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Okinawa City Hall Administrative News for Registered Residents

OKINAWA CITY Newsletter

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Announcement

2026 Okinawa City Eisa Voucher

令和8年沖縄市エイサー商品券

Distribution to All Residents!

To support all residents and local businesses affected by rising prices, we will distribute Eisa vouchers using national priority support local grants.

Distribution Amount ¥10,000 per person

(5 x ¥1,000 general-purpose vouchers(共通券)+ 5 x ¥1,000 support vouchers(応援券))

● An additional ¥3,000 will be distributed to non-taxable households meeting all the following conditions:

Those meeting all of 1 to 3:

- ① All household members are exempt from resident tax
- ② All household members have filed resident tax returns ※Dependents, those under 18, and welfare recipients are exempt from filing
- ③ Continuously registered as Okinawa City residents from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2026

General Vouchers(共通券): Usable at all participating stores

Support Vouchers(応援券): Usable at participating stores excluding large supermarkets, convenience stores, chain stores, etc.

Distribution Method and Schedule *Gift certificates will be distributed **only once per person**.

Eligible Residents	How to Distribute	Schedule/Location
All residents registered as of January 1, 2026	Mailed sequentially to residence	Around late February to mid-May
Residents registered (moving in, birth, etc.) between January 2 and February 27	Mailed to residence	Around early July (TBD)
Individuals who registered as residents (moving in, birth, etc.) between February 28 and August 31	Pickup at counter City Hall 1st Floor, Dedicated Counter	March 2 to August 31 ※Weekdays only

Usage Period

From the date the gift certificate arrives to you until Monday, August 31, 2026.

- Usable only at participating stores during the usage period. No refunds after use, no exchange for cash, and no change given.
- Cannot be used for tax or utility bill payments, purchasing vouchers (beer vouchers, rice vouchers, book vouchers, gift certificates, etc.), tobacco or stamps, or any other purpose inconsistent with the intended use of the coupon.

【Contact】Okinawa City Eisa Voucher Administrative Office 沖縄市エイサー商品券事務局

TEL : 0120-025-125 Business Hours : 10 : 00-16 : 00 Open on weekends and Japanese holidays

Dedicated Website (QRコード)



▲専用サイト

List of Participating Stores (QRコード)



▲参加店舗一覧



Total Population: 141,832

[Japanese Population] Male: 67,368 Female: 71,964
[Foreign Population (66 Countries)] Male: 1,490 Female: 1,010

The Okinawa City Hall's *Bunka Geino Ka* (the Culture & Traditional Arts Division) selects excerpts from the city's public relations newsletter (*Koho Okinawa*) and published them in English in hopes of better serving our community of residents who may have difficulty reading or understanding Japanese. **These articles are translated by the Culture & Traditional Arts Division staff and are provided for reference only. Services are provided in Japanese only (unless otherwise indicated).** For English support, please email: kokusai@city.okinawa.lg.jp. You can also view monthly issues of the newsletters and other information about living in Okinawa City by clicking the ENGLISH link on the Okinawa City website: <http://www.city.okinawa.okinawa.jp/>

Service For family with Children



Subsidies For The Use of Non-approved Childcare Facilities For Single-parent Families, etc.

【ひとり親】認可外保育料補助

Subsidizes the fees for single-parent families to use non-approved childcare facilities (Mothers or fathers of single-parent families who have registered their address in Okinawa City and meet all three of the following requirements) :The subsidy will be provided up to a maximum of 33,000 yen per month, which is the amount obtained by subtracting the fee for non approved daycare facility used by the child from the fee if the child attended an approved child care.

- ① Parents or guardians who meet the eligibility requirements for the Child Rearing Allowance or the Medical Care Support for Children Program for Single Parents.
- ② Parents or guardians of the child who has been qualified for childcare needs by Okinawa city
- ③ The guardian of the children on waiting lists or using non approved daycare due to the capacity is full in approved nursery schools

Application period :By the month prior to the month in which you wish to receive assistance
Past claims not available

Where to apply : 2 F **Hoiku Yochien Ka (Child Care/ Kindergarten Division) Ext. 3172**

Additional Meal Support Benefit for Supplemental Meals (Private Kindergartens)

私立幼稚園給食費の補助



This subsidy covers the cost of side dishes (side dishes) that parents currently pay for school lunches.

This subsidy is available to private kindergartens that have not yet transitioned to the new system (Seibo Kindergarten, Koza Seibo Kindergarten, and kindergartens outside the city that have not yet transitioned).

**This subsidy does not apply to kindergartens that do not require a school lunch subsidy.*

Eligible applicants: Children registered as resident in Okinawa City who are certified as receiving facility use benefits and who meet either of the following criteria:

- 1. Children from households whose combined municipal resident tax for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 is less than 77,101 yen (households with an annual household income of less than 3,600,000yen).
- 2. Children who are the third or subsequent child, counting children up to the end of the third grade of elementary school as the first child.

Subsidy eligibility is confirmed using fiscal year 2024 tax amounts for April to August 2025, and fiscal year 2025 tax amounts for September 2025 to March 2026. Application Period: March 2nd (Mon) - 31st (Tue) Application

Location: City Hall, 2nd Floor, Childcare and Kindergarten Division Counter

How to Apply: Please contact us or check the city's official website. (EXT 3174/3179)

▶ Initial Application For Nursery School Tuition Coverage Service

保育無償化の新規申請はお早めに



If you are currently using or plan to use an eligible facility or service and wish to be certified for free early childhood education and childcare, please apply at the Childcare and Kindergarten Division.

**For corporate-sponsored childcare services, please apply directly to the facility.*

Eligible: Those who need childcare, including:

- Children in the 0-2 year old class from households exempt from municipal tax ●Children in the 3-5 year old class *Age as of April 1, 2026 *Those already certified do not need to apply.

Eligible Facilities and Services: ●Non-licensed childcare facilities (eligible for free childcare) ●Temporary childcare services ●Sick child care services ●Family support center services ●After-school care services (private kindergartens, certified childcare centers)

●Private kindergartens (private kindergartens not eligible for the Children's Education and Childcare Benefit Program) Application Period: ●For those seeking certification on April 1st →March 2nd (Mon) to April 1st (Wed)

●For those seeking certification on dates other than April 1st →Applications accepted from one month prior to the desired certification date.

Okinawa City Official Website **Contact: Hoiku Yochien Ka (Nursery School/Kindergarten Division) Ext. 3173/3174**



▶ **Please Note:** 納付期限のお知らせ

March is the payment deadline for the following taxes:

Long-term care insurance premium (10th term)/ **Medical care for the elderly insurance premium** (9th term). If you use automatic bank transfers, payments will be withdrawn on **31 March 2026**. Make sure you have enough money in your bank account the day before!!

▶ **FY2026(R8) Okinawa City Schools Lunch Fee Aid For The Third Child**

学校給食費助成金 (第3子以降)

In order to support parents with multiple children, Okinawa City provides financial support for school lunch fees. This aid is provided to the third child and every child born after. Please make sure you don't forget to apply.

Eligible Children: Children in the family who are **the third child or younger** out of siblings who go to elementary and junior high school.

Requirements to receive aid: Children must be Okinawa City residents.

They must not be receiving public assistance or meet the standards to receive public assistance.

Application period: **Applications submitted by Thursday, April 30 will be subsidized from the April school lunch expenses.**

Applications submitted after May 1 will be subsidized from the month following the month of submission.



March 2, 2026 (Mon) – Feb 10, 2027(Wed)

Application form: You can get it at your children's school or you can also download it from the Okinawa City website. *You need to apply for the aid each year.

Where to apply: Your third child's school office

Contact: Okinawa City Gakko Kyushoku Center (School Lunch Center) TEL: 098-929-4776

▶ **Child-Rearing Support Allowance for Inflation Relief**

物価高対応子育て応援手当

We provide an allowance (¥20,000) to households raising children up to high school age affected by rising prices. (Children born by March 31, 2026 are also eligible.)

Reference Date: September 30, 2025

Eligible Households: Households with eligible children as of the reference date

Application Procedures

Households receiving Child Allowance (from this city): No application required

Households with public servant members: Application required. Notices were sent to eligible households on February 18.

※ Obtain and submit the application form from your employing agency. To avoid mailing delays or non-delivery, electronic application is recommended.

Application Deadline: Must arrive by Tuesday, March 31

Information for divorced households and newborns is also available. Please check the city's official website for details.

【Contact】 Children's Welfare こども家庭課 物価高対応子育て応援手当担当(Ext. 3192・3194)

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Nendo indicates Japanese fiscal year, as well as the Japanese academic year. *令和 (Reiwa) is the current era of the Japanese official calendar, which began on April 1, 2026.

This Year is REIWA 8 Year.

令和8年度 : 令和8年4月 1日 から 令和9年3月31日 まで

Phrases: *Reiwa nana nendo: Reiwa nana nen shi gatsu tsuitachi kara Reiwa hachi nen san gatsu sanju-ichi nichi made* FY 2026: From April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027

▶ HPV vaccination (Cervical Cancer Prevention Vaccine)

HPVワクチン (子宮頸がん予防)



The following eligible individuals can receive the HPV vaccine free of charge until March 31, 2026. After the deadline, the vaccination will become optional and all costs will be borne by the individual.

If you have not completed your vaccination schedule, please get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Eligible: 1. Routine vaccination: Female first-year high school students who have not yet completed their vaccination schedule. 2. Catch-up vaccination: Females born between April 2, 1997 and April 1, 2009, who have received at least one dose of the HPV vaccine by March 31, 2025, but have not yet completed their vaccination schedule. Vaccination location: Designated medical institutions (See the City's official website) If you do not have a vaccination card, please contact us. Inquiries: Prevention Section, Child Counseling and Health Division (ext. 2232/2233)

▶ Have you had a gynecological examination?

婦人科健診はお済みですか？

Use the medical examination voucher provided by the city to receive the following discounted screenings. Cervical cancer screening (women 20 years old and over): ¥2,000 Breast cancer screening (women 40 years old and over): ¥1,500 *Applicable to those who did not receive a screening in the previous year *Free for those with a "no co-payment" fee How to receive a screening: Make an appointment directly with a designated medical institution Validity: Until Tuesday, March 31st Inquiries: Citizen Health Division (Extension 2246)

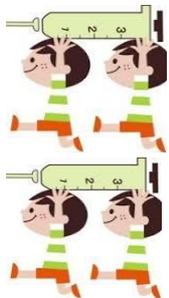


Vaccination Against Shingles (Helps Zoster)

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The deadline for the FY2025 shingles routine vaccination is March 31, 2026. After the deadline, the vaccination will become optional and all vaccinations will be at the individual's expense. If you have not yet completed your vaccinations, please consider getting vaccinated as soon as possible. *Postcards will be sent in December to eligible individuals who have not yet been vaccinated or have not yet completed their vaccinations.

Contact: Child Consultation-Health Division (こども相談健康課)(Ext.2232/2233)



Okinawa City Library News 図書館だより

Book readings & hand games: Saturdays, March 14, 21, & 28 starting at 3:00 pm

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26-1 Nakasone-Cho, Okinawa City, Okinawa
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Koza International Plaza

4-1-3 Chuo, Nankai Product Building
1st Floor Okinawa City
TEL 098-989-9767

Email: kipokinawa@gmail.com

Mon-Fri :10:00-19:00/ Sat: 10:00~ 17:00

*Closed on Sundays and Japanese holidays.

All services are provided in JAPANESE ONLY (unless otherwise indicated). For postal and emailing services, or any inquiries in ENGLISH, please email: kokusai@city.okinawa.lg.jp

Support Service Hours: 9:30-15:30 (Mon-Fri)

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