

◆Hokkaido◆ Rice & Milk Child-Rearing Support Initiative

Part 3

The Hokkaido Government will deliver gift certificates or the equivalent to Hokkaido-based households with eligible children as set out below to help families with children who are struggling with the rising cost of food and other staples, especially rice, and to promote sales of Hokkaido products.

Households with children who have graduated from high school this spring are also eligible!

Please submit an application to participate in this program.

Eligible children:
Children born during the period from April 2, 2006, to June 1, 2025

Aid packages

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

*Once per household

A Gift certificates

Rice Gift Coupons or Rice Coupons worth 4,840 yen (440 yen × 11) and Milk Gift Coupons worth 400 yen (200 yen × 2)

Total value: 5,240 yen



*It is expected to take approximately 3 to 4 weeks before the coupons are delivered.

B E-coupons

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

Total value: 5,240 yen

*Available only if application is submitted online



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

C Hokkaido Rice (Nanatsuboshi)

Choice of polished rice (5.5 kg) or pre-washed rice (5.5 kg)

Total value: 5,240 yen (incl. shipping)



*For illustrative purposes only

*It is expected to take approximately 3 to 4 weeks before the coupons are delivered.

We have increased the proportion of rice coupons compared to the previous round

Who can receive and who can apply for aid?

Anybody meeting the following conditions at the time of application:

Who can receive aid?

- Households within Hokkaido where the guardian lives with their eligible children
- Households within Hokkaido composed solely of eligible children
- Households composed solely of eligible children living outside Hokkaido, while their guardian lives in Hokkaido

Who can apply?

- Guardian who is living with their eligible children
- Eligible children or their guardian who is living in Hokkaido
- Guardian who is 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, or legal guardian of a minor, the head of a facility, foster parent, or anyone else currently responsible for an eligible child.

Application period

April 4 (Fri.) 9 AM–June 30 (Mon.), 2025

*Must be postmarked by June 30 if sent by ordinary mail

Normal application procedure

Online or by ordinary mail

- We recommend submitting applications online, as it does not require postage and allows for smoother inquiries and additional document submission.
- Online applications have to be submitted in Japanese.

Households with eligible children that received an aid package in Part 2 (and have not changed their address) will receive direct mail (postcard or sealed envelope), so please use this method to apply.

*If you have not received direct mail by around April 3, please contact the call center.

Application method

Households with eligible children that received an aid package in Part 2 of this support initiative

Simplified application

If you had applied online for Part 2 of this support initiative

Please apply using the 2D code on the DM postcard you have received.
(For details, please refer to the information on the DM postcard.)

If you had applied by ordinary mail in Part 2 of this initiative

Please fill out the application form enclosed in the envelope you have received 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 2 by either of the above means, but the household's address or family composition has changed since the time of application for Part 2, please make a normal application as indicated on the right.

Households that did not receive an aid package in Part 2

Normal application

Online or by ordinary mail

*We recommend submitting your application online, as it does not require postage and allows for smoother inquiries and additional document submission.

Online: Please apply through the dedicated website.

<https://hkd2025kosodate-ouen.jp>

*Online applications have to be submitted in Japanese.

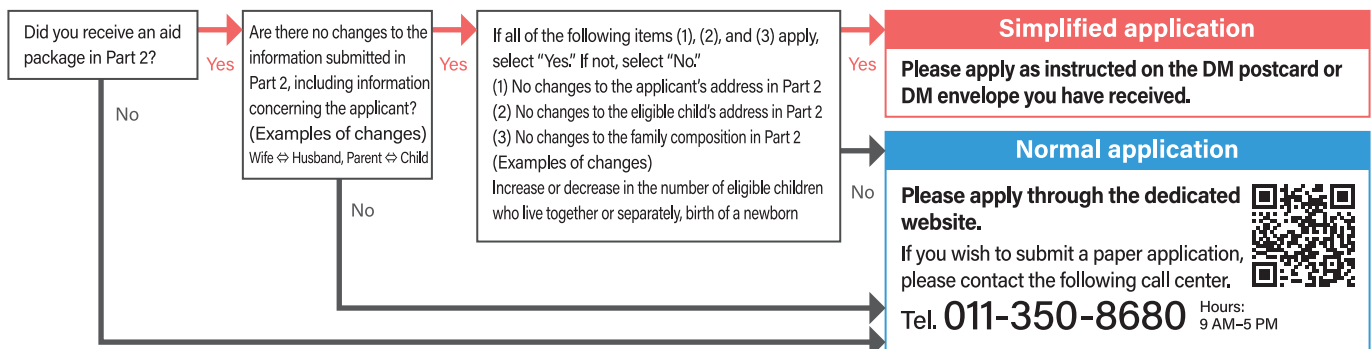
By ordinary mail: Please send the application to the secretariat at the following address by simplified registered mail, the Letter Pack service, or an equivalent.

〒063-8691 札幌西郵便局 郵便私書箱39号「北海道お米・牛乳子育て応援事業事務局」

*Since it is possible that applications sent by ordinary mail may be lost and thus not processed, please use trackable postal methods that confirm acceptance at the time of delivery, such as simplified registered mail, ordinary registered mail, or Letter Pack Plus.



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, 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), Health Insurance Card (both front and back if the address is printed on the back), etc.

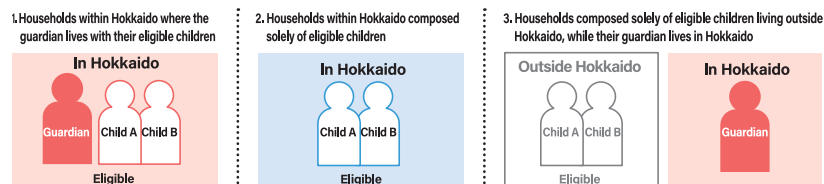
*The Maternal and Child Health Handbook may be used as an identification document for eligible children only if no other identification documents are available, as in the case of newborns.

*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.

Who can receive aid?

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



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

Household pattern	Applicant	No. of aid packages	Remarks
(1) The guardian and eligible children live together in Hokkaido.	Guardian	1	One aid package per household, regardless of the number of eligible children.
(2) The guardian lives separately from the eligible children, who themselves live together.	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 will be delivered for the household, either to the children or to the guardian.
(3) The guardian and eligible children live separately in Hokkaido.	Guardian	1	One aid package will be delivered to the guardian, either to the children or to the guardian.
(4) The guardian lives in Hokkaido, and the eligible children live outside Hokkaido.	Guardian	1	Since delivery of aid packages is limited to Hokkaido only, the aid package for an eligible child living outside Hokkaido will be delivered to the guardian residing in Hokkaido.

Points to Note

- As a general rule, an aid package (excluding e-coupons) 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. 011-350-8680

Hours: 9 AM-5 PM

For details, please check the website.

<https://hkd2025kosodate-ouen.jp>