



3 Cost of childbirth and benefits

3-5 Subsidy programs particular to municipalities

Some municipalities offer congratulatory cash to new-born residents, others present congratulatory gifts with a record of birth, while third focus on low income households to deliver either powdered baby milk or fresh milk until their children become one year old. To find out services of your area, please enquire at your local municipal administrative office.

●Various allowances

Allowance	Details	Conditions	Procedures, contact
Lump-sum payment of childbirth and childcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Until the end of March 2011, in principle, the amount is 420,000 yen. 	Recipients must be contributors of either national health insurance or health insurance programs	National health insurance: local municipal administrative office; Health insurance: employing office or local office of the Social Insurance Agency
Maternity allowance	Two-thirds of the standard daily payment	1 Recipients must have contributed for a health insurance program consecutively for one year or more 2 When retired from the job, recipients must give birth to their children within six months after retirement	At the company that employs the recipient or local office of the Social Insurance Agency
Others	Congratulatory cash, gift, etc. for birth	-----	Programs differ among municipalities, details must be asked about at local municipal administrative office