

Information about application for New Subsidy No. 1 Certification (for guardians of children enrolled in kindergarten)



○ If your child is 3 years old or older, the subsidy for early education and childcare fees (“subsidy”) for private kindergartens and national kindergartens is paid up to a maximum of 28,000 yen per month.
○ To receive the subsidy, you must receive New Subsidy No.1 Certification.
○ Kyoto City will reimburse (cashback) the amount after it has been paid to the corresponding kindergartens.
○ The subsidy is eligible for the date of application for New Subsidy No.1 Certification onward, so please carefully read the information below and ensure that you complete the application process before starting to use the subsidy.

1. Requirements and eligibility for receiving New Subsidy No. 1 Certification

- Those who registered their residence in Kyoto City at the desired date of the beginning of certification validity.
- The desired start day of certification validity must be the day before the child turns full age of 3 or later. (*1)
- Those who are currently being enrolled or planning to be enrolled in a private or national kindergarten is eligible for New Subsidy No.1 Certification. (*2)

*1 New Subsidy No.1 Certification can be received from the day before the child turns full age of 3.

*2 In Kyoto City, the following kindergartens are not eligible for private school subsidies (not eligible for New Subsidy No. 1 Certification). To receive free early education and childcare service regarding the following kindergartens, you will need Subsidy No. 1 certification instead of New Subsidy No. 1 Certification. For the latest information on kindergartens and the procedures for Subsidy No.1 Certification, please check the Kyoto City website written in No. 5 on back side of this paper.

≪Kindergartens not eligible for New Subsidy No. 1 Certification≫ (As of October 2026)
Shimei Kindergarten, Tourin Kindergarten, Kitano Kindergarten, St. Dominic’s Institute Kindergarten Kyoto, Teranouchi Kindergarten, Rakuyo Kindergarten, Oto Kindergarten, Kodomo-no-Ie Kindergarten, Shimogamo Kindergarten, Souai Kindergarten, McLean Kindergarten, Hachijo Kindergarten, Honganji Chuo Kindergarten, Ryukoku Kindergarten, Koutoku Kindergarten, Kacho College Kindergarten, Senzan Kindergarten, Izumi Kindergarten, Sonoeda Kindergarten, Higashiyama Kindergarten, Yamashina Kindergarten, Rakutou Kindergarten, Eiko Kindergarten, Omuro Kindergarten, Saga Kindergarten, Nishiyama Kindergarten, Rakusai Seika Kindergarten, Sunagawa Kindergarten Momoyama Kindergarten, and all municipal kindergartens
(Effective from April 2027, the following kindergartens are also scheduled to become ineligible for New Subsidy No. 1 Certification.)
Kinryo Kindergarten, Kyoto Catholic Shinai Kindergarten, Komyo Kindergarten, Ave Maria Kindergarten, Minamidono Kindergarten, Tokiwa Kindergarten, Kurumi Kindergarten, Koka Kindergarten, Uguisu Kindergarten, Uguisu Daini Kindergarten, Mukojima Kindergarten, and Mutsumi Kindergarten.

(For those who also use kindergarten’s after-hours childcare service)
If you meet the following requirements and receive New Subsidy No. 2 or 3 Certification, after-hours childcare service fees will be free up to a maximum amount. If you meet the following requirements, please apply for New Subsidy No. 2 or 3 Certification. (As for the application for New Subsidy No. 2 or 3 Certification, please refer to the Kyoto City website written in No. 5 on the back side.)
After-hours childcare service arrangement differs from kindergartens, so please check with the kindergarten that you are using or planning to use.

(Reference) Outline of requirements for each certification (As a requirement, the birthdate for New Subsidy No. 2 and 3 Certifications must be the fiscal year 2027)

Children aged 3 or older who attend (or plan to attend) a subsidized private or national kindergarten

Reasons for requiring childcare services (both parents must fall under any of 1) to 7))
1) Working for 48 hours or more per month, 2) Pregnancy or childbirth, 3) Illness or disability of guardian, 4) Caring or nursing for family members, 5) Post-disaster restoration work, 6) Job searching, or 7) Attending a school

Not applicable → **New Subsidy No.1 Certification**
(Maximum **monthly subsidy** amount)
Kindergarten fees
28,000 yen

Whether to use of after-hours childcare services (including plans to use the service)

Do not use after-hours childcare → **New Subsidy No.1 Certification**
(Maximum **monthly subsidy** amount)
Kindergarten fees
28,000 yen

Children who are full aged 3
(Born between April 2, 2024 and April 1, 2025)

Municipal tax exempt households → **New Subsidy No.3 Certification**
(Maximum **monthly subsidy** amount)
Kindergarten fees + after-hours childcare fees
28,000 yen 17,700 yen
(After-hours childcare service fees will be paid up to 490 yen per day of use per month)

Not applicable → **New Subsidy No.1 Certification**
(Maximum **monthly subsidy** amount)
Kindergarten fees
28,000 yen

3 to 5 years old
(Born between April 2, 2021 and April 1, 2024)

New Subsidy No.2 Certification
(Maximum **monthly subsidy** amount)
Kindergarten fees + after-hours childcare fees
28,000 yen 12,300 yen
(After-hours childcare service fees will be paid up to 490 yen per day of use per month)

*The above subsidy amounts are for private kindergartens that are eligible for the subsidy or national kindergartens. The subsidy varies depending on the kindergarten or services, so please refer to the Kyoto City website on the back side section 5, for the free early education and childcare services by kindergarten.

Please check the back side as well

2. Application Procedures

Please submit the enclosed **"Application for the Subsidy for Early Education and Childcare Fees for Child-rearing"** to the following address:

Certification validity will begin after the application date (the date on which the application documents are received by Kyoto City). **The start date of certification validity cannot be retroactive to before the application date, so please be sure to apply before the start date of use**.

*If you are planning to move to Kyoto City, your certification will be granted after you have completed the procedure for changing your residence registration.

Start month of subsidy	Submission deadline and where to send application
April 2027	**Submit to the kindergarten you are currently using or plan to use** by **December 4, 2026** If you are unable to meet the deadline above, **please send it to the Central Administrative Office** or **submit it to the Child Nurturing Office of your local ward office or branch office** by **March 31, 2027 (must arrive by this date).**
May 2026 onwards	Once your application has been approved, **please send it to the Central Administrative Office** or **submit it to the Child Nurturing Office of your local ward office or branch office** by **the start date of subsidy.**

Where to submit by mail

6th Floor, North Building, Kyoto City Hall, 488 Kamihonnojimae-cho, Teramachi-dori, Oike-agaru, Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto-shi 604-8571

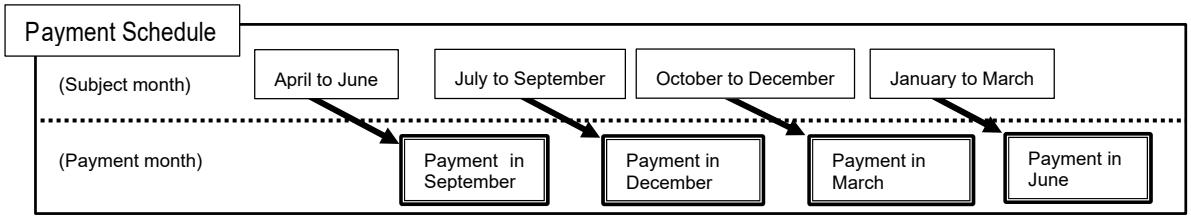
* If sending by mail, please write "Application form for the Certification of the Subsidy for Early Education and Childcare enclosed" on the envelope.

3. Subsidy details and payment method (in the case of New Subsidy No. 1 Certification)

As for kindergarten fees, Kyoto City will reimburse (cashback) up to a maximum of 28,000 yen per month after it has been paid to the corresponding kindergartens.

The payment schedule is as follows (3 months' worth of benefits paid in one lump sum every 3 months).

* This does not include the cost of kindergarten lunch ingredients, transportation fees such as shuttle buses, or uniforms.



4. Cases where procedures are required after submitting your application

In the following cases, amendment procedures are required, so please submit the Amendment Application Form. The complete set of Amendment Application Form is available on the Kyoto City website (see 5 below), at each ward office and branch office's Child Nurturing Office, and at each kindergarten.

1. When changing your home address (move within the same city) 2. When changing your household composition 3. When withdrawing or declining admission to the childcare facility
4. To change your certification category (From New Subsidy No. 1 to New Subsidy No. 2, etc.) 5. To change the bank account for subsidy transferred

* If you move outside the city, **the certification date in Kyoto City will be available until the day before you move**. If you wish to continue using the childcare facility, **you must complete** the procedures for revoking certification from Kyoto City, and **the procedures for free early education and childcare services in the local government area to which you are moving out, by the date of moving**.

5. Contact Information

Kyoto City Free Early Education and Care Central Administration Office ☎075-254-7216

<Kyoto City related website>

Application documents for New Subsidy No. 1, 2, and 3 Certifications and documents required for amendment procedures

Certification required for each facility and details of free early education and childcare services

List of private kindergartens in Kyoto City

Application guide for Subsidy No. 1 Certification (If you are using the new kindergarten system described on the front side, you must apply for Subsidy No. 1 Certification)