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## Applications for April 2025 enrollment in nursery school

保育園などの受け付けを開始します 「ひろしま市民と市政」11月15日号 (P2)

The primary application period for April 2025 enrollment in nursery schools has begun and, beginning on November 21, applications are now being accepted at the Welfare Division (*Fukushi Ka*) of each ward office.

### Who is eligible?

Parents or guardians who cannot take care of their children at home during the day because of work, health conditions, family affairs, etc., and are either:

- ① Parents or guardians applying for the first time for April 2025 entry into nursery school
- ② Parents or guardians who have applied for nursery school, but have not yet been admitted

### Available nursery schools

Available school information is shown in the list of schools, which is provided in print at nursery schools and on the City of Hiroshima website.

Spaces are available at:

- Public or private nursery schools (保育園, *Hoikuen*)
- Public or private certified child care centers (認定こども園, *Nintei-kodomo-en*)  
\*Exclusively for 2-gō and 3-gō *Nintei Bubun* (2 & 3号認定部分)
- Private small childcare services (小規模保育事業所, *Shōkibo-hoiku-jigyōsho*)
- Daycare facilities established in places of business (事業所内保育事業所, *Jigyōsho-nai-hoiku-jigyōsho*) \*Exclusively for local community users

### How to apply

Submit the required documents to the Welfare Division (*Fukushi Ka*) of your nearest ward office. Online applications are also accepted. For more information about online applications, please see the City's official website.

## Documents you will need to prepare

### For people applying for the first time

A completed application form and a formal document stating that your child needs care.

Application forms and the list of available schools can be downloaded from the City's website and are available at:

- ☒ The Welfare Division (*Fukushi Ka*) of all ward offices
- ☒ Branch offices
- ☒ The available nursery schools

### For people who have applied, but have not yet been admitted

The Welfare Division (*Fukushi Ka*) of the ward office for the area where you want your child to attend will send you any necessary documents by mail.

## Application period

- ☒ Apply directly to the ward office

Until January 10 (Wed), 2025

Offices are open from 8:30 am to 5 pm on weekdays (Monday to Friday).

- ☒ Online

Until December 22 (Fri), 2024

### [Temporary extended hours]

The Welfare Division will accept applications on the following dates and times, in addition to regular business hours:

December 17 (Tue), 2024 & January 6 (Mon), 2025	8:30 am- <b>8 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b> , December 8, 2024	9:30 am-4 pm

## What do I do if my applications are put on hold or I don't make my submission in time?

You can apply during the secondary application period.

### Secondary application period:

- ☒ Apply directly to the ward office

From February 18 (Tue) to February 25 (Tue), 2025

Offices are open from 8:30 am to 5 pm on weekdays (Monday to Friday).

- ☒ Online

From February 18 (Tue) to February 19 (Wed), 2025



## Can I apply for 2025 March enrollment?

Your application for 2025 March enrollment will be accepted until January 10 (Fri), 2025. For more details, refer to the official City of Hiroshima website.

## Nursery School Q&A

**Q: Can I apply to more than one nursery school?**

**A:** Yes. For information on nursery schools, please contact the Welfare Division of the ward office.

**Q: Can I apply for a nursery school which is not in the ward where I live?**

**A:** Yes. Apply at the Welfare Division of the ward where your desired nursery school is.

**Q: Can I visit a nursery school to see what it is like?**

**A:** Please contact the nursery school which you would like to visit.

**From April 2025, the following two support programs will be expanded in order to reduce the burden of child rearing on parents/guardians**

- ◆ Parents or guardians who are taking childcare leave for second or subsequent child may have their other children attend nursery school until when they return to workplace.
- ◆ When returning to workplace from childcare leave, parents and guardians have their child enter nursery school in order for their child to adjust to daycare. This adjustment periods for children will be expanded as follow:

Until the end of March 2025	From April 2025
You can apply <b>two weeks</b> prior starting work	You can apply <b>one month</b> prior starting work

**Inquires:** For more details, refer to the official City of Hiroshima website (in Japanese):

<https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/soshiki/83/5273.html>

Welfare Division (*Fukushi Ka*) of your local ward office



Ward	Telephone	Ward	Telephone
Naka	082-504-2569	Asaminami	082-831-4945
Higashi	082-568-7733	Asakita	082-819-0605
Minami	082-250-4131	Aki	082-821-2813
Nishi	082-294-6342	Saeki	082-943-9732