

Rice & Milk Child-Rearing Support Initiative

The Hokkaido Government will deliver gift certificates or similar to Hokkaido-based households with eligible children as set out below to alleviate the burden of rising food and other prices on child-rearing households and to expand the consumption of Hokkaido products.



The submission of an application is required to participate in this program.

To receive e-coupons, please apply online.

Eligible children: those born between April 2, 2005, and April 1, 2024

Aid packages

Each eligible household will receive **one of the following aid packages.**

*one time per household

A Gift certificates

Rice Gift Coupons or Rice Coupons worth 3,960 yen (440 yen × 9) and Milk Gift Coupons worth 1,200 yen (200 yen × 6)

[Total value: 5,160 yen]



*Delivery will start after mid-February at the earliest, even if applications are submitted as soon as the application process starts.

B E-coupons

E-coupons that can be used to purchase rice and milk produced in Hokkaido

[Total value: 5,160 yen]

*Available only to those who apply online



It is recommended to apply online if you are in a hurry.

C Hokkaido Rice (Nanatsuboshi)

Choice of polished rice (10 kg) or pre-washed rice (10 kg)

[Total value: 5,160 yen (incl. shipping)]



*For illustrative purposes only

*The rice will arrive in approximately 3 to 4 weeks.

Eligible recipients and applicants

Any of the following at the time of application:

Eligible recipients	Eligible applicants
① Households within Hokkaido where guardians live with their eligible children	Guardians living with eligible children
② Households within Hokkaido composed solely of eligible children	Eligible children or their guardians living in Hokkaido
③ Households composed solely of eligible children living outside of Hokkaido, while their guardians live within Hokkaido	Guardians living in Hokkaido

Notes:

- The term "household" refers to a group of people who share a residence and livelihood, or a single person who maintains a residence or earns a livelihood independently.
- The term "guardian" refers to a parent, adoptive parent, legal guardian of a minor, head of a facility, foster parent, or anyone else currently responsible for an eligible child.

Application period

January 26 (Fri.) 9 AM- April 30 (Tue.), 2024 *Postmarked by April 30 if sent by mail.

Normal application method

Online or by mail

- We recommend applying online, as it doesn't require postage and allows for smoother inquiries and additional document submission.
- Online application can only be performed in Japanese.

Households that received an aid package in Part 1 (and have not changed their address) will receive direct mail (postcard or sealed envelope), so please use this method to apply. For details, please see the reverse side.

Application method

Households that received an aid package in Part 1

Simplified application

If you had applied online in Part 1

Please apply using the 2D code on the DM postcard you received.

(For details, please refer to the information on the DM postcard.)

If you had applied by mail in Part 1

You will receive an envelope. Please fill out the enclosed application form and return it to the Secretariat.

(For details, please refer to the information on the application form.)

Note: If you had received an aid package in Part 1 by either of the above means, but the household's address or family composition has changed since the time of application for Part 1, please make a normal application as indicated on the right.

Households that did not receive an aid package in Part 1

Normal application

Online or by mail

We recommend applying online, as it doesn't require postage and allows for smoother inquiries and additional document submission.

Online application: Please apply through the dedicated website.

<https://hkd2023kosodate-ouen.jp>

*Japanese language support only.

Application by mail: Please send the application to the Secretariat

at the following address by simple registered mail, Letter Pack, or equivalent.

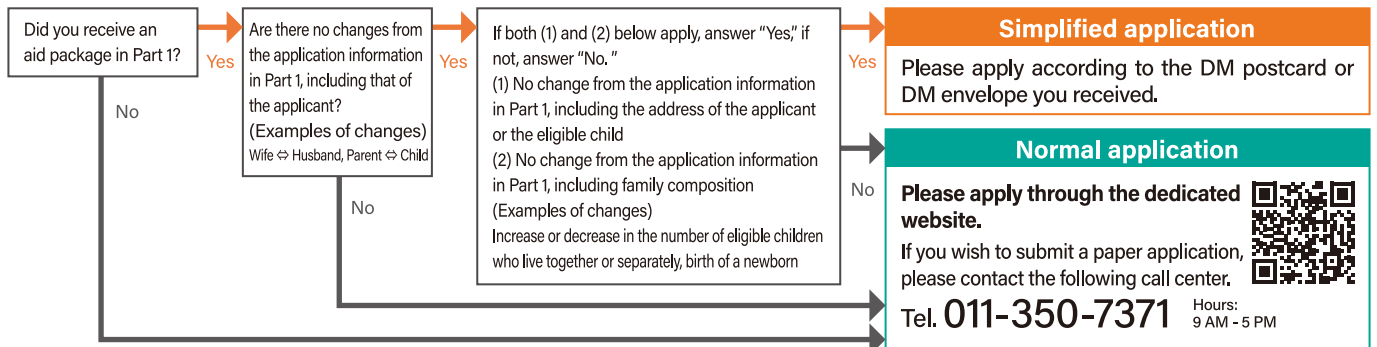
Hokkaido Rice & Milk Child-Rearing Support Initiative Secretariat

Sapporo Nishi Post Office P.O. Box 39, 063-8691

*Due to the possibility that applications sent by ordinary mail may be lost and not accepted, we ask that you send applications using a trackable method, such as simple registered mail, regular registered mail, or Letter Pack Plus (a postal service that includes tracking and confirms delivery upon receipt).



Application method flowchart



Documents to be submitted (not required for simplified applications)

1 Application Form 2 IDs

Copies of documents that can verify the names, dates of birth, and present addresses of all individuals listed on the application form. Examples: Certificate of Residence, Health Insurance Card (reverse side if the address is on the back), My Number Card (front side only), Driver's License (both front and back), Maternal and Child Health Handbook (cover page and the page with the address), etc.

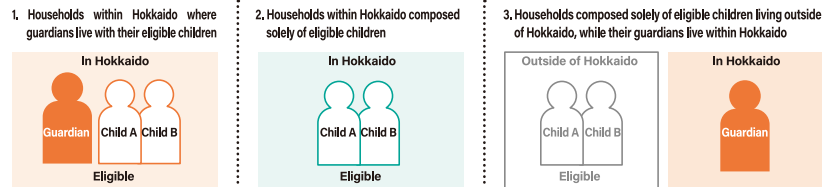
*The Maternal and Child Health Handbook may be used as an identification document for eligible children only in case no other identification documents are available, such as for newborns.

*Additional documents may be required during the application review process if needed for verification.

*When using Health Insurance Cards or similar documents for identification, please hide highly sensitive information, such as insurance numbers.

Eligible recipients

Any of the following, as listed on the right at the time of application:



Examples of the number of aid packages provided based on family composition

Household pattern	Applicant	No. of aid packages	Remarks	Household pattern	Applicant	No. of aid packages	Remarks	Household pattern	Applicant	No. of aid packages	Remarks
(1) The guardian and eligible children live together within Hokkaido.	Guardian	1	One aid package per household, regardless of the number of eligible children.	(2) The guardian and eligible children live separately within Hokkaido.	Child A	1	There are three households: one for the guardian and two for eligible children living separately. Accordingly, one aid package will be delivered to each child, Child A and Child B, or two aid packages will be delivered to the guardian.	(3) The guardian lives outside of Hokkaido and eligible children live separately within Hokkaido.	Child B	1	One aid package will be delivered to both Child B and Child C, who live within Hokkaido.
(2) The guardian and eligible children live separately within Hokkaido.	Children	1	There are two households: one for the guardian and the other solely for eligible children. Since the children live separately from the guardian, only one aid package for their household will be delivered, either to the children or to the guardian.		Child B	1			Due to aid package delivery being limited to Hokkaido only, the aid package for an eligible child living outside of Hokkaido will be delivered to the guardian residing within Hokkaido.		
					Or	Guardian				1	
(2) The guardian and eligible children live separately within Hokkaido.	Guardian	1	There are two households: one for the guardian and Child A, or two aid packages will be delivered to the guardian.	Or	Guardian	2					
				Guardian	2						
(2) The guardian and eligible children live separately within Hokkaido.	Guardian	1	There are two households: one for the guardian and the other solely for eligible children. Since the children live separately from the guardian, only one aid package for their household will be delivered, either to the children or to the guardian.	(4) The guardian lives within Hokkaido and an eligible child lives outside of Hokkaido.	Child A	1	One aid package will be delivered to the guardian residing within Hokkaido.				
					Or	Guardian		1			
(2) The guardian and eligible children live separately within Hokkaido.	Guardian	1	There are two households: one for the guardian and the other solely for eligible children. Since the children live separately from the guardian, only one aid package for their household will be delivered, either to the children or to the guardian.	(4) The guardian lives within Hokkaido and an eligible child lives outside of Hokkaido.	Or	Guardian	2				
					Guardian	2					

Points to Note

- As a general rule, an aid package will be delivered to the applicant's registered address.
- Please note that applications received after the deadline will not be accepted, regardless of the reason.
- If it is found that a recipient obtained an aid package by deception or other wrongful means, or profited from selling or trading the aid package, the decision to provide aid will be revoked. The recipient will then be required to return the aid package promptly as instructed by the Secretariat.
- If an aid package does not reach the specified address, it will be resent only once. If the package still does not arrive, the application in question will be deemed withdrawn.
- In the event of duplicate applications, the aid package will be provided to the applicant who applied first. Given the program's aim to support child-rearing households, we request your cooperation in using the aid packages for the benefit of the eligible children.

Contact information:
Hokkaido Rice & Milk Child-Rearing Support
Initiative Secretariat Call Center

Tel. 011-350-7371
Hours: 9 AM - 5 PM

For details, please check the website.

<https://hkd2023kosodate-ouen.jp>