

Application Guide for Food Expense Support Program of Osaka Prefecture

The recent price hikes have been putting a heavy strain on household spending. Child-raising households are particularly affected by rising food prices, as food costs make up a large portion of their household budgets. In light of this situation, we will provide rice or other food items to all children living in Osaka Prefecture.

- ◆ **Application period for the program: From 9:00, Wednesday, March 22, 2023 to 23:59, Friday, June 30, 2023**
 - * If applying by postal mail, the application must be postmarked by June 30.
- ◆ **Deadline for applying for an in-kind benefit: Thursday, August 31, 2023**
 - * The validity period of "Rice PAY Osaka (rice coupon)" is also until Thursday, August 31, 2023.
 - * If you do not request the benefit by the deadline, we will assume you have withdrawn your application.

In-kind benefits	<p>A. "Rice PAY Osaka (rice coupon)" or B. Food item (Select rice or a food item from the food selection page.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Each item is worth 5,000 yen including tax (including shipping charges) * The rice coupon can only be used for white rice, brown rice, germinated rice, etc. (excluding cooked rice and cereal rice). 	
Who is eligible for the program?	<p>Residents of Osaka Prefecture on the date of application (excluding those who moved in on or after April 1, 2023) who meet one of the following conditions.</p>	
Who should apply?	<p>(1) Children aged 18 or younger</p> <p>Those born on or after April 2, 2004</p>	<p>(2) Expectant mothers</p> <p>Those who are pregnant as of the date of application. In this case, however, proof that you are pregnant as of March 31, 2023 (e.g., Maternal and Child Health Handbook) is required.</p>
Application process	<p>1. Read the contents of the dedicated webpage below before applying. <u>(by June 30, 2023)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://osaka-kodomoshien.com</p> <p>2. Your submitted application will be reviewed by the Osaka Prefectural Government. (If your application is incomplete, we will contact you individually.)</p> <p>3. The results of the review will be sent to the email address you provided.</p> <p>4. Approved recipients will be notified of how to apply to receive the in-kind benefit. Please follow the instructions (Until August 31, 2023*). (*The rice coupon also expires on August 31, 2023.)</p> <p>5. [Those who selected "A" from the food selection page] You will receive an email containing a code to charge the coupon. Charge the "Rice PAY Osaka (rice coupon)" on the region PAY app and redeem it for rice at eligible stores. [Those who selected "B" from the food selection page] The item you selected will be delivered to the address you provided.</p>	
Identity verification documents	<p>[Identification verification documents are required for both the eligible child and the applicant.]</p> <p>"My Number" card (front side only), Driver's license, Resident card, Special permanent resident certificate, Certificate of insurance coverage (e.g., health insurance, national health insurance, seafarer's insurance), Mutual aid association certificate, Welfare recipient card, Certificate of residence (which includes the head of household and family relationship but does not include "My Number"; this certificate is required if the applicant is the head of household.), Foster parent or caregiver certification (this certification is required along with the documents listed above if the applicant is a foster parent or a caregiver), Maternal and Child Health Handbook, etc.</p>	
Notes on application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application should be submitted via the Internet in principle. • An application should be submitted only once per eligible child. • Children who have moved from other prefectures on or after April 1, 2023 are not eligible. • Children born to women approved as recipients under the above-mentioned (2) are not eligible. • In-kind food benefits will be sent to the address of the eligible recipient in principle. • If we do not receive your request for in-kind food benefits by the deadline, we will assume that you have withdrawn your application. • If, after the application has been approved, it is determined that any of the application requirements have not been met, we will revoke the approval. 	



Inquiries on this program:

Call Center of the Food Expense Support Program of Osaka Prefecture
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TEL: 0120-479-208
 * If online application is not possible, please contact the call center listed on the left.