Information About the Subsidy for Early Education and Childcare Fees (New Subsidy No.2 & 3)

1. Necessary Procedures

Those living in Kyoto city, who wish to receive the early education and childcare subsidies for the fees of after-hours childcare at kindergartens or Certified Centers for Early Childhood Education and Care (kindergarten section) or of non-accredited childcare (facility use fee), must first apply for and receive an appropriate certification (New Subsidy No.2 or No. 3 Certification) from Kyoto City in advance. To be eligible to receive the New Subsidy No.2 and No.3 Certification, both parents must have a viable reason to require childcare (such as work or needing nursing care themselves). (New Subsidy No. 2 Certification is for households with 3-5 year-olds, and New Subsidy No. 3 Certification is for municipal tax exempt households with 0-2 year-olds.)

Kyoto City will reimburse (cashback) the amount after it has been paid to the corresponding preschools.

About age … 3 years old: Children who have reached their 3rd birthday are eligible for a 3-year-olds class from the next April.
3 full years old: Children who have reached their 3rd birthday while in a 2-year-olds class.

(1)Kindergartens（Kindergartens under the new system[*1] / Certified Center for Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC)） and After-hours Childcare[*2]

Age	3–5 full years old	3–5 years old	3 full years old
Requirements	None (Those other than those listed on the right)	Fall into the reasons for requiring childcare services	Fall into the reasons for requiring childcare servicesand municipal tax exempt household
Certification	New Subsidy No. 1 Certification	**New Subsidy No. 2 Certification**	**New Subsidy No. 3 Certification**
Childcare fees	The maximum monthly subsidy is 28,000 yen (8,700 yen for kindergartens attached to national universities)		
Payment of after-hours childcare service fees	(Not applicable)	Up to 490 yen to be paid per day of use per month (maximum monthly 12,300 yen)	(Up to 490 yen to be paid per day of use per month) (Monthly maximum 17,700 yen)

If you are not eligible for the New Subsidy No. 2 or 3 Certification, please obtain New Subsidy No. 1 Certification separately for receiving early education and childcare services based on the childcare fees.

(2) After-hours Childcare[*2] for Kindergartens under the New System[*1] / ECECs (Kindergarten section)

Age	3–5 full years old	3–5 years old	3 full years old
Requirements	None (Those other than those listed on the right)	Fall into the reasons for requiring childcare services	Fall into the reasons for requiring childcare services and municipal tax exempt household
Certification	Subsidy No. 1 Certification	Subsidy No. 1 and **New Subsidy No. 2 Certifications**	Subsidy No. 1 and **New Subsidy No. 3 Certifications**
Childcare fees	Free of charge		
Payment of after-hours childcare service fees	(Not applicable)	Up to 490 yen to be paid per day of use per month (maximum monthly 12,300 yen)	Up to 490 yen to be paid per day of use per month (maximum monthly 17,700 yen)

*1 Those who wish to use kindergartens under the new system or ECECs (kindergarten section) are required to separately apply for New Subsidy No. 1 Certification. For details, please refer to the Kyoto City Official Website in 6 below.

*2 If you use after-hours childcare at municipal kindergartens after obtaining the New Subsidy No. 2 Certification, you will be waived from the payment of the childcare fees up to the subsidy cap, so that there will be no reimbursement

*3 After-hours childcare service varies according to kindergartens. Please contact each kindergarten for the details.

New system kindergartens in Kyoto City (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 The following kindergartens will be transferred to the new system kindergarten in April 2027. 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.

（３）Non-accredited Childcare*

Age	3–5 years old	0–2 years old
Requirements	Fall into the reasons for requiring childcare services (There are no income requirements)	Fall into the reasons for requiring childcare services and municipal exempt household
Certification	**New Subsidy No. 2 Certification**	**New Subsidy No.3 Certification**
Childcare fees/ Usage fees	Maximum monthly 37,000 yen to be paid	Maximum monthly 42,000 yen to be paid

※ Aside from actual non-accredited childcare institutions (not including business-operated childcare services), the following will also fall under the said category: baby hotels, babysitters, non-accredited on-site childcare services, temporary childcare services, sick childcare services and family support services. These benefits will apply solely to subsidy-eligible facilities (including those outside Kyoto City) that meet the standards set by local government regulations. For a list of subsidy-eligible facilities in Kyoto City, check the Kyoto City Official Website in 6 below.

2. Necessary Documents

① Application form for the Certification of (for the Change in) the Subsidy for Early Childhood Education and Childcare Fees
② Statement of Reasons for Requiring Childcare
③ Supporting documents for the Statement of Reasons for Requiring Childcare*
* Check the “Statement of Reasons for Requiring Childcare” (Certificate of employment, certificate of enrollment, copy of maternal and child health handbook, job-seeking notification, etc.)
The supporting documents need to be submitted for each guardian.

3. Submission Deadline・Submission Address

Desired starting month	Facility being used (plan to use)	Send to	Deadline
April 2027	Kindergartens/ ECECs	Kindergarten being used (plan to use)	Monday, December 4, 2026 *1
	Facilities other than Kindergartens/ ECECs	Sent to the address below	
May 2027 or later	Kindergartens/ ECECs	Send to the address below	By the initial use date (must not arrive later)
	Facilities other than Kindergartens/ ECECs		

[Where to submit] Mail to Kyoto City Free Early education and Care Central Administration Office or submit to the Child Nurturing Office of your local ward office or branch office.

<If you submit your application form by mail>
〒604－8571
6th Floor, North Building, Kyoto City Hall, 488 Kamihonnojimae-cho, Teramachi-dori, Oike-agaru, Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto-shi
Kyoto City　Free Early Childhood Education and Care Central Administration Office※２

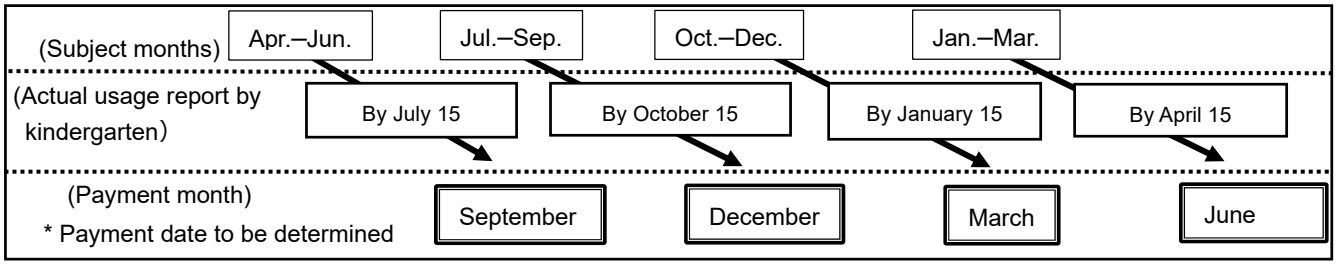
*1 Should you wish to apply after the deadline has past, please make sure to send your application to the above address on or before March 31, 2027 (must not arrive later).
*2 Please note that if you submit your application by mail, it can only be approved after the date it arrives at the centralized office.
Additionally, please write “利用給付認定申請書在中” (Application form for the Certification of the Subsidy for Early Education and Childcare Fees enclosed) on the envelope.
*3 The applicant is required to be a citizen of Kyoto City on the day of commencing certification process. For those who plan to move in the city, the certification process will be commenced after submittal of a notification of change of address.

4. Upcoming Schedule（Tentative）（for certification starting in April 2027）

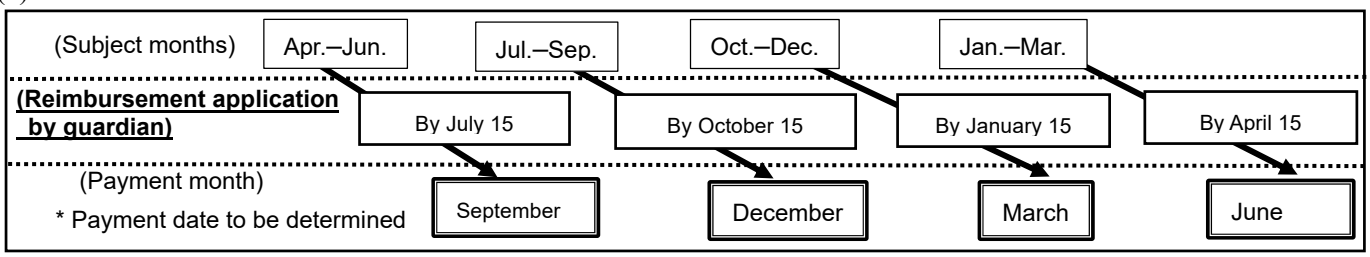
(1) For kindergartens / certified Center for Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC)

* Kyoto City will, in principle, not offer reimbursements (cash backs) due to the waiving of subsidy cap amount after-hours childcare fees for municipal kindergartens.

* Depending on the timing of actual usage reports submitted by the kindergarten, the subject months for payment may vary.



(2) For non-accredited childcare facilities



5. What to expect after submitting your application

Should there be any changes in your address (moving within the same city), household composition, reasons for needing childcare or bank account for receiving subsidy, or should there be your leaving or changing of kindergartens, after applying for the Certification of the Subsidy for Early Childhood Education and Childcare Fees, please submit necessary documents including a Change Application Form. You may get ahold of the necessary documents at the Kyoto City Official Website (See 6 below). You may also get them at the "Kodomo Hagukumi" rooms of ward offices and branch offices.

In the case of moving to outside the city, the certification will be withdrawn by Kyoto City on the previous day of moving out. Procedures for withdrawal of the certification are therefore necessary. If you wish to continue to use the kindergarten, you are required to go through the procedure at the local government of your new residence.

6. Contact information and related website information

<Contact> **Kyoto City Free Early Education and Care Central Administrative Office ☎075-254-7216**

<Websites related to free early education and childcare services>

(1) Application documents for New Subsidy No. 1, 2, and 3 Certifications and Amendment Application Form, etc.

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(2) Certifications required for each facility and details of free early education and childcare services

(3) List of facilities eligible for free early education and childcare services (including nonaccredited childcare facilities)

(4) Information of application for Subsidy No. 1 Certification (If you are using the new system kindergarten or the kindergarten portion of a certified Center for Early Childhood Education and Care, you must apply for Subsidy No. 1 Certification)

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[Information regarding kindergartens in Kyoto City]

(5) List of private kindergartens

(6) List of Kyoto City municipal kindergartens