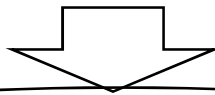


# Public Assistance

What is Public Assistance?

A law under article 25 of the national constitution to provide a minimum healthy living standard for those who even if all assets and abilities are accounted for, he/she requires support to become independent



Support to meet where there is a need for resources even if the applicant has given the best effort to be independent

Per Household

Public assistance is decided per household

In-person

The application needs to be made by the applicant

Application

him / herself

# Procedure on getting Public Assistance

## 1. Preliminary Consultation

Explanation of the system and provide advice.

Itami City residents can come to Itami City Welfare Office counter

## 2. Application

Submit an application with supporting documents

Application forms, payment slips, document showing your current assets such as bank statement, document to show the current state of income.

Details will be explained at the consultation

## 3. Investigation

Investigate the current living standards and assets

### Assets

Enquiries may be made to banks

### Ability

Enquiries may be made to healthcare institutions whether the applicant is able to work.

### Utilization of other services

Check for National Health Insurance, Benefits, Workers' Union Insurance, etc

### Family and Relatives

Seek family and relatives who may be able to support the applicant. If possible, request for a support

## 4. Decision

Notification of application approval or rejection

If application is approved, a case worker will visit and provide support

## Types of Public Assistance

Livelihood assistance 生活扶助 (Se-i-ka-tsu-hu-jyo)	Housing assistance 住宅扶助 (Jyu-ta-ku-hu-jyo)	Education assistance 教育扶助 (Kyo-i-ku-hu-jyo)	Medical assistance 医療扶助 (I-ryo-hu-jyo)
Basic living expense for food, clothing and utilities	Rent for house and/or land	The charges for school meals, books, supplies and others for primary or junior high school students.	Medical expense, cost of material, treatment and others
Nursing care assistance 介護扶助 (Ka-i-go-hu-jyo)	Birth Assistance 出産扶助 (Syu-san-hu-jyo)	Occupational assistance 生業扶助 (Se-i-gyo-hu-jyo)	Funeral Assistance 葬祭扶助 (So-sa-i-hu-jyo)
Cost of nursing and others	Expense to cover essential costs of giving a birth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Training to acquire new skills</li> <li>· Costs related to job application</li> <li>· High School tuition fee</li> </ul>	funeral costs

## Responsibility of Public Assistance Recipient

You must work if you are able to work. Those of who are of ill health must focus on the treatment and strive to become independent.

Welfare funds should be spent appropriately. Excessive spending on gambling such as Pachinko should be avoided.

Instructions and advice given by the welfare office to achieve the objective of becoming independent must be obeyed.

If you receive an income / asset (e.g. Salary, pension) or there has been a change in your address / workplace, you must notify it to the welfare office.

Failure to do so can result in you breaking the law.

# Commonly Asked Questions

Q: Are you ineligible for social welfare if you have an income / assets?

A: If you may be eligible if your income / assets are below the minimum living expense set by the MHLW

Q: Am I permitted to own or be in possession of a car?

A: You are not permitted to own or be in possession of a car except under certain circumstances

Q: Is it possible for some members of the household to receive the welfare but not the whole household?

A: Welfare is provided for the whole household, not for individual members of the household

Q: Are you ineligible for social welfare if you have a debt?

A: You may be eligible but funds received cannot be used to pay for the debt. You would need apply for bankruptcy

Q: Do you have to cancel all life insurance policy to be eligible?

A: You may be permitted to keep the life insurance if the payout sum and monthly fee is under the threshold

Q: Are you ineligible for social welfare if you are homeless?

A: You can apply if you are homeless and may be eligible to stay in a shelter. Please consult your nearby welfare office for advice

Q: I left my house due to domestic violence. Will my husband be notified if I apply?

A: Under certain circumstances, notification or request for support to family members and relatives may be bypassed

\* Exceptions may apply to the answers above. Consult your nearby welfare office for more information

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