



Nurseries and other daycare facilities

Nurseries and other daycare facilities provide a reliable childcare service that allows parents and main carers (collectively referred to as “parents”) to feel confident about leaving their children. These facilities also open their playgrounds from time to time for families in the neighborhood.

Nursing and daycare facilities

Type	Description	Ages accepted
Kindergarten	Provides early childhood education to prepare children for elementary school and subsequent education	3–5 years
Nursery	Takes care of children in place of parents who are unable to look after their children at home	0–5 years
Certified center for early childhood care and education (<i>nintei kodomoen</i>)	Offers a combined nursery and kindergarten service and supports parents in the community	0–5 years
Home-based childcare facility	Provides personalized care to a small number of children (up to 5) in a home-like setting	0–2 years
Small-scale childcare facility	Provides personalized care to a small number of children (6–19) like home-based childcare	0–2 years
Workplace childcare facility	Looks after employees' children together with children in the local community in a facility located in a workplace, etc.	0–2 years

Approval on the necessity of childcare

To use the above facilities, parents are required to receive approval as follows.

Child's age	Parents approved as needing childcare	Parents not approved as needing childcare
3 years and older	Category 2 approval on the necessity of childcare Parents can leave their children at a nursery and certified center for early childhood care and education (<i>nintei kodomoen</i>).	Category 1 approval on the necessity of childcare Parents can leave their children at a kindergarten and certified center for early childhood care and education (<i>nintei kodomoen</i>)*.
Under 3 years	Category 3 approval on the necessity of childcare Parents can leave their children at a nursery; certified center for early childhood care and education (<i>nintei kodomoen</i>); home-based childcare facility; small-scale childcare facility; and workplace childcare facility	Approval not given Parents cannot use any of the above facilities on a full-time basis, but may use temporary childcare services.

*Some certified centers for early childhood care and education (*nintei kodomoen*) do not accept children in the category 1 approval. For details, please inquire at the center individually.

Acceptable reasons for needing childcare and periods of childcare services

To obtain the category 2 or 3 approval on the necessity of childcare, parents should satisfy both of the following two conditions: (1) Parents live in Nagoya City, and (2) Both parents meet one or more of the conditions (reasons for needing childcare) shown in the following table.

Reason for needing childcare	Description	Period of childcare service
Work	The parent is working at least 64 hours a month.	As long as the condition shown in the left column continues until the day before the child starts elementary school at the maximum
Pregnancy and childbirth	The household needs childcare for the period from 8 weeks (or 14 weeks in case of multiple pregnancy) before the expected date of birth to 8 weeks after the birth.	From the date of birth to the end of the month in which the 8th week after the birth falls
Illness	The parent suffers an illness or injury that is proven by a doctor's medical certificate or any of the documents shown in the right column.	(1) If the parent is a holder of any of the following handbooks, until the day before the child starts elementary school: Physically Disabled Persons' Handbook; Protection Handbook; or Mentally Disabled Persons' Health & Welfare Handbook (2) In other cases, until the end of the treatment shown in the doctor's medical certificate
Care of a family member	The parent is looking after a family member who lives together, etc. in need of nursing care for at least approx. 4 hours a day.	
Recovery after a disaster	The parent is engaged in the recovery of housing or the neighborhood after a disaster.	Until the recovery is expected to be completed
Job seeking	The parent has the willingness to work and dedicates himself/herself to job seeking.	Until the end of the month in which the 90th day after the start of childcare service falls
Attending school	The parent receives vocational training at a human resources development facility for at least approx. 4 hours a day, or attends a university, junior college, or high school established under the School Education Act.	Until the end of the month in which the expected date of graduation (completion) falls
Caring for a child with disability	The parent looks after a child aged approx. 3 years or older with mental and/or physical disability, and the degree of the child's disability meets the standard set separately.	Until the day before the child starts elementary school
Childcare leave	The parent who has looked after an older child at home takes a childcare leave following the birth of a younger child, on condition that the older child is aged 3 or older (or aged 4 or older if the child was born on April 2) as of April 1.	Until the end of the month in which the childcare leave ends

In any case, the period of childcare service for which a parent is eligible should be until the end of the fiscal year in which the child reaches the age of graduation from the relevant facility at the maximum.

Childcare cost to be paid by parents

The cost to be covered by the parent under the new system will be decided by the Nagoya Municipal Government according to the income of the parent, but will not exceed the upper limit shown in the following table.

Approval category	Upper limit	
	As of April 2023	
Category 1 approval on the necessity of childcare	0 yen	
Category 2 approval on the necessity of childcare	Standard childcare hours: 0 yen	Shorter childcare hours: 0 yen
Category 3 approval on the necessity of childcare	64,000 yen	63,000 yen

The cost to be paid by parents is reviewed annually in September, and may be reduced if a certain condition is met (e.g. household with two or more children).
*For details, please read “利用者負担額のお知らせ” (Childcare cost to be paid by users) or visit the official website of the Nagoya Municipal Government. The above information does not apply to private kindergartens that receive private-school subsidy. For detailed information, please inquire at each kindergarten.

Nursery, certified center for early childhood care and education (*nintei kodomoen*), home-based childcare facility, small-scale childcare facility and workplace childcare facility

If you have not been approved as needing childcare (if you have received the category 1 approval on the necessity of childcare) but wish to use the service of a certified center for early childhood care and education (*nintei kodomoen*) for a child aged three years or older, please inquire at the center individually.

Parents who have received the category 2 or 3 approval on the necessity of childcare are eligible to use the service of the above childcare facilities (collectively referred to as “nurseries”) as shown on p.10.

■ Ages of children accepted for childcare and periods of service
The ages of children accepted for childcare vary depending on the childcare facility and the period of service varies depending on the reason for needing childcare.

■ Childcare hours

An eligible parent is allowed to use the childcare service for either the “standard childcare hours” or “shorter childcare hours” during the service hours of the nursery (from around 7:30 to 18:30). Which of the childcare hours applies is decided based on the work and/or family circumstances of the parent.

Childcare hours	Maximum service hours
Standard childcare hours	Up to 11 hours a day
Shorter childcare hours	Up to 8 hours a day

*Childcare hours available to each parent are decided by the director of the nursery within the maximum service hours shown above, based on the individual circumstances of the parent. If a parent uses childcare service beyond the maximum service hours, the service will be treated as overtime childcare.

■ Application for childcare service

If you need childcare service at a nursery, whether public or private, please submit an application to the Public & Child Welfare Section of the Public & Child Welfare Division at your local ward office, or the Assistance & Child Affairs Section of the Residents' Welfare Division at the branch office of the ward. Applications for childcare service starting from the beginning of the new fiscal year (April) are accepted from October to December for screening, and the results of screening are announced in mid-February. If vacancies arise after the announcement, additional applications are accepted in March. Detailed information will be given in the ward-specific section in the September or October issue of the Nagoya News magazine. If you wish to use the childcare service in the middle of a fiscal year, please submit an application by the 15th day (or the next business day if the government office is closed) of the month preceding the month in which you wish to start childcare service. You will be notified of the result of screening around the 22nd day of the month preceding the said month.

■ Documents necessary for application

- ・教育・保育給付認定申請書兼保育利用申込書 (Application for approval on the necessity of childcare and application for childcare service)
- ・保育所等申込に係る申込児童等の状況確認票 (Document describing the circumstances of the child for whom the childcare service is required)
- ・Document that evidences the reason for being unable to take care of the child at home
- ・Document that shows your income and tax amount
- ・Other designated documents

More details are available on the official website of the Nagoya Municipal Government. (Please enter “[Search](#) 保育所等の利用”

(How to use childcare service) in the search box on the front page.)

■ Information on nurseries

A list of nurseries is available on the official website of the Nagoya Municipal Government. Parents who need childcare may also seek the assistance of childcare guides (*hoiku annaibito*) at the Public & Child Welfare Division at your local ward office, or the Residents' Welfare Division at the branch office of the ward, who offer advice to parents and provide information on childcare resources and childcare services that suit individual needs.

Koko de Search, an open database of childcare services

You can search information about nearby nurseries and other childcare services.



Types of childcare services

- Infant care: Infants under one year old are accepted.
- Childcare service after childcare leave: In principle, infants aged 57 days and older are accepted.
- Care for children with disabilities: Children with retarded physical and/or mental development who can participate in group activities are cared for in an inclusive setting that allows them to interact with children without disabilities and grow together.
- Overtime childcare: If there is an unavoidable reason, parents can use childcare service beyond the nursery's closing time of 18:30.
- Nighttime childcare: Childcare service is provided until 1:00 am for parents who cannot look after children at home due to work or for other reasons. (Sakae Night Nursery provides childcare service until 2:00 am.)
- Nursery reservation for admission after childbirth/childcare leave: You may reserve a nursery place for your child in advance for admission after your childbirth/childcare leave is over.
- Holiday childcare: For details, please see “Holiday childcare” on p.13.
- Temporary childcare services: For details, please see “Temporary childcare services” and “24-hour emergency temporary childcare service” on p.13.
- Day care service for ill or recovering children: For details, please see “Day care service for ill or recovering children” on p.14.
- Community childcare support centers: For details, please see “Community childcare support centers” on p.23.

Community-wide nursery service

Public and private nurseries join efforts to improve the quality of childcare, and support all the children and parents in the community in cooperation with relevant groups. This service is available at public nurseries where dedicated staff provide local information related to childcare and offer advice and consultation on various parenting issues. If you have any concerns about childcare, please use this service.

This service is designed to provide families with children in the community with easier access to parenting support and programs whenever necessary.

The community-wide nursery service is provided at the nurseries listed in the “Map of childcare facilities in each ward” on p.28. Other details are available on the official website of the Nagoya Municipal Government. (Please enter “[Search](#) エリア支援保育所事業”) (Community-wide nursery service) in the search box on the front page.)