

# Housing Security Benefit

~Payment of rent to landlords on behalf of tenants~

For this scheme, the City will make rent payments to landlords (or real estate agencies) on behalf of tenants who are having difficulty affording rent, due to loss of employment or decrease in income.

Foreign residents, international students, and freelance workers are also eligible to apply. The period during which your rent will be paid for is three months, or at most, up to nine months.

## Eligibility for Benefit Application

Those to whom all of the following conditions (① to ⑥) apply are eligible to receive this subsidy.

- ① You are unable to afford rent because: you experienced a decrease in income as a result of unavoidable circumstances, or you had resigned from a job within the past two years which led to a decrease in income.
- ② If the total amount of income of the applicant and the household members that they live with falls below the income criteria. The benefit amount depends on the number of household members and rent amount. For more details, please enquire at your Ward Office.
- ③ The total amount of savings of a household falls below that of the criteria.  
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- ④ For those who are unemployed: they must be actively searching for work.
- ⑤ Neither the applicant nor their household members are receiving any other similar housing security benefits provided by municipalities or other organizations. \*It is possible for one to receive housing security benefit and vocational training benefit simultaneously.
- ⑥ Neither the applicant nor their household members are members of a crime syndicate.

# Things to bring

- One of any of the following: residence card, individual number card (My Number card), passport or copy of one's resident record
- Copy of a document proving that one resigned from work or closed down their business within the past two years (for those who experienced loss of employment.)  
Ex: Notice of resignation issued by Hello Work
- Copy of document showing that one's income has decreased (for those who experienced a decrease in income but is still employed)  
Ex: Documents showing a decrease in salary or number of shifts at a part-time job
- Copy of bankbook (of all household members)
- Earning statement, etc. that shows one's income of the past four months (of all household members)
- Copy of rental agreement
- Other necessary items that you were asked to bring to the application counter

**Please consult your Ward Office**

Ward office	Address	TEL
<b>Public Assistance Section I, Aoba Ward</b>	Kamisugi 1-5-1, Aoba-ku, 980-8701 ( <small>あおぼくかみすぎ</small> 青葉区上杉1-5-1)	022-225-7211
<b>Administration Section, Miyagi General Branch</b>	Kannondou 5, Shimo-Ayashi, Aoba-ku, 989-3125 ( <small>あおぼくしもあやしあざかんのんどう</small> 青葉区下愛子字観音堂5)	022-392-2111
<b>Public Assistance Section, Miyagino Ward</b>	Gorin 2-12-35, Miyagino-ku, 983-8601 ( <small>みやぎのくごりん</small> 宮城野区五輪2-12-35)	022-291-2111
<b>Public Assistance Section, Wakabayashi Ward</b>	Hoshuninmae-cho 3-1, Wakabayashi-ku, 984-8601 ( <small>わかばやしくほしゆんいんまえちよう</small> 若林区保春院前丁3-1)	022-282-1111
<b>Public Assistance Section I, Taihaku Ward</b>	Nagamachi-minami 3-1-15, Taihaku-ku, 982-8601 ( <small>たいはくくながまちみなみ</small> 太白区长町南3-1-15)	022-247-1111
<b>Public Assistance Section, Izumi Ward</b>	Izumi-chuo 2-1-1, Izumi-ku, 981-3189 ( <small>いずみくいずみちゆうおう</small> 泉区泉中央2-1-1)	022-372-3111