



4 Livelihood protection

4-1 What is livelihood protection?

This is a system which provides necessary care to persons who are having problems in their lives because the economic supporter of the household has died, or is on a reduced income or no income due to sickness or injury, and the families of such persons, to support their independence.

In order to receive livelihood protection, each person, according to his or her own ability, must first of all make the maximum effort possible as an individual. If, even after putting forth his or her maximum efforts in this manner, the person is still unable to maintain a basic minimal standard of living, care will start to be provided to him or her.

As a general principle, whether livelihood protection is needed and to what degree is judged on a household unit basis. If the household of a foreigner living in Japan fulfils the same conditions as a Japanese national's household, it will be able to receive social security as a budgetary measure conforming to the Livelihood Protection Law.

There are various conditions which need to be fulfilled in the event of receiving livelihood protection, so for details please enquire at your municipal administrative office.