



Here, other types of welfare will be explained: child welfare, the long-term care insurance system, welfare for persons with disabilities and social security. We will introduce mainly national systems, but depending on the region, kinds of service peculiar to that region are often carried out, so for more specific information, please enquire at your municipal administrative office or welfare office.

1 Child welfare

The following benefits are provided for the upbringing of children. There are many cases where benefits systems peculiar to a municipality are available, so for details please enquire at your municipal administrative office's relevant department, such as the child welfare department.

1-1 Child allowance

This is a national system whereby an allowance is provided to carers who are bringing up children until the completion of their junior high school education (the first March 31 after the child's 15th birthday). (Please refer to [H Childbirth/childcare, 3-4 Child allowance](#))

1-2 Child support allowance

This is a national system whereby an allowance is provided to a mother or carer who, due to divorce or death, is maintaining a household without the father. This will be paid until the first 31 March following the child's 18th birthday; in the case of a child with a severe degree of disability, this will be the 20th birthday. The child support allowance is also paid to households where the father is severely disabled. There are restrictions depending on income.

1-3 Special child support allowance

This is a national system whereby an allowance is provided to the father, mother or carer bringing up a child under the age of 20 with a certain degree of mental or physical disability. There are restrictions depending on income, and the allowance is limited to cases where the child is placed in an institution such as an institution for children with birth defects or an institution for children with intellectual disabilities.

1-4 Allowance for children with disabilities

This is a national system whereby an allowance is provided to persons living at home under the age of 20 who require constant care in their everyday lives due to severe disability. This allowance is for some of the persons who are Class 1 in the Identification Booklet for the Physically Disabled, or Part A of the Medical & Education Treatment Booklet (*Ryoiku Techo*). There are restrictions depending on income.

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1-5 Medical subsidy systems for severely mentally and physically disabled persons

This assists with the individual financial burden paid by persons (children) with severe mental and physical disabilities that are within the scope of the Health Insurance Law. The range of people this applies to varies depending on the municipality.

1-6 Other assistance for bringing up children

There are various types (refer to [H Childbirth/childcare](#), [3 Cost of childbirth and benefits](#) and [5 Childcare](#)).

●Chart listing benefits relating to child welfare

Type of service	Eligible persons/contents	Remarks
Child allowance	carers who are bringing up children until the completion of their junior high school education (the first March 31 after the child's 15th birthday)	
Child support allowance	(1) Mother or carer who, due to divorce or death, is maintaining a household without the father (2) Households where the father is severely disabled	There are restrictions depending on income In the case of a child with a severe degree of disability, this will be paid until the 20th birthday
Special child support allowance	Father, mother or carer bringing up a child under the age of 20 with a certain degree of mental or physical disability * Limited to cases where the child is placed in an institution such as an institution for children with birth defects or an institution for children with intellectual disabilities	There are restrictions depending on income
Allowance for children with disabilities	Persons who are Class 1 in the identification booklet for the physically handicapped, or some part A holders of Medical Treatment Booklet	There are restrictions depending on income
Medical subsidy systems for severely mentally and physically disabled persons *Varies depending on the municipality	Persons who are Class 1, 2 or 3 in the Identification Booklet for the Physically Disabled, or who possess Part A or some with B of the Medical Treatment Booklet * In the case of persons who are Class 3 of the Identification Booklet for the Physically Disabled, there are restrictions depending on income	—