sent from late February)

This applies to households that were not automatically issued a “Notice of Payment” but their FY2024 residence taxes comply with the eligibility requirements.

■ **Further action is necessary. Please see the reverse side for the information.**

■ **Time of payment:** Typically, 3 to 4 weeks after the City receives the completed application if there're no errors or missing information. It may take longer in case of numerous applications.

Please check the reverse side for more details.

Additional Benefits for Children

Households eligible for the ¥30,000 grant may also receive additional benefits if they support children under 19 as of the reference date, December 13, 2024.

● Children eligible for the additional benefits

- Children under 19 as of December 13, 2024 (born on or after April 2, 2006, before December 14, 2024) in eligible households.
- Children born on or after December 14, 2024, to eligible households.
- Children who are financially dependent on the eligible household head but reside separately as of the reference date (e.g., children in boarding school).

Application Process for Benefit Payment (¥30,000)

- The household head (as of December 13, 2024) will receive either a “Notice of Payment” or a “Confirmation Letter for Eligibility” from Utsunomiya City, which includes info on the benefits or entries that need to be confirmed.
- Households receiving either of these documents and with eligible children may apply for additional benefits using the provided form.
- Households receiving a “Confirmation Letter for Eligibility” need to complete the form and send it back **by post** with the necessary documents using the enclosed return envelope. Online applications are also available via the QR code on the letter.

◎ Please contact the Call Center in the following cases:

- If the City has no record of your household’s income due to your move to Utsunomiya on or after January 2, 2024; If you become eligible for the grant due to an amended tax return; If you are living in Utsunomiya due to circumstances such as DV.
- If a child was born into the eligible household after the reference date; If the eligible household supports a child in a different household as of the reference date.



Beware of “**bank transfer fraud**” or “**identity theft**” related to Priority Benefit Payment!

Contact the Call Center if you receive suspicious calls or mail at home or at work from persons claiming to be with the government, prefecture, or city.

Inquiries

Call Center for Utsunomiya City
Priority Benefit Payment

☎ **0120-375-787**

Open on weekdays (except national holidays)
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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◀ Priority Benefit Payment (¥30,000)
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