

## 8. Applications for Enrollment in Childcare Facilities from April 2025



For more details, including a list of childcare facilities, see the city website or the enrollment guidelines available at city service counters. [www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/s4936/s002043.html](http://www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/s4936/s002043.html)

### Materials Available at City Service Counters:

- Regarding Centers for Early Childhood Education (CECEs, 認定こども園, *nintei kodomoen*), Nurseries (保育所, *hoikusho*), and Small-Scale/Workplace Childcare Facilities: “List of Facilities” available at the Childcare Support Division of each Ward Office.
- Regarding Kindergartens (幼稚園, *yochien*): “Shizuoka City Parenting Handbook” available at the Childcare Support Division of each Ward Office, Health & Welfare Centers, Childcare Support Centers, etc.

### Types of Certifications

In order to enroll a child in a CECE, nursery, or small-scale childcare facility, you need apply for certification (認定, *nintei*) based on your child’s age and need for childcare. This is in addition to applying for enrollment to the facility itself.

Type of Certification	Eligible Ages	Length and Type of Childcare	Available Facilities
<b>Type 1</b>	Ages 3 and up	Approx. 4 hours (Standard Educational Hours)	CECEs
<b>Type 2</b>		Standard Childcare Hours (up to 11 hours)	CECEs, Nurseries
<b>Type 3</b>	Under the age of 3	Shortened Childcare Hours (up to 8 hours)	CECEs, Nurseries, Small-Scale Childcare Facilities, etc.

Reason for requiring childcare: In order to receive **Type 2** or **Type 3** certification and enroll in a CECE, nursery, etc., each parent must have one of the following 8 reasons for requiring childcare.

(1) Working 60 or more hours per month (including fulltime work, part time work, working from home, and basically all other forms of work), (2) Pregnancy/delivery, (3) Illness/disability, (4) Constantly nursing/caring for relative who lives in the same home or is hospitalized long-term, (5) Post-disaster recovery, (6) Job seeking (including preparing to start a business), (7) Studying/vocational training, (8) Prevention of abuse/domestic violence.

## Guidelines and Deadlines for Enrollment Applications (Guidelines Available from Tues 17 September)

### CECEs, Nurseries, Small-Scale/Workplace Childcare Facilities, etc.

Type of Facility		Where to Find Guidelines and Submit Applications	Application Period
Private CECE	Type 1	Your chosen facility	Tue 1 Oct to a date specified by each facility *Confirm deadline with facility
Municipal CECE			Tue 1 to Mon 7 Oct
Private CECE	Type 2 or 3	Your first-choice facility or the Childcare Support Division of each Ward Office	Initial Selections: Tue 1 to Thurs 31 Oct *For smooth scheduling of interviews, please submit applications by Tue 15 Oct if possible. Application is still possible after Thurs 31 Oct, but your chosen facility may no longer have any openings following initial selections.
Municipal CECE			
Private Nursery, Small-Scale Childcare Facility, etc.			

### Kindergartens

Type of Facility	Where to Find Guidelines and Submit Applications	Application Period
Private Kindergartens	Your chosen facility	Tue 1 Oct to a date specified by each facility *Confirm deadline with facility

\*Initial applications for Shizuoka University Kindergarten were on Tue 20 and Wed 21 August.

### Parenting Plazas (*Kosodate Hiroba*)

Private kindergartens run casual events called Parenting Plazas for babies, toddlers and their parents. They are great places to get parenting advice and make friends, so why not come on down (it's free). Please contact your private kindergartens of choice directly for more information.

### Toddler Parenting Advice

**Face-to-face consultations:** Wed, 10:00-14:00 (Reservation required)

**Over-the-phone consultations:** Mon, Wed, Fri, 10:00-15:00

\*Not available from 28 December 2024 to 5 January 2025 and 28 to 31 March 2025.

**Inquiries:** Association of Shizuoka City Private Kindergartens (Toyoda Kindergarten ☎ 054-281-0666)

### Childcare for Children with Disabilities or Medical Needs

Within the boundaries of what is possible, both municipal CECEs and private kindergartens accept children over the age of 3 with disabilities or developmental issues for whom group childcare is possible (about 15% of **Type 1** children and 10% of **Type 2** children in each year for municipal CECEs). Municipal CECEs also accept children with medical needs for whom group childcare is possible. Please consult your chosen facility and apply by Mon 7 Oct for **Type 1, 2, and 3** children with medical needs and **Type 1** children with disabilities, and by Fri 11 Oct for **Type 2** children with disabilities. In the case of private kindergartens, please consult the kindergarten directly as soon as possible

## Regarding Costless Use of Childcare Facilities

Application is required when seeking costless use for the first time. For more information, please see the city website. [www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/344\\_000054.html](http://www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/344_000054.html)

### Kindergartens, Nurseries, CECs, etc.

- Use from ages 3-5 is free of charge.
  - Use from ages 0-2 is free for the second child onwards.
  - Use from ages 0-2 is free of charge for households exempt from resident tax.
- (For kindergartens, up to 25,700 JPY per month is waived.)



### Unauthorized Childcare Facilities, etc.

#### (When the Parent Has Received Certification of Need for Childcare)

- Up to 37,000 JPY per month is waived for use from ages 3-5.
- Up to 42,000 JPY per month is waived for use from ages 0-2 by households exempt from resident tax.
- Up to 19,000 JPY per month is waived for use from age 0-2 by the second child onwards for all households

\*This is an independent benefit implemented by the City of Shizuoka from April 2024. See the city website for more information. [www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/s4936/s012255.html](http://www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/s4936/s012255.html)

### Extended Childcare at CECs and Kindergartens

#### (When the Parent Has Received Approval of Need for Childcare)

- Up to 11,300 JPY per month is waived for use from ages 3-5.
- Up to 16,300 JPY per month is waived for use by children of households exempt from resident tax who have turned 3 during the school year.

### Preschool Development Support for Children with Disabilities

- Use from ages 3-5 is free of charge.
- Use from ages 0-2 is free of charge for the second child onwards if certain criteria are met.

### Inquiries:

Costless Use in General: Preschool Support Division ☎ 054-354-2626

Development Support for Children with Disabilities (Inpatient): Children's Guidance Center ☎ 054-275-2871

Development Support for Children with Disabilities (Outpatient): Disability Support Promotion Division ☎ 054-221-1098



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